MINUTES OF THE WDSF PRESIDUIUM

VIENNA, NOVEMBER 15, 16 & 17, 2018

Present:

10 Lukas Hinder (LH) WDSF President
Shawn Tay (ST) WDSF 1st Vice-President, CEO and Vice-President for Sport
Nenad Jeftic (NJ) WDSF General Secretary
Tony Tilenni (TT) WDSF Vice-President for Finance
Jim Fraser (JF) WDSF Vice-President for Legal Affairs

15 Antoni Czyzyk (AC) WDSF Vice-President for Development
Leena Liusvaara (LL) WDSF Vice-President for Communication
Lena Arvidsson (LA) WDSF Presidium Member
Peter Maxwell (PM) WDSF Presidium Member
Glenn Weiss (GW) WDSF Presidium Member

20 Verena Sulek (VS) WDSF Presidium Member & PD Director
Ashli Williamson (AW) WDSF Presidium Member & Chair WDSF Athletes Commission
Mirjam Kerpan-Izak (MK) WDSF Presidium Member & Associate Member Representative (WRRC)

25 Jean-Laurent Bourquin (JLB) WDSF Senior Advisor (Invited)
Daniel Stehlin (DS) Chair WDSF Disciplinary Council (Invited)
Guillaume Felli (GF) WDSF General Manager (Invited)

30 Excused:

Vasile Gliga (VG) WDSF Vice-President for Marketing
Setsuo Nakamura (SN) WDSF Presidium Member and WDSF Associate Member Representative (IFC)

35 Minutes Secretary:

Cristina Swan (CS) WDSF Project Officer (Invited)
November 15, 2018

[The meeting started at 9:00 without VG and PM]

1. Introduction by the President

The president welcomed everybody and reported he had invited CS to attend the meeting, whom he would propose as keeper of the minutes, GM, the WDSF General Manager, DS, Chair of WDSF Disciplinary Council and JLB, Senior Advisor. LH asked the Presidium members if there was any objection to these invitations. There was no objection.

LH *MOVED* that the Presidium approve Magdalena Czarnocka-Kaptur to attend the meeting under strict confidentiality as personal interpreter for AC. Unanimously approved.

LH noted that the Presidium member VG was absent. The Presidium members confirmed VG sent an email to excuse himself for not being able to attend the meeting as he could not leave the country at the moment. LH also noticed PM was absent.

LH explained he would chair the Meeting for items 1 to 10 of the Agenda and then he would hand over to ST who should chair the Meeting for the remaining items and asked if there was any further suggestions for a more productive and efficient Presidium Meeting. There was no suggestion.

2. Approval of the Agenda

MK requested to move item 22 to an earlier point of the Agenda as she would not be able to attend the Presidium Meeting on Saturday November 17th. ST proposed to reschedule it before item 11. LH *MOVED* to approve the amended Agenda. Unanimously approved.

3. Minutes Secretary

LH proposed CS as the Minutes Secretary and asked if anyone else would be interested in performing this task. Nobody volunteered, and LH *MOVED* to approve CS as the Minutes Secretary. Unanimously approved.

LH reminded the Presidium of the procedure in place for the approval of the minutes and *MOVED* for approval. Unanimously approved.
4. **Timekeeper**

LH proposed LL to act as Timekeeper during the 3 days of the meeting. Unanimously approved.

5. **Approval of the Minutes**

5.1. Minutes of the Presidium Meeting, 15.06.2018, Lausanne (SUI)

LH asked if there was any concern or remarks about these minutes. Nobody expressed any concern, except LH himself who remarked he would like to share his great concern about the annex that were extracted as confidential information and he had expressed this in his email to the Presidium members dated 22\textsuperscript{nd} July 2018. LH **MOVED** to approve the minutes including the annex. Unanimously approved.

5.2. Minutes of the Presidium Meeting, 18.06.2018, Lausanne (SUI)

LH asked if there was any concern or remark about these minutes. Nobody expressed concerns or remarks. LH **MOVED** to approve the minutes including the annex. Unanimously approved.

5.3. Review Presidium Action List (PAL)

ST let GF go through the Presidium Action List and review its status. GF went through the items of the PAL noting the status for those items which were not scheduled to be discussed as part of the agenda during this Presidium meeting.

The current standing of the list showed some pending items for LL (creation of a concept of dance for all as part of the ICO Well-Being Project); and for JF (implementation of matter related to DanceSport Europe and WDSF Statutes following the 2018 AGM plus issue related to the GDPR).

6. **Moment of Silence in Remembrance of the Late Mr Patrick Baumann,**

**IOC Executive Board Member and GAISF President**

LH expressed his deepest regret concerning the sudden death of Patrick Baumann during the YOG in Buenos Aires and made a speech on Mr. Baumann’s career and achievements.
The speech is transcribed below:

Patrick was a central figure in the Olympic Movement.

A former player, coach and referee, Patrick Baumann dedicated his life to basketball and to the sports community. He was Secretary General by the FIBA Central Board for many years. In 2007 he became a Member of the IOC and later he was elected as Member to the IOC Executive Board. In 2016 Patrick took over as President of SportAccord and GAISF and he was the driving force behind the transformation of GAISF. He was a close ally of President Bach, who he was tipped to succeed when his mandate expires. One of Patrick’s lasting legacies will be the 3x3 "urban" basketball format he helped launch and promote globally (together with WDSF and the DanceSport discipline Breaking). After proving a hit at the Youth Olympics, it makes its full Olympic debut at the Tokyo 2020 Games!

Just the day before he died, we met us in the hotel and we talked about our families. He asked me about my state of health and wanted to know more details how about my health incident which occurred in February 2017. He did very careful listen and showed great interest. As we both agreed already in Lausanne in June 2018 when you all met Patrick, we arranged to meet for dinner together with IOC Sports Director Kit McConnel and we decided on exactly that day to do it in the second week when we all would less work and would have more time. What a tragedy – it did not happen anymore!

On Sunday 14 October 2018 I did attend the memorial service in the 3x3 basketball venue at the Youth Olympic Urban Park (the competition venue in which our three medal events in Breaking so successfully took place!). I wrote a personal message into the condolence book for Patrick which the IOC handed personally out to Patrick’s wife and the two children.

I can describe Patrick as a man of boundless energy and unbridled enthusiasm. Everyone remembers how he inspired us all with his positive outlook, with his kind-hearted smile, with his zest for life and with his passion for sport.

On behalf of the WDSF Presidium I express my deepest sympathies to Patrick’s family.

I now request a moment of silence in remembrance for Patrick

May I ask you all to please to rise from your seats and join me in observing a few moments of silence in memory of my departed friend Patrick. Patrick I will miss you!

Thank you.

The Meeting then observe a minute of silence as requested by LH.
7. Youth Olympic Games – YOG

LH highlighted the successful achievements of JLB in leading the YOG project during which WDSF brought forward several innovations, such as a digital qualification process and a modern judging system as well as many other key elements, which will leave an important legacy at various levels.

LH thanked JLB, the team who worked on this project as well as the Breaking community like Thomas Hergenröther, Storm, Moy, just to name a few, and also Geraldine Zahnd and Guillaume Felli from the WDSF Office.

LH looked back on the origins of the project and how challenging it was to enter a new discipline into the Youth Olympic program. He expressed his full satisfaction about this unique and historical achievement that was delivered far above all expectations. LH referred to the words from TT, the VP for Finance, at the 2017 WDSF Annual General Meeting, where TT stressed that the YOG Project with Breaking was a clear investment for DanceSport. LH said that it is now clear that the visibility and popularity of Breaking will give WDSF/DanceSport the unique chance to draw the attention of the whole world to Latin, Rock’n’Roll, and Standard as well as other DanceSport disciplines.

LH concluded by making reference to his President’s Report to the 2018 WDSF Annual General Meeting in Lausanne including the annex "Olympic DanceSport" where he left a clear vision and a programme for the future of the WDSF as one of his legacies.

7.1. Report by the Leader of the Task Force

JLB reminded the Meeting that, six months ago, when he was preparing his report to the Presidium and to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) that took place in Lausanne, he was concerned about the challenges that the YOG project would have to face based on the motions and messages delivered at the AGM and how this could affect this key project on the road to Buenos Aires. However, when putting things into perspective (1. Situation within WDSF until the AGM and 2. The IOC’s satisfaction at the YOG), JLB reported that many IOC members attending the Breaking competitions in Buenos Aires including the IOC President Thomas Bach were enthusiastic and positive about DanceSport. Based on the success of Breaking at the YOG and from the feedback JLB got from various persons within the Olympic Movement, JLB quoted an IOC Member who perfectly summarized the outcome of the YOG project: “The huge success of Breaking as a DanceSport discipline in the YOG will benefit all other WDSF disciplines”. As a matter of fact, JLB said that several of the IOC members who came to see Breaking were surprised to learn that WDSF had other disciplines such as Standard and Latin. It was advised that WDSF should promote Standard and Latin in a way that anyone who is not familiar with these disciplines could better figure out the diversity that DanceSport can feature. This work of promotion is exactly what LA, LL and AW were doing in
Buenos Aires, since they were explaining and giving information about Latin and Standard to various stakeholders from the Olympic Movement; JLB thanked them for their presence and support. In addition, Standard, Latin and Rock’n’Roll had workshop initiations for the public and local community in the different Olympic Parks and Venues.

JLB showed photos presenting how the Breaking competitions in Buenos Aires attracted the crowd to the Urban Park which was a huge success in terms of exposure and promotion through international media and IOC communication platforms such as the Olympic Channel. JLB highlighted the strategic importance of the current Presidium meeting in Vienna for the future of WDSF as it could have decisive impacts in DanceSport for the next ten years as there are now opportunities related to major events within the Olympic Movement (2019 World Urban Games in Los Angeles, 2021 World Games in Birmingham, 2022 YOG in Dakar for example) which strategically also require a cautious approach and a certain level of confidentiality.

JLB presented a slide with different time periods to explain where WDSF comes from and where it could go: 1990-2010 period of Olympic recognition and Olympic aspirations; 2014-2024 period when the Presidium decided to implement the Vision 2020 project aiming at trying to be an Olympic sport and to be shortlisted for 2024; and now 2019-2030 when key opportunities could result from the successful presence of DanceSport at the YOG.

JLB underlined the strategic importance of this November 2018 Presidium meeting since its Members have the role and responsibilities to decide if WDSF should continue with the next steps of the Vision 2020 project or reconsider it in the light of what many WDSF Members said during the last AGM.

[PM entered the meeting room at 9:46]

On the other end, JLB also reminded the Meeting of the request (by several NMBs during the 2016 AGM) to work on the development of new DanceSport disciplines which was approved by the Presidium in 2016. In this framework, LA has been doing important work with her DDD Commission despite limited support from the membership.

Then, JLB presented a picture of the IOC President sitting on the dance floor among young spectators during the Breaking competitions at the YOG and also reported about the excellent satisfaction of the IOC with the Athletes Role Model (ARM) Program. Indeed, further to the great work of Moy, one of the WDSF ARM, the IOC wrote a letter to the US Olympic Committee to report about his performance and work as a WDSF ambassador and perfect ARM. Now, right after the very positive impact achieved during the YOG, JLB reported that Breaking is in high demand (FISE in Hiroshima 2019, WUG in Los Angeles 2019, FIBA 3*3 World Tour in 2019, WG in Birmingham 2021...).
It is now obvious that the "Next Level" strategy voted by the Presidium in 2014 has been reached:

DanceSport is clearly on the map of the IOC and the Olympic Movement. JLB added that the value of such an achievement is something difficult to be converted in monetary value. However, the huge success of the YOG project demonstrates that the WDSF’s investment and efforts were worth it. Indeed, in addition to the satisfaction of the Olympic Movement, JLB reported that the reach of Breaking audience (TV, spectator, Social Media) was very high with for example more than one million viewers in 24 hours for a Breaking clip, probably one of the highest figures at the YOG. This exposure is paramount and can attract new sponsors who want to promote their products among youth. The WDSF logo was very visible at the venue in Buenos Aires which certainly represents an asset for the WDSF brand. JLB reminded the Meeting of the many partnerships opportunities that are presented to WDSF, like FIBA, GAISF, IWGA, FISE. Moreover, having the WDSF’s HQ in Lausanne makes a difference to develop and maintain positive relations with many International Federations, the IOC and other key stakeholders.

JLB informed the Meeting that another collateral effect of the success of the YOG was the increased interest from the media. The WDSF Office was contacted by many media corporations such as The Wall Street Journal and Bilan (a Swiss Magazine) as they are writing articles on Breaking that are going to be published soon.

Finally, JLB presented the outcomes of the debriefing regarding the YOG and Breaking that was conducted through a questionnaire (sent to the WDSF officials on duty and the Presidium members present in Buenos Aires). Their feedback was very positive including 80% to 100% satisfaction rate on topics like the judging system, the competition format, information on screens, atmosphere, etc...; 100% of the officials evaluated the YOG as a major legacy for Breaking.

[Coffee break at 11:03 and resumed at 11:25]

7.2. World Urban Games

JLB reported that GAISF decided to award the first Urban Games to Los Angeles (to take place in September 2019) and that they would like to have Breaking under WDSF. Many sports wanted to be on the program of the first Urban Games and only few were selected, Breaking being one of them. JLB explained the event itself would be at no cost for the WDSF, meaning the Organising Committee is ready to pay for the travel and accommodation of the athletes and officials, but WDSF would need to organise the selections which would represent some expenses.

7.3. FIBA Partnership

First, JLB reported that he was able to save some costs from the 2018 budget allocated to this project. Then, JLB announced that FIBA was very happy with the partnership and would like to
continue with WDSF. There are now 3 possible options for a decision of the Presidium:

1. Large concept: 10 events to be delivered in different cities around the world.

2. Small concept: only deliver the event in 3 or 4 cities according to a smaller budget. JLB stressed that FIBA would organise the live streaming and provide WDSF with footage. FIBA would also promote the WDSF brand during the events and conduct interviews of dancers for different communication platforms.

3. Suspension of the partnership until a sponsor is found.

7.4. FISE

JLB informed the Presidium about another opportunity related to Breaking: FISE (International Festival of Extreme Sports) that will take place in Hiroshima in April 2019. JLB explained that the Japanese DanceSport Federation could be in charge of delivering the event in Hiroshima and said the competition format was still to be defined. He emphasized that the Presidium should have in mind that the next Olympic Games will take place in Tokyo in 2020 and there are some companies that could be interested in sponsoring the event at the local level. JLB added that FISE would also like to include Breaking in an event in Montpellier, France, where every year, this event is gathering 500’000 spectators over 4 days. JLB asked the Presidium members for their position.

ST affirmed that during his report for the Sports Commission he would advise that the direction he sees WDSF going is very clear for him and that WDSF should take the opportunities presented by JLB because WDSF is getting very close to the Olympic Games not only for Breaking but for other disciplines as well. ST reported that the expenses for FISE in Hiroshima should be covered by Hurricane (local organiser) and that WDSF is now granting events for the new disciplines that LA is developing and that this will start to generate some revenue. TT asked JLB what the costs related to the FISE event in Montpellier would be. JLB answered that the concept is the same as for Hiroshima, meaning FISE will cover accommodation and transport. JF asked if the Presidium was being asked for an approval in principle. ST answered this was correct, the Presidium was asked for an approval in principle.

GW asked whether WDSF should run qualification events or use competitions that are already in place following the development of Breaking inside the WDSF in the light of the messages from the last AGM where some members could not see how Breaking could be run without costs. JF asked JLB if after the YOG the Breaking community could see themselves integrated inside the WDSF. JLB replied that the rule book and the judging system that was developed was very well received by the community and the majority of the Breaking community think the YOG was very positive for the development of their discipline and they would like to continue working with WDSF.
ST asked JLB if it would be possible to include in the partnership with FIBA 3x3 couples from Standard and Latin disciplines. JLB said he could ask FIBA but WDSF should also keep in mind that FIBA is taking 3x3 very seriously and they would like to keep the focus of the event very clear. There was a discussion about how suitable Standard and Latin would be in the context of the Urban and street concept of the 3x3 basketball partnership with FIBA. AW argued that with some adaptation’s Latin could fit with the 3x3 format. ST agreed with AW and stressed Latin could bring something different to the 3x3 event. JLB said he would discuss this with FIBA to suggest adding Latin and proposed that AW explain to FIBA the adaptations she has in mind because as an athlete coming from Latin, she would be the best person to answer to their questions. The proposal should include 3 events for Breaking, 3 for Rock’n’Roll and 3 for Latin.

[Lunch break at 12:54 and resumed at 13:45]

PM commented on the proposed adaptations of Standard and Latin and he argued that WDSF should not fix what is not broken because athletes and organisers are satisfied with Standard and Latin as they are and are not asking for changes. However, PM also argued that WDSF could adapt by creating a separate section called Olympic Dances.

After discussion on how and if WDSF should change Latin and Standard to make it more attractive to new partnerships and potentially be included in the Medal Programme of the Summer Olympic Games, the Presidium returned to the opportunities presented by JLB related to Breaking.

JF **MOVED** that:

1. the Presidium expresses full satisfaction with the results of Breaking in the 2018 Youth Olympic Games.

2. the Presidium votes its support, in principle, for the expansion of DanceSport in all its disciplines, by responding to resulting opportunities for Breaking arising from the Youth Olympic Games.

3. the Presidium votes, in principle, for the expansion of DanceSport in all its disciplines by accepting invitations for DanceSport to participate in the World Urban Games and collaboration with FIBA and FISE.

4. the Presidium authorizes its consultant Advisport per JLB to take further steps to explore and develop these opportunities and to report about its work and progress to the Presidium as early as possible but in any event at the June 2019 Presidium Meeting.

Vote: Unanimously approved.
LH *MOVED* to discuss item 8 of the Agenda “WDSF ethics committee election”. Unanimously approved


LH reported that the ordinary term of the members of the WDSF Ethics Committee will end at next year’s Annual General Meeting (2019) and informed the Presidium that Mr. Jose Perurena, IOC Member, Chairperson of the WDSF Ethics Committee, confirmed to him that he will complete his term but not stand for re-election in 2019. LH also reported that Mr. John Faylor, who was elected as a Member of the WDSF Ethics Commission at the last AGM, wrote him a letter dated 9th November 2018 communicating he (John Faylor) is not any more prepared to serve because WDSF did not officially inform him about his election at the AGM. LH said a copy of Mr. Faylor’s letter was delivered to ST.

LH declared his sincere gratitude and respect to Mr. José Perurena for serving as Chair of the WDSF Ethics Committee during the current term.

Discussing possible names for replacement, the Presidium authorized GF to look in Lausanne for potential candidates and come up with some suggestions by the end of December.

JLB suggested that a majority of the WDSF Ethics Committee members should come from outside of the DanceSport environment.

JF observed the WDSF Ethic Commission cannot act if there is no replacement. DS stressed he could amend the code to increase the number of members of the commission in order to make it easier to operate when facing situations like this. DS proposed he could draft an amendment to the code in this sense if there was a general understanding on this need. The Presidium accepted DS’s proposal.

TT *MOVED that* the Presidium authorise JF to speak with Antero Koponen, Secretary of the WDSF Ethics Committee, in order to check if he is in sufficiently good health to continue working for the commission. 11 voted in favour, LH did not vote.

Finally, the Presidium appointed the General Secretary NJ to be responsible for the survey of the elections. LH did not vote.

9. **The World Games 2021**

9.1. Report from TWG 2021 IF Competition Manager Meeting, 3./4.10.2018,

Birmingham (USA)
NJ said the objective of the Competition Manager Meeting (CMM) was to focus on major organisational issues for the World Games and to inspect the existing facilities of the host city. NJ stated WDSF is committed to bring top athletes to this Games and he was aware there was a need to establish selection criteria. He reported that the 3 DanceSport disciplines (Standard and Latin, Rock’n’Roll) will have their competitions held at the Bartow Arena located at the University of Alabama with a capacity of about 8500 seats. NJ reported on the responsibilities related to technical control; the liaison with the Organising Committee; the IGMS management system; information about the dates of the official ceremonies and prize presentation ceremonies; and communication before and during the event which was seen as a great opportunity to promote Standard and Latin.

NJ highlighted the importance of activating all communication channels including social media and the WDSF website to create a better and positive atmosphere. He said it was necessary to make the World Games visible in WDSF events as well, for example, at the GrandSlam.

NJ said WDSF and its members bodies should commit to organise very serious qualification competitions. The qualification system has to be defined by WDSF and reported to the World Games organizers by December 15th 2018.

9.2. Report from the IWGA-BOC CoCom Meeting and IWGA Executive Committee Meeting, 1. – 3.11.2018, Birmingham (USA)

LH explained that following a special written request from ST he had strongly supported the proposal by WDSF to include Breaking in the World Games 2021 in Birmingham (USA) although the Sports Programme for TWG 2021 was already finalised and approved by the IWGA ExCo in principle at its last Meeting on 10th and 11th August 2018. LH said that in consideration of the huge success of the first appearance of the DanceSport Discipline Breaking on the Youth Olympic Games the IWGA ExCo agreed to establish some kind of small Urban park in the World Games 2021 with Parkour (Gymnastics), Sports Climbing and Breaking.

LH reported to the Presidium on the special request from ST to include Breaking at the World Games and on the outcome of the IWGA CoCom and ExCo Meeting he attended in Birmingham as follows:

- The IWGA ExCo approved the TWG 2021 Sports Programme. DanceSport is included with the discipline’s Latin, Rock’n’Roll, Standard and with a total quota of 147 (quota of previous edition of The World Games) and additionally (new) with Breaking and an additional quota of 16 men, 16 women and the sufficient number of Technical officials. The WDSF maximum quota must not exceed a total of 194.

- Breaking will feature directly as medal sport on the official Sports Programme of TWG 2021 in Birmingham, Al (USA).
• IWGA will update the IGMS (International Games Management System) – the official online platform for data exchange between the IFs and IWGA accordingly. In referring to the e-mail sent out by IWGA on 7th November 2018 WDSF is requested to update the IGMS and in particular to enter the qualification criteria and events under "Qualifications – Events" for all the four DanceSport disciplines”. WDSF Competition Manager Nenad Jeftic is in charge of this.

LH expressed his great satisfaction of leaving to his successor this increase of quota for DanceSport in the official programme of the next edition of the World Games as a further positive result under his leadership in addition to the inaugural introduction of a DanceSport discipline into an Olympic programme at the YOG in Buenos Aires.

There was a discussion on how WDSF should organise the qualifications for the World Games. LH strongly recommended that this should be defined at the latest by December 15th, 2018. The Presidium agreed that NJ will propose qualification system for Standard and Latin, MK should do the same for Rock’n’Roll and JLB was asked to work on a qualification proposal for Breaking.

ST asked GW to work with NJ in the preparations for the WG in the United States.

9.3. Quota allocation of DanceSport Disciplines

ST suggested to reduce the quota of Standard and Latin to give 2 more places for Rock’n’Roll so that they have the same quota as in the previous edition of the World Games. ST MOVED to increase Rock’n’Roll quota allocation to 14 couples. Unanimously approved.

GF was assigned to contact the IWGA Office and communicate them this decision.

9.4. TWG 2025

LH said IWGA has opened the bidding process for the World Games 2025 with several cities still in the race. The IWGA ExCo will decide on the next host City for the 2025 World Games at the next ExCo Meeting which is scheduled for February 2019.
10. Change in the leadership of WDSF as of November 17, 2018

10.1. Report on the transition from June 17, 2018 – November 17, 2018

With reference to item 1 line 79 of the Minutes of the Presidium Meeting, June 15, 2018, in Lausanne, LH declared that since then, he has signed only one contract (Agreement between FloSport Inc. and WDSF) together with the CEO Shawn Tay. He underlined that apart from this Agreement he had not signed any other contract for WDSF. LH added that since June 18, 2018 he had not approved any invoice from any third party to be paid by WDSF.

Referring to himself, LH told the Presidium there was still one pending case about WDSF’s Travel Insurance Partner regarding his cancellation of two flights when he was unable to travel due to the health problem he had in February – April 2017. LH said he provided the VP for Legal Affairs with all relevant certificates from his doctor and transferred this case to the VP for Finance for follow up.

10.2. Expiry of signature of LH to WDSF’s accounts at UBS (Switzerland) Ltd. and ZKB as per 17th November 2018

LH told the Presidium that the VP for Finance will inform in writing the two banks with whom WDSF works (UBS Switzerland Ltd. and ZKB) that from 17th November 2018 his signature as WDSF President will expire. LH stressed that all documents for the transfer of signature will be prepared by the VP for Finance and recommended to the VP for Finance that once the process is completed with both banks the VP for Finance should ask the banks for a written confirmation of the person(s) who will have access to the accounts and how they will sign for WDSF (individually or collectively).

LH reported that on that day (15th November 2018) he had handed over the WDSF’s VISA credit card and the two bank cards from UBS Switzerland Ltd. which were all cancelled and the WDSF VP for Finance confirmed in a separate document the receipt of these three cards.

10.3. Resignation of WDSF President

LH reminded the Meeting of his decision announced at the last WDSF Annual General Meeting that he would officially resign as WDSF President as of 17th November 2018.

LH thanked all the Members of the Presidium for the many good moments he had together in the past that will be kept in his memory. LH wished all Presidium Members courage and a firm hand in their future decisions for WDSF and he said he looked forward to a good cooperation with them in his new role as WDSF Honorary Life President.
LH expressed his gratitude to JLB, DS, Roland Hilfiker and all the staff in the WDSF Lausanne Headquarters for their hard work, dedication, great teamwork and commitment. LH said he was proud to have worked with this team and to have built up the WDSF Headquarters in Lausanne and wished everybody all the best for the future.

LH declared he was privilege and honoured to have voluntarily served WDSF as President and handed the meeting over to his successor, ST, to chair the Meeting for the remaining items of the Agenda as previously agreed, wishing ST good luck, a lot a success, and above all, good health.

ST took over by thanking LH for all his help during the transition period.

[ST chaired the meeting from item 11 onwards]

11. WRRC Associate Membership and Duration

11.1. Cooperation between WDSF and WRRC members on national level

MK described the WRRC Expansion Project that is aimed to increase the number of members and expand Rock'n'Roll and Boogie Woogie to new countries and continents in collaboration with WDSF. The goal of the project is to attract new dancers, educate new coaches, have more couples/countries/continents present on WRRC events and organize events in countries where WRRC has not done it so far. MK listed some achievements of the project including the presence of 5 continents at the World Games in 2017, 5 continents at the World Championships RR in 2017, couples from different continents and new countries participating in various WRRC competitions in different age groups in both Rock’n’Roll and Boogie Woogie, USA and Canada present at the World Cup in Miami, and the World Championship 2018 having for the first time a couple from Mexico.

MK explained the Presidium some challenges WRRC is facing like the lack of official structure behind a group of motivated people, the limitations of funds to continue once WRRC stopped financial support, but most important in the framework of this meeting was the lack or minimal support from WDSF member bodies.

In order to help WRRC to overcome this issue, MK asked the Presidium to nominate a person from the WDSF Presidium to assist and support WRRC in dealing with communication issues between WRRC and WDSF member bodies. JF asked for clarification as he could not understand what those issues were. MK gave JF an example of a couple from Canada who wanted to dance RR, contacted the WDSF member body and was told the WDSF member body did not have RR. WRRC contacted the WDSF member body in Canada to find a solution but they never got an answer.

The Presidium decided to assign NJ as a support contact person to assist WRRC in the
MK described some motions she would like the WDSF Presidium to discuss. They are the following:

- To establish a policy (or write something in new AMC coming up next year) on how the cooperation with WDSF NMBs should look and when WRRC can establish an independent federation in a country which expresses no interest in RR and BW inside the WDSF NMB.

- To be proactive in the WDSF membership commission when planning workshops include also RR and/or BW

The motions were not voted, but the Presidium agreed to discuss them and come up with a proposal when renegotiating the WRRC contract, in early 2019.

11.2. WRRC events organized by WDSF members: conditions, responsibilities

MK explained that when an organiser does not meet its contractual obligation related to the rights of organising a WRRC event, the WRRC deals directly with the WRRC member body in the country to solve the issue. MK raised the question of what should WRRC do in case the organiser belongs to a WDSF member body. MK gave the example of the World Cup RR and BW in Miami.

11.3. Renewal of WRRC and WDSF Agreement

MK pointed out that the current contract between WRRC and WDSF expires on 31st August 2019.

ST stated WDSF will come up with a proposal for the contract renewal by the beginning of next year.

12. 2018 WADA Corrective Action Report

12.1. Status Report regarding Compliance

JF reported he was working on the WADA Corrective Report, together with Herbert Waller and Ineke Crijns from the Anti-Doping Commission, in order to comply with the 32 items listed on the report. JF said this was a very technical subject. JF reported that they were able to fix 29 issues and now there are 3 remaining items. JF also reported that he hoped to have a meeting on the coming weekend with Mr. Waller to make discuss this situation. GF told WADA called the office in Lausanne to ask where WDSF was in regard to the Corrective Report. GF asked JF if the remaining points were those important ones assigned as “critical” by WADA. JF confirmed that in his opinion the 3 remaining points were critical ones.
There was a discussion about whether or not Mr. Waller could manage to deal with all the Anti-Doping tasks and responsibilities when Dr. Ineke Crijns retires from the commission at the end of 2018. GF stressed it would be important if Mr. Waller could confirm in writing that he will administer the WADA regulations for all disciplines, including Breaking and the new disciplines.

ST said he was informed that Mr. Waller advised WDSF should not hire any additional person to deal with anti-doping matters when Dr. Crijns leaves as he will instead work with the testing company IDTM.

There was a discussion on the type and quantity of work as well as the professional qualification necessary to accomplish all the anti-doping tasks. GF asked JF if the contract with IDTM was already signed. JF confirmed he already signed the contract with IDTM following Mr. Waller’s recommendation. GF stressed that before any decision on hiring extra people it was necessary to evaluate what was included and excluded from the contract between WDSF and IDTM. AC commented that in Poland the WDSF member body collaborates with the National Anti-doping Agency who offers education and 3 anti-doping tests for free and suggested that other federation could also do the same.

13. Vice-President for Sport Report

13.1. Summary of Sports Commission’s meeting

ST informed the Presidium about the main decisions taken at the Sports Commission meeting in Moscow, among them the new database for adjudicator’s qualifications and classification. ST said that based on the difficulty of rating the judges, the Sports Commission decided to reverse the process and proposed a kind of job description for the competitions to match the judges according to certain criteria.

ST presented the criteria the adjudicators would be assessed on based on their qualifications and explained that for each criterion judges will be assessed to a class according to their experience and competence and presented an example of requirements necessary for judging a World Championship.

GW raised the question of how the Sports Commission can verify if the data provided by the judges is correct. ST said the judges will be asked to provide proofs of their competence.

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[The Meeting started at 9:00]

ST said the proposal of the new qualification system for judges will go now to the Athletes Commission for their feedback.

There was a discussion on whether judges who have teaching experience or were DanceSport champions could be placed into a higher class than those who do not have such experience or successful DanceSport career as athlete.

LH recommended it would be important to have a procedure in place to handle with cases of controversy as a result of the adjudicators’ classification. JF agreed it was fundamental to have this kind of procedure and it should also be defined how much importance this hearing will have. DS suggested the procedures could be under the responsibility of a larger board.

JF MOVED the proposal presented by ST to be approved on a trial basis for the present and that it should be reviewed at the 2019 Annual General Meeting. Unanimously approved

JF MOVED that the presidium appoint an Independent Review Hearing Commission (IRHC) comprised of some members of the Sports Commission and invited specialists. Unanimously approved

JF MOVED to nominate to this Independent Review Hearing Commission (IRHC) the following persons: Peter Maxwell, Natasa Ambroz, Nenad Jefitic, Heinz Speaker, George Tan, Anita Langset, and Patricia Goh, providing they accept. Unanimously approved

13.1.1. Data Collection for Adjudicator’s Classification

ST explained how the data from the adjudicators’ is being collected and how they are going to be given a class for the different criteria according to their experience and competence. ST said the data collection will be compliant with the GDPR and that until now 400 adjudicators have already provided their data. ST also said that the first event to test this new system will be the 2019 Super Grand Prix in Tokyo.

13.1.2. AJS for World Open – To use only for Semi-Finals and Finals from Jan 2019
ST *MOVED* that the Presidium approve the use of AJS for WDSF World Open competitions only for semi-finals and finals starting from 1st January 2019.

Vote: 12 in favour, 1 abstention

13.1.3. Reduction of judges for Championships

ST said the number of adjudicators should be reduced to 10 for championship events starting from January 2019. ST argued this would save costs and prevent judges from judging too many hours. For the 5 title events the judges should only judge the competition for which the WDSF appoints them. ST *MOVED* that the Presidium support the reduction of judges for championships.

Vote: 11 in favour, 2 abstention.

[Cookie break 10:40 and the meeting resumed at 11:00]

13.1.4. Adjudicators Declaration Form

ST explained that at the moment WDSF has two different declaration letters, one for General and one for PD, and both try to regulate the conduct of nominated judges with respect to their activities as coaches and teachers for athletes who might be competing in the same competition these judges are nominated to judge. There is however a discrepancy in the period adjudicators should refrain from coaching/teaching before they can judge. In the WDSF Adjudicators’ Code of Conduct this period is of 2 weeks preceding the event whereas on the signed declaration letter the period is 3 months.

There was a discussion on how to regulate social media activities of the adjudicators and the limits within which WDSF can control the publication of photos from private to professional purposes. The discussion involved PM, MK and DS.

JF proposed a text concerning social media regulations. The text proposed is as follow:

*Self-Promotion vs. Selfless Behaviour.*

*On the day and the following morning of a competition an adjudicator’s loyalty must be to adjudication at the competition and to all of the ethical duties of the adjudicator. So on the day and the following morning, an adjudicator shall not make speeches, pose for photographs, post or send or sponsor/contribute to messages in social media, about any matter. This prohibition is impossible to define exactly but it extends beyond the boundaries of the hall, the competition, the competition hotels and the streets of the host city or town. If in doubt, an adjudicator should politely decline to take part in any activity that suggests a relationship or alliance with any other adjudicators, any athletes, any producer or competition. Adjudicators have a right to be proud and happy of their*
achievements and of being appointed to a prestigious competition; but the adjudicator may not engage in activities which, however innocently, celebrate his or her position and participation in the competition in question. S/he must remember in his or her behaviour that s/he is not a star, s/he is part of a proud, select, but unified team of experts whose role is to work rationally and materially and not to create their own centre of attention. Accordingly, self-promotion is inappropriate and is not permitted. Self-promotion includes, but is not limited to, writing and publishing commentaries in print or on social media, promotion by selfies, promotion on their own or other web pages, and generally drawing attention to themselves in a self-centred way. If the adjudicator is in doubt about the limits on her or his behaviour, s/he should decline opportunities for self-promotion by his or her own actions or the actions of others, in connection with a competition at which s/he is a member of the panel. Furthermore it is a cardinal responsibility for an adjudicator to refrain from making any kind of disparaging or personal communications about athletes, coaches, other adjudicators, and other members of the DanceSport community whether they are present or absent from the competition, because such behaviour immediately lowers the tone and reputation of the competition and affects the efforts of all concerned to practise and project standards of fairness and objectivity.

ST **MOVED** to include JF’s text in the code of conduct, effective immediately.

Vote: 10 in favour, 2 opposed, 1 abstention

GW suggested that in addition to the social media regulations added to the code of conduct, there should be an enforcement on education of the adjudicators’ behaviour. All adjudicators should be briefed by the Chairperson before the competition on how to behave correctly regarding social media posts. The Presidium authorized NJ to send this information to the Chairpersons so that they can enforce the education of the adjudicators in this sense.

13.1.5. New Ranking System

ST proposed that the ranking system be modified in order to increase participation and make sure that the most important competitions remain attractive to athletes. This proposal was based on a research study that suggested to include a series of events to the ranking system. For example, this could be the best 3 GrandSlam, 2 World Opens, 1 International Open and 1 Open results.

ST **MOVED that** the Presidium support the principle of changing the ranking system points, knowing that the series suggested are only for information and should not necessary be exactly as in the given example.

Vote: 12 in favour, 1 abstention
13.1.6. New GS/SGP Format

ST explained the new format he would like to adopt for the GrandSlam and Super Grand Prix which was tested in August 2018 in Singapore with great success. The proposal is based on a one-on-one competition format in which the 6 finalists will compete individually against one opponent only once over 5 dances. ST suggested to try this one-on-one format in the GrandSlam Finals in Shanghai. AW asked what the judging system would be for this format. ST said it would be AJS.

ST **MOVED** to approve this new competition format for GS and SGP starting this year in Shanghai.

Vote: 12 in favour, 1 abstention

13.1.7. Enforcement Teams

ST informed the Presidium that several teams were created to increase supervision and follow up on feedback. These teams will first be focusing on a series of events starting with Cups and Championships. Their main duties are to:

a) Study survey data from athletes after top events (ex. Athletes not happy changing rooms as so small and this was changed, changing room should be for athletes only)

b) Study the Chairperson’s Report

c) Study the Chairperson’s assessment of the behaviour of judges (inform the judge with a letter for control measure)

d) Communicate with organisers for rectification

e) Provide feedback to Event Planning and Adjudicator’s selection panel

13.1.8. New World Ranking for U21 and Junior events

ST **MOVED that** the Presidium to support the introduction of a new World Ranking System for U21 and Junior categories.

Reason: to allow young athlete to make a soft transition and motivate them to continue their career into the adult category.

Vote: 12 in favour, 1 abstention
13.1.9. Evaluation of AJS Scores

ST explained that the idea is to keep track of judges who score too high or too low and use this information as part of the selection criteria. ST said a more detailed report on this will be provided at next Presidium meeting as the Sports Commission is now studying judges’ behaviours and analysing their scores.

13.1.10. New Competition series for Pre-Championship - A new initiative of the VP For Development

AC explained the reasons for introducing the new WDSF series based on the fact that this will help the development of athletes no matter of their position in the ranking. This new series would also give the opportunity for new and unexperienced judges to practice their competences in a lower competition level.

AC said these competitions will be addressed to all dancers affiliated to an NMB (open formula) allowing dancers in a similar level to compete with each other from children to PD. AC estimated the series will be profitable for WDSF bring more members and benefits.

ST stressed he would like the Presidium to know that the Sports Commission is working with the Development Commission in this project and reported that the Sports Commission has recommended some changes including the title, the requirement for an ID Card and maybe a reducing of fee. GF and LH observed that WDSF should be careful in not inflate the market with too many competitions. LL asked how this would go together with new ranking points. ST said this is still not 100% defined.

ST **MOVED that** the Presidium to authorise the Sports Commission to work with the Development Commission on this project. Unanimously approved

13.1.11. Proposed Motions to AGM 2019

ST explained these motions will be prepared by the Sports Commission with the assistance of the Legal Commission for the next AGM and he would like to have them discussed first at the Presidium. He said these motions are not yet legally and technically ready.

**Motion 1- Adjudicator’s country representation**

Proposal: Allow adjudicators to judge only for the country they have the passport or permanent residency certification or equivalent
Reason: it is impossible to establish adequate evidence under the current 183-day rules and there are too many cases of false representation.

**JF MOVED** to amend the proposal by removing the “permanent residency certification or equivalent” and only keeping the passport as the requirement.

Vote: 7 in favour, 5 opposed, 1 abstention

**ST MOVED that** the Presidium authorize the Sports Commission to present this motion to AGM as amended.

Vote: 7 in favour, 5 opposed, 1 abstention

**Motion 2 – Solo Dance for Championships on 1st and 4th Dance**

Proposal: to have solo dance for Championships on the 1st and 4th dance.

Reasons: group dance as the last dance always keep the crowd going. Solo as the last dance is anti-climax

**ST MOVED that** the Presidium accept the Sports Commission to present this motion to AGM. Unanimously approved

**Motion 3 – Reorganisation of WDSF Competition Rules**

Proposal – To separate rules and policies.

Reasons - Ease of looking for details and ease of making technical changes to items such as dress regulations and rules for other dance disciplines. Save time at AGM.

**ST MOVED that** the Presidium authorize the Sports Commission to present this motion to AGM. Unanimously approved

**JF** remarked this would require more time to review so the Sports Commission should send it earlier.

**Motion 4 – Cancellation of Lump sum payable to athletes**

Proposal: To cancel lump sum as in Competition rules B 5

Reasons: Too costly for organisers

**ST MOVED that** the Presidium accept the Sports Commission’s request to present this motion to AGM. Unanimously approved
[Lunch Break at 12:51 and resumed at 13:46]

Motion 5 – Cancellation of Redance for World Opens

Proposal: Remove redance for World Opens

Reasons: Reduce time and length of events, better motivation

ST *MOVED* to divide this into two motions. Unanimously approved

First: ST *MOVED* redance should be cancelled in World Opens. 10 in favour, 2 opposed, 1 abstention

Second: ST *MOVED* to keep the reduction of couples eliminated in the first round to no more than 20%. 10 in favour, 2 opposed, 1 abstention

Motion 6 – Set deadline of 28 Days for entry to Championships/Cups

Proposal: all entries must be received not later than 28 days before event. NMB can reserve number of entries and provide names later.

Reasons: impossible to book hotel without earlier entries. Not possible to plan timetable accurately beforehand.

ST *MOVED that* the Presidium accept the Sports Commission to present this motion to AGM. Unanimously approved

Motion 7 – Fees increased for Chairperson

Proposal: to increase from CHF 250 to 400 for Championships and Cup and CHF 300 for others

Reasons: Chairperson needs to work as Chairperson prior to events and after events

ST *MOVED that* the Presidium accept the Sports Commission to present this motion to AGM. 11 in favour, 2 abstentions

Motion 8 – Change in Dress Regulations for Adjudicators

Proposals:

a. Female judges may wear necktie, but in a conventional way

b. WDSF Logo on scarf or tie must be visible

c. Trousers must cover legs completely (no 3/4 or 7/8 length cut trousers)
d. Ladies shoes must fit business style of dress.

Reasons: Some ladies made ridiculous patterns using scarves. Some wear sandals.

AW stated she was against these regulations, instead the Chairperson should go and talk to the judges if they believe their dress are not compliant. JF added that judges should not wear headbands.

ST **MOVED** to adjourn this motion to revise the text for later consideration by the Presidium. Unanimously approved and Motion adjourned.

**Motion 9 – Change in Dress Regulations for athletes**

Proposal:

a. Lady, standard: skirt may be split up 10cm above knee (currently only up to the knee)

b. Clarification about net fabric and transparent material in I(A)

c. The 5cm-rule at the lady’s hip changed to 5cm at any place between Hipline and Panty line. Removal of the “old fashioned” style, allowing modern cuts

d. Graphics shall be amended by the newly allowed “tear-shaped opening”

ST **MOVED** that the Presidium approve this draft should be adjourned to revise it to provide a more precise and correct text for submission to the Presidium later. Unanimously approved and Motion adjourned.

**Motion 10 – To Add a Concussion Rule**

Proposal: After a head concussion or suspected head concussion or other serious head impact between athletes, only medical personnel on duty and not the Chairperson can authorise the affected athlete to continue with competition

Reasons: Concussion is serious and can cause fatality, Chairperson is not medically trained to assess.

ST **MOVED** to introduce a rule to instruct Chairpersons on medical decisions to be taken in case of concussion. Unanimously approved

**Motion 11 – To add a clause in Competition Rule X5**

Proposal: Judges who have been accused of Sexual Harassment, formal complaint, cannot be assigned to judge until the case is cleared
ST MOVED that JF and AW should study the IOC guidelines “Safeguarding athletes from harassment and abuse in sport”. Unanimously approved and Motion adjourned.

Motion 12 – To allow Multiple Partners

Proposal: To allow Multiple Partners in different events

Reasons: Shortage of male partners

ST said the Sports Commission will continue to study this possibility before presenting a motion.

Motion adjourned.

13.2. Grand Slam Prize Money and Taxation Liabilities

ST described possible alternatives to address the issue of taxation of prize money awarded by WDSF to athletes, proposing that either WDSF transfers the total amount directly to the athletes’ bank account and the athletes are in charge of fulfilling their tax obligations, or that WDSF increases award payments to include the taxes. TT said at the moment WDSF provides all the money for organisers who then are responsible to comply with local taxation laws by withholding the taxes. TT explained that generally under tax law, the obligation to pay tax is governed by the laws of the country where the competition takes place and where athletes receive the prize and not where athletes live. LH asserted all necessary information about prize money taxation is already in the contract for the main competitions like the GrandSlam.

ST MOVED to suspend consideration of these alternatives at this time, leaving the current awards system in place, meaning the organisers are responsible to pay the taxes.

Vote: 12 in favour, 1 opposed

13.3. Future development of Standard and Latin Disciplines

ST said the Sports Commission is working on the possibility to change Standard and Latin regulations for compulsory figure and combine it with freestyle choreography. This should be presented to the Presidium in the near future. ST reported the Sports Commission is analysing the possibilities to amend the requirements for dress regulations in order that athletes may avoid spending too much money on costuming, and also looking for a different ranking system. ST encouraged WRRC to start thinking about doing the same and innovate.
PM proposed it would be better to create an Olympic Dances disciplines with all the changes necessary to fit Standard and Latin into the Olympic Games instead of changing the whole system of Standard and Latin, which now does not seem to have any problem.

13.4. Review of the GS Series

ST explained the Sports Commission is thinking about reducing the GrandSlam Series to 5 events (4 legs plus the GrandSlam Finals). This initiative was taken based on a statistical study that showed GrandSlam is attracting less athletes, including the top couples. With the new ranking system couples will be encouraged to dance at least 3 GrandSlams.

13.5. PoleSport Co-existence Agreement update

GF said the coexistence agreement with IPSF was recommended by GAISF and that for 1½ years WDSF and IPSF have been working on the text that is now finally ready to be signed.

13.6. World DanceSport Games

ST stated the project of the World DanceSport Games should be reviewed in order to reduce costs and asked AC to work on a proposal specifying the number of athletes, judges and estimated budget. The proposal should include the disciplines of Standard, Latin, Rock’n’Roll, Boogie Woogie, Breaking, Showdance and Formation. GF told AC he had some useful documents that he could share with him.

14. Vice-President for Legal Affairs Report


JF reported that this file was not progressing as he expected for various reasons, but mainly due to other urgent matters. JF confirmed his objective is to finish this work by the end of this year.
14.2. WDSF Legal Commission – Members and Work

JF reported the communication between the members is effective and they were looking for 2 additional members to be added to the WDSF Legal Commission.

14.3. 2016 costs unfairly incurred by federations and athletes, Moscow. (Repeated complaint by J. Arajs)

On this subject the Presidium agreed that JF should assist Mr. Arajs to prepare a motion for the next AGM.

14.4. Agreements / Employment Agreements between WDSF and Service Providers

JF reported everything is moving in the direction to make sure WDSF has in place the signed agreements with all employees and services providers as this is considered to be a priority.

14.5. WDSF Complaints Register

JF reported that an official form was implemented to deal with the complaints which is now available on the WDSF website.

14.6. 2018 Youth Olympic Games

JLB commented the mark “Breaking for Gold” should be protected worldwide after the successful YOG in Buenos Aires. JF stated this was a very complex task as each country has a different legislation about trademarks with different enforcement mechanisms, but added that there is an international trademark convention that provides easier registration (but only for the signatory countries). JLB proposed he could contact an agency in Lausanne that is specialised on trademark registration to work on this file. JF agreed that JLB should make contact with this agency.
14.7. Process of Termination of Support Air Services (Roland Hilfiker)

JF confirmed a termination of contract agreement was signed between Support Air Services (Roland Hilfiker) and WDSF.

ST set a deadline to JF to prepare an agreement with John Caprez and Pedro Toro by the end of January for the services they provide to WDSF.

14.8. Complaint against Roland Hilfiker by Valeri Ivanov

JF informed the Presidium he has not heard from Mr. Ivanov and from the Legal Commission’s side he proposed that there will be no further action on this case.

14.9. WDSF Ethics Commission – 2017 Complaint by Ken Richards

JF got directions from the Presidium to contact Ken Richards and explain him the situation about the composition of the WDSF Ethics Committee and why the Committee needs a full composition to decide the pending case.

14.10. Agreement with FloSports

JF recommended to begin negotiations immediately regarding the terms of the expanded form of agreement specifically provided in the current short-form agreement with FloSports if WDSF wants to renew this contract after the current expiry date. TT suggested to wait until there is a clear decision on whether or not WDSF want to continue the partnership with FloSports.

14.11. Agreement with SGB Events LLC

The Presidium decided that GW should contact USA Dance to find out what was their position in relation to the exclusivity of SGB for Breaking events in the USA and explore alternatives to move forward.
14.12. Asian DanceSport Federation – incorporation and organizing resolutions. Motion by the Vice-President for Legal Affairs

JF recommended that the Presidium should accept a proposal to incorporate Asian DanceSport Federation (ADSF) under Singaporean legislation because we have now been informed that ADSF is a friendly society that has never been incorporated as a separate legal entity according to longstanding WDSF policy.

LH advised not to do so, in particular if this would entail changes in ADSF’s membership and leadership. LH reminded that ADSF is recognised by the Olympic Council of Asia.

JF MOVED that the WDSF Presidium calls on ADSF’s members to regularize its affairs by incorporating under Singapore Law and to concurrently adopt as part of the incorporation process, a functioning democratic procedure that is real and effective and that is governed by the rule of law.

Vote: 12 in favour, LH did not vote

14.13. Resignation of Monaco DanceSport Federation

JF informed the Presidium that Monaco sent a letter of resignation and he advised the WDSF General Secretary to accept the resignation by sending to Monaco a letter of acceptance.


JF recommended that a one-month notice should be given to a list of NMBs by the General Secretary before introducing Motions to expel them from WDSF.

14.15. Outstanding claim(s) by WDSF Against Former Russian WDSF Member. (Combined invoice WG-6270 for due id-cards RE: 180301 FW: 180102 due payments WG-5041, WG-4552). Request for Discussion.

The Presidium agreed to ask NJ to contact the All Russian Federation of DanceSport and Acrobatic...
Rock’n’Roll to communicate to them that they should not apply for events organised by Valeri Gulai.

14.16. JF **MOVED**, that the Presidium authorizes the General Secretary to give one (1) month’s Notice to the Andorran WDSF Member body under Articles 5(8) and 14(1)(e) of the **WDSF Statutes** that one (1) month after the delivery of such Notice the Presidium may expel it for failure to pay annual fees within the time provided in the **WDSF Statutes**, without further notice.

Vote: Unanimously approved

14.17. JF **MOVED**, that the Presidium authorizes the General Secretary to give one (1) months’ Notice to the Bolivian WDSF Member body under Articles 5(8) and 14(1)(e) of the **WDSF Statutes** that one (1) month after the delivery of such Notice the Presidium may expel it for failure to pay annual fees within the time provided in the **WDSF Statutes**, without further notice.

Vote: Unanimously approved

14.18. JF **MOVED**, that the Presidium authorizes the General Secretary to give one (1) month’s Notice to the Colombian WDSF Member body under Articles 5(8) and 14(1)(e) of the **WDSF Statutes** that one (1) month after the delivery of such Notice the Presidium may expel it for failure to pay annual fees within the time provided in the **WDSF Statutes**, without further notice.

Vote: Unanimously approved

14.19. JF **MOVED**, that the Presidium authorizes the General Secretary to give one (1) month’s Notice to the Chilean WDSF Member body under Articles 5(8) and 14(1)(e) of the **WDSF Statutes** that one (1) month after the delivery of such Notice the Presidium may expel it for failure to pay annual fees within the time provided in the **WDSF Statutes**, without further notice.

Vote: Unanimously approved

14.20. **MOVED**, that the Presidium authorizes the General Secretary to give one (1)
month’s Notice to the Dominican Republic WDSF Member body under Articles 5(8) and 14(1)(e) of the *WDSF Statutes* that one (1) month after the delivery of such Notice the Presidium may expel it for failure to pay annual fees within the time provided in the *WDSF Statutes*, without further notice.

Vote: Unanimously approved

14.21. **JF MOVED**, that the Presidium authorizes the General Secretary to give one (1) month’s Notice to the Ecuadorian WDSF Member body under Articles 5(8) and 14(1)(e) of the *WDSF Statutes* that one (1) month after the delivery of such Notice the Presidium may expel it for failure to pay fees of €1,800 for accreditation at World Games within the time provided, and pursuant to the *WDSF Statutes*, without further notice.

Vote: Unanimously approved

14.22. **JF MOVED**, that the Presidium authorizes the General Secretary to give one (1) month’s Notice to the Guatemalan WDSF Member body under Articles 5(8) and 14(1)(e) of the *WDSF Statutes* that one (1) month after the delivery of such Notice the Presidium may expel it for failure to pay annual fees within the time provided in the *WDSF Statutes*, without further notice.

Vote: Unanimously approved

14.23. **JF MOVED**, that the Presidium authorizes the General Secretary to give one (1) month’s Notice to the Mexican WDSF Member body under Articles 5(8) and 14(1)(e) of the *WDSF Statutes* that one (1) month after the delivery of such Notice the Presidium may expel it for failure to pay annual fees within the time provided in the *WDSF Statutes*, without further notice.

Vote: Unanimously approved

14.24. **JF MOVED**, that the Presidium authorizes the General Secretary to give one (1) month’s Notice to the Montenegrin WDSF Member body under Articles 5(8) and 14(1)(e) of the *WDSF Statutes* that one (1) month after the delivery of such
Notice the Presidium may expel it for failure to pay annual fees within the time provided in the *WDSF Statutes*, without further notice.

Vote: Unanimously approved

14.25. **JF MOVED**, that the Presidium authorizes the General Secretary to give one (1) month’s Notice to the Mongolian WDSF Member body under Articles 5(8) and 14(1)(e) of the *WDSF Statutes* that one (1) month after the delivery of such Notice the Presidium may expel it for failure to pay annual fees within the time provided in the *WDSF Statutes*, without further notice.

Vote: Unanimously approved

14.26. **JF MOVED**, that the Presidium authorizes the General Secretary to give one (1) month’s Notice to the Turkmen WDSF Member body under Articles 5(8) and 14(1)(e) of the *WDSF Statutes* that one (1) month after the delivery of such Notice the Presidium may expel it for failure to pay annual fees within the time provided in the *WDSF Statutes*, without further notice.

Vote: Unanimously approved

14.27. **JF MOVED**, that the Presidium authorizes the General Secretary to give one (1) month’s Notice to the Zimbabwean WDSF Member body under Articles 5(8) and 14(1)(e) of the *WDSF Statutes* that one (1) month after the delivery of such Notice the Presidium may expel it for failure to pay annual fees within the time provided in the *WDSF Statutes*, without further notice.

Vote: Unanimously approved

14.28. Insurance – DTV Request

**JF** reported he contacted JLT Group to request a quotation for an insurance policy for athletes traveling worldwide, but JLT eventually responded that after consideration they had decided that the proposal was unworkable.
14.29. WDSF Professional Division – governance

JF reported that the PD had not proceeded with proposals to change its regulations as originally presented at the PD meeting in Bucharest in January 2018.

14.1. WDSF Statutes – Motions by the Vice-President for Legal Affairs to amend WDSF Statutes at the 2019 WDSF Annual General Meeting

JF MOVED that the Presidium to approve the amendment of the WDSF Statutes’ Preamble paragraph 3 as following:

Each Member of WDSF is the sole recognized representative of DanceSport in its country or a special multinational sports body, or another body recognized by the Presidium for the purposes of sponsorship or other extraordinary purpose, and representatives of each such body attend the General Meeting of the WDSF, which is the legislative organ controlling all DanceSport affairs, based on universal sporting principles.

Reason: “new disciplines” may require flexible transitional membership categories. This proposal would permit the presidium to grant a membership based on e.g. financial or organizational support offered by unconventional sporting bodies.

Vote: 10 in favour, 1 opposed, 2 abstentions

JF MOVED that the Presidium to approve the amendment of the WDSF Statutes’ Article 4, number 3 “Provisional Members” as following:

Provisional Members shall be bodies which only partially fulfil membership qualifications. A Provisional Member does not have voting rights... , but does have the right to nominate delegates to attend and speak at the General Meeting. Provisional Members can nominate couples to all WDSF-granted competitions according to Rule 5 the provisions of the WDSF Competition Rules. [Editor’s Note: this Rule was replaced by the new WDSF Competition Rules]

Reason: this amendment has been long overdue since the WDSF competition rules were amended several years ago. The statutes are very out-dated in this regard. The statutes should not include matters which should more properly be written in the WDSF competition rules. However this amendment does not affect competitors’ rights.

Vote: Unanimously approved
JF MOVED that the Presidium to approve the amendment of the WDSF Statutes' Article 5, number 6, as following:

Members may renew their Membership annually by payment of the annual Membership Fee on or before March 31st. Membership Fees may not be set off by a Member against any other debt or claim. Unless the Presidium decides otherwise, a Member's Membership shall terminate automatically upon that Member's failure, refusal or neglect to pay its annual Membership Fee according to the terms of these Statutes.

Reason: there are too many members who fail, refuse or neglect to pay their membership fees on time and the presidium wastes a lot of time every year on this problem. members should not be able to participate in WDSF’s activities without paying their annual membership fees on time. the presidium will still be authorized to make exceptions in extraordinary cases.

[On the 16th November the meeting finished at 18:40]

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The Meeting started at 9:00 without MK who excused herself, she had to attend the WRRC World Championship in Geneva on that day]

JF explained that the previous amendment proposal of the WDSF Statutes’ Article 5, number 6, goes together with Article 7, number 5, where he suggests including the following:

Subject to the Presidium’s discretion, a Member’s Membership ceases automatically for all purposes upon that Member’s failure to pay Membership Fees according to the deadlines set out in these Statutes.

Reason: Too many Members fail, refuse or neglect to pay their Fees on time. The current lack of serious consequences for failure to pay, creates unreasonable administrative work for volunteers in WDSF and creates a class of Members who always pay late. WDSF’s Membership Fees are not high and everyone should pay on time. In the modern era of online payment, paying Membership Fees on time is relatively easy.

JF MOVED that the Presidium to approve together the amendments Article 5, number 6 and Article 7, number 5.

Vote: 1 in favour, 11 opposed.
DS reminded that Article 6 of the WDSF Statutes should be amended to clarify that cases can only be appealed to CAS where this legal remedy is specifically provided in WDSF’s Governing Documents. JF agreed this had to be done and confirm he would bring a modification to this Article for the next AGM.

JF MOVED that the Presidium approve the amendment of the WDSF Statutes’ Article 5, number 7, as following:

A member may resign from the WDSF at any time by registered letter or facsimile transmission addressed and delivered to the General Secretary who may accept or decline to accept such resignation. Such resignation does not affect the member’s financial obligations for the current calendar year.

Reason: this amendment has been long overdue since the general disappearance of fax machines. Many members do not even operate fax machines. Legal opinion suggests that unless every member is required to operate a fax machine, this provision is now improper. If this provision is in the statutes, then probably WDSF must have a fax machine in the office which operates 24/7. In addition, fax is not “tamper-proof”. Other federations consider that fax is not safe and are moving away from fax. The legal commission recommends this amendment.

Vote: Unanimously approved

JF MOVED that the Presidium to approve the amendments of the WDSF Statutes’ Article 10 “Convocation of the General Meeting” as following:

1. The General Secretary or other Presidium Member authorized by the President or the Presidium shall convene an Annual General Meeting by notice in writing to all Members by electronic mail ("e-mail") on or before January 15th every year.

2. The General Secretary or other Presidium Member authorized by the President or the Presidium shall communicate the date and venue for the General Meeting by notice in writing to all Members by e-mail at least four (4) months before the General Meeting.

3. Motions for the agenda must be submitted to the General Secretary or other Presidium Member authorized by the President or the Presidium in writing by mail, facsimile transmission ("fax") or e-mail not later than three (3) months before the General Meeting and accompanied by a brief background statement by the proposer explaining the reason for the proposed intended effect of the Motion.
4. The General Secretary or other Presidium Member authorized by the President or the Presidium shall communicate the final agenda and motions on notice for the General Meeting by sending e-mail at least two (2) months before the General Meeting to notify all Members of the internet address of an internet web site where the said agenda and motions have been posted.

Reason: This provides for a working procedure if the General Secretary is ill, unavailable or otherwise unable to act when necessary.

Vote: Unanimously approved

JF MOVED that the Presidium to approve the amendment of the WDSF Statutes’ Article 11, number 1, as following:

The General meeting shall be chaired by the President, or alternatively the First Vice President, or alternatively by another Presidium Member or the chair of a WDSF body elected by the Meeting or appointed by the Presidium, or by a Delegate elected by the Meeting for the whole or any part of the Meeting.

Reason: In the past, several Presidents have “delegated the discussion” in the AGM to various reporting or presiding Presidium Members or other persons on special subjects; those Presidium Members or other persons have then proceeded to effectively chair the Meeting. Similarly we have elected the Chair of the DC to chair the AGM to conduct elections. This has been done by friendly cooperation and consent in the AGM, but now the Presidium has been asked to regularize this procedure to provide for explicit authority for such elections to the Chair, so that there is not a possible technical breach of the Statutes.

Vote: Unanimously approved

JF MOVED that the Presidium to approve the amendment of the WDSF Statutes’ Article 11, number 3 (f), as following:

(f) at the Motion of any Delegate the Meeting may vote to impose limits on or prohibit further speaking by any Delegate who has spoken more than ten (10) times in that Meeting, and may vote to impose limits on or prohibit further speaking by the Delegates and other representatives of any Member whose Delegates or other representatives have spoken more than ten (10) times in that Meeting.

Reason: This amendment is introduced as an answer to numerous complaint which the Presidium receives from Delegates who complain that some other Delegates and other persons dominate and lengthen the Meetings by speaking for a long time on many issues. This new amendment means that Delegates who are frustrated with one or two people who insist on speaking all the time, may
now move to limit further speeches by those people. At the same time, this amendment ensures that the Presidium is not accused of “censoring” or “suffocating” discussion or debate – it is a matter for the Delegates to decide on a Motion to the Meeting. The Legal Commission has received recommendations that the limit be as few as 5 speeches or as many as 20. The Mover Jim Fraser has no opinion on what is best, but recommends that the Motion be introduced so that the AGM can give its opinion and thereby end the complaints which the Presidium finds very difficult to solve.

TT moved to change this amendment proposal to:

(f) at the Motion of any Delegate the Meeting may vote to impose limits on or prohibit further speaking by any Delegate, who has spoken more than ten (10) times in that Meeting, and may vote to impose limits on or prohibit further speaking by the Delegates and other representatives of any Member whose Delegates or other representatives have spoken more than ten (10) times in that Meeting.

JF accepted the changes proposed by TT and moved that the Presidium to approve the amended motion as following:

(f) at the Motion of any Delegate the Meeting may vote to impose limits on or prohibit further speaking by any Delegate.

Vote: 11 in favour, 1 opposed.

JF moved that the Presidium to approve the amendment of the WDSF Statutes regarding the numbering of the sub articles that at the moment are in Latin (bis and ter) to numbers.

Reason: the use of the suffixes (bis) and (ter) is an interim practice in Swiss law but it is not a desirable long-term solution. The vice-president for Legal Affairs is regularly asked why the statutes are not numbered in a simple consecutive way. This amendment eliminates the temporary appearance of the statutes but does not sacrifice clarity or require a renumbering of all subsequent articles of the statutes.

Vote: 1 in favour, 1 abstention, 10 opposed.

JF moved that the Presidium to approve the amendments of the WDSF Statutes: Article 13 (bis) number 4 and Article 16 number 1.

Article 13 (bis), number 4 “Qualification of the different Presidium Members”, as following:

4 In order to be eligible to serve as President of the WDSF, candidates must have been for at least four consecutive years immediately prior to the election: a WDSF Presidium Member, or the WDSF CEO, or a Member of the executive body of a WDSF Member Body, and may not have served more
than eight (8) years and six (6) months as President of WDSF.

Reason: this amendment preserves the Presidium’s power to appoint a successor to the president but makes it subject to the new proposed term limits for the president.

Article 16, number 1, as following:

1. The President is the chief political representative of WDSF and has the duty and authority to lead and to try to build consensus within WDSF. During any period when no CEO has been employed or the employment of a CEO has been suspended or terminated, the President assumes the functions of the Chief Executive Officer of WDSF for that period and then has full authority to manage the day-to-day business of WDSF. No person may serve more than eight (8) years and six (6) months as President. Any person who serves a total of eight (8) years and six (6) months as President, shall automatically cease to be President after that total period of service and shall be ineligible to be elected or be appointed President again or otherwise to serve as President of WDSF again.

Reason: In the past 53 years, WDSF has had too many long-term WDSF Presidents, as follows: Mr. Hegemann, 32 years; Mr. Freitag, 8½ years. Neither man left office entirely voluntarily; each wanted to continue as President even longer. Mr. Baumann left office voluntarily after 8 years, Mr. Pover left after 7 months as an interim successor to Mr. Hegemann. In the end, long-term Presidents have not been beneficial for the WDSF. In addition long-term Presidents tend to build more and more power around themselves in groups and informal committees outside the Presidium and either bypass or overpower the Presidium. This proposed amendment will make that kind of concentration of power more difficult and will require the President to be more consultative with the Presidium and the Members. It will force more power out of the hands of the President and his favourites and into the hands of the Presidium and its Commissions. It will result in a more powerful Presidium and General Meeting, which is a desirable outcome. And in any event it will absolutely end the possibility of long-term Presidents.

LL suggested that the proposal should limit the terms for all WDSF Presidium members and not only for the WDSF President. JLB stated that for good governance principle the IOC recommends to have terms for president and board members. There was a discussion on term limits for the Presidium members and if the motion proposed should be amended or not and in the end the Presidium agreed that Presidium members should also have their limitation on their terms.

JF WITHDREW the motion for the purpose of revision to provide an expansion of his proposal for term limits.

LH MOVED that the Presidium propose a motion at the next AGM to introduce clear term limits for all Presidium members.
Vote: 11 in favour, 1 abstention

JF **MOVED that** the Presidium to approve the amendment of the WDSF Statutes’ Article 16, number 15, as following:

15. *The President, the First Vice President, the General Secretary, the Vice-President for Legal Affairs, the VP for Finance, and the Chief Executive Officer are all authorized to sign documents and perform other legal acts on behalf of WDSF, if those documents or acts are specifically permitted under these Statutes or have otherwise been approved by the Presidium or the Managing Committee, provided always that otherwise the President, the First Vice President, the General Secretary, the Vice-President for Legal Affairs, the Vice-President for Finance and the Chief Executive Officer have precedence to do so in that order, and provided further that any of them may delegate such power temporarily on a case-by-case basis to any other Presidium Member or Members.*

Reason: it is the opinion of the WDSF Legal Commission that each and every time a contract must be signed, there should be one WDSF official who is explicitly empowered under the statutes to sign it. Presently there is no such provision in the statutes. Creating such explicit authority provides greater legal certainty in WDSF’s business affairs. It is helpful to set out in the statutes who is permitted to act, to establish an order of precedence for doing so among the senior officials who do this work, and to provide for convenient legal, structured, temporary delegation of this power for greater efficiency in special cases.

Vote: 7 opposed, 4 abstention, 1 favour

15. **Vice-President for Finance Report**

15.1. Brief update on estimated 2018 Financial position compared to Budget

TT reported that he was projecting a substantial loss of CHF 815K but at the moment this seems not to be the case. TT explained that although revenue is less so are the expenses, therefore the situation looks better than foreseen.

15.2. A request to presidium members to provide any input to update Financial Regulations for the 2019 AGM

TT requested Presidium members to contact him in case they would like to make any update.
15.3. WDSF’s Swiss VAT obligations for prior years

This ongoing work arose out of the errors and omissions which occurred under President Freitag’s administration of the WDSF Office. TT reported that subsequent to extensive reviews following the 2015 audit undertaken by majority vote of the WDSF MC, and further ongoing work, WDSF has now filed with the Swiss government all outstanding returns for all prior years relating to Swiss VAT obligations and paid all of its Swiss VAT obligations.

In this regard, Mr Tilenni advised that WDSF received a VAT refund in excess of CHF30,000 for the 2017 year and paid VAT for the 2013 to 2015 years in excess of CHF143,000. TT also advised that a VAT refund may also be available once the 2018 WDSF accounts have been completed.

16. Vice-President for Communication Report

16.1. Transition of tasks from the previous Communications Director

LL explained that based on Roland Hilfiker’s feedback she could put together a list of tasks and responsibilities previously dealt by the Communications Director. LL stated there was a need for a marketing and sponsorship department and one person who could be responsible for this department. LL showed an organigramme of how the communication is organised at the moment:

Following the first-ever Communication Commission Meeting in Moscow in November 2018, LL announce the vision, mission and objectives for WDSF Communications:

Mission (draft): WDSF Communications shall provide adequate and up-to-date information about
the developments and events of DanceSport in collaboration with its associate member(s) by using different media possibilities and following the **WDSF Media Relations Code**.

Vision (draft): The WDSF Communications Team shall work effectively providing quality material from different DanceSport disciplines, events and matters, giving added value for member federations, taking advantage of all the most recent possibilities offered by media channels and enhancing the visibility of all DanceSport among the bigger audience.

Objectives (draft): The Communications Team and the Communications Commission are principally composed of the same persons who have a weekly skype meeting to discuss strategic communication actions, publication on website and social media and update of policies and instructions.

LL reported that the update of Communications Codes approved at the 2018 AGM is still to be done.

There was a discussion about the employees hired by LL for the Communications Team, focusing mainly on their tasks and contract agreements with the WDSF. JLB recommended that all employees should be hired by the WDSF with a clear job description and a work contract agreement in writing. LL stated some people who are now working on the Communications Team were hired to cope with the situation at the moment on a temporary basis, but this could be reviewed.

ST said he would like the Communications Team be able to work independently with people who specialize in the various areas so that the VP of Communications’ role would be more to oversee and direct their work.

There was a discussion on the need for redesigning the current WDSF website and GF presented to the Presidium some proposals from different companies with respective budgets. The Presidium agreed to choose the offer from JayKay Design.

### 16.2. AISTS Team project

LL explained WDSF is working with the International Academy of Sports Science and Technology (AISTS) in a Team Project which will analyse the current WDSF communications structure and activities, search other International Sports Federations for best practices in terms of communications structure, and give advice on how to implement a modern and robust communications department at the WDSF.
17. Vice-President for Marketing Report

VG was absent and his report was not presented. He previously sent his report to all Presidium members by email. LL referred to VG’s report re: his request for the need for collaboration with the Communication Commission and remarked that she had tried to contact VG by email on several occasions to discuss cooperation but she had not received a reply.

18. Vice-President for Development report

18.1. Special Olympics

AC reported he had two meetings with Mr. Mariusz Damentko, Sports Director of Special Olympics Europe, at the Eurasia Region Office in July and October 2018. AC confirmed there was a possibility of collaboration with the 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games in March in Abu Dhabi.

18.2. Academic European Championships (AUC)

AC said that following the discussion with Adam Roczek, President of the European Federation of Student Sport, there is a possibility of cooperation in the future in some pilot competitions and Poland planned to take part in these test events but this will take some time, probably two years.

AC confirmed he represented WDSF at some competitions held in Poland and suggested that it is important that WDSF ensures one of its representatives always attends European and World Championships. This was not the case in Czech Republic recently and the Czechs were very disappointed.

JLB recommends that AC regularly liaise with the WDSF Office specially when contacting new organisations to make sure these organisations are officially recognised by the IOC.

19. Progress of WDSF Professional Division

ST requested VS to organise a meeting with the PD Directors in order to prepare proposals to develop the WDSF PD Division further. ST stressed that there are some challenges at the moment with a temporary decrease of PD athletes. ST said VS should consider advice from PM and GW in this case, if they accept his invitation to collaborate on this initiative.
20. Report of the Chair of the Membership Commission

20.1. Monaco DanceSport Association withdrawal of WDSF Membership

PM requested that any issue related to Monaco should be discussed at the Presidium meeting following the 2019 AGM and, in the meantime, if anything comes up the person to be contacted is NJ who will liaise with PM.

20.2. Report on the Current Situation in Ukraine and Bulgaria

After discussions and considerations of the situation in Ukraine and Bulgaria, JF presented two motions:

MOVED, that the Presidium authorizes the General Secretary to give one (1) month’s notice to the Ukrainian WDSF Member body under Article 14(1)(e) of the WDSF Statutes that one (1) month after the delivery of such Notice the Presidium may expel it for important reasons including but not limited to failure to organise and improve WDSF DanceSport in Ukraine consistent with the values and goals of WDSF, without further notice.

MOVED, that the Presidium authorizes the General Secretary to give one (1) month’s notice to the Bulgarian WDSF Member body under Article 14(1)(e) of the WDSF Statutes that one (1) month after the delivery of such Notice the Presidium may expel it for important reasons including but not limited to failure to organise and improve WDSF DanceSport in Bulgaria consistent with the values and goals of WDSF, without further notice.

JF MOVED that the Presidium adopt both of the above motions.

Vote: Unanimously approved

[The meeting was suspended at 13:55 and resumed at 15:51 to discuss some remaining items of the agenda]

21. Report of the Chair of the DanceSport Discipline Development Commission

21.1. Report on new competitions held
LA reported that competitions in new disciplines were held in Belgrade (SRB), Roeslare (BEL) and Moscow (RUS), with great success although there are some issues that need to be addressed. LA said the common challenges to all the competitions were the E-Cards and the selection of judges. LA argued that the main reason for athletes’ resistance to E-Cards was because the athletes do not want to pay only for one competition. Therefore, it was important to develop the WDSF competition calendar for these new disciplines so that athletes can see the potential future advantage to apply for an E-Card. LA explained the judges for the above mentioned competitions were given a temporary C license valid only for the competition in question and the criteria for selections were based on DanceSport experience in national and international levels as well as acceptance from their respective WDSF national member body.

LA recommended that the next steps to be taken include: finalizing Caribbean and Latin Synchro rules, develop a judging system linked to the WDSF system, program training for judges, and establishing a competition calendar. LA asked who should be the person to decide on the new ranking system. ST replied LA Heinz Speaker could assist her with this task.

GF suggested if it would be useful maybe the WDSF Academy could help LA to find alternative solutions for the judges. ST confirmed he would assign someone to work with LA if she needed. NJ suggested judges could send their dates through the questionnaire that had been put in place by the Adjudicators’ Qualification and Classification Committee, adding that if necessary, the questionnaire could be modified to correspond to the needs of the new dances disciplines.

22. WDSF Lausanne Office

GF described the current situation at the office related to the staff and showed an organizational chart of the employees. GF stressed the importance for the staff of having JLB who can contribute a lot in different projects with his huge experience in the sport industry, at the International Olympic Committee and the Olympic movement.

GF then presented a document listing all the responsibilities of each employee and suggested that some tasks from the WDSF Academy could also be managed from the Office. GF stated that the WDSF Office is committed to provide neutral administrative support to everybody and encouraged the Presidium members to exchange with the Office for all matters as it is located at the heart of the sports world in Lausanne.

GF said that since the YOG in Buenos Aires, the staff has noticed a big difference in terms of
perception from the other federations when attending workshops and conferences organised at the Maison du Sport International. People are more curious to know what is happening in DanceSport and the staff is getting a lot of questions.

GF reminded the Presidium that the Managing Committee meeting in Belgrade approved the creation of two positions. One was offered to CS who is now in charge of several responsibilities in addition to the ones related to the position she was hired for. GF stated there is a need to hire someone for the second position who should be a legal expert. This need was confirmed by JF in several occasions as the situation related to the legal matters within WDSF has become very complex and cannot continue to be dealt with on a voluntary basis. GF estimated that hiring a legal professional would save 50% or 60% of what WDSF is now spending with the various law firms. In a longer perspective the WDSF will probably need a Marketing Director and a Sports Director. GF stated the situation with contractor/sub-contractors outside the WDSF Staff should be clarified with a defined channel of command and responsibilities.

GF spoke about the preparations for the 2019 WDSF AGM referring to some issues related to the deadline for submission of motions and requested that this should be clarified. JF confirmed that the motions can only be heard at the AGM if they are delivered to the WDSF Office before midnight CET time on the day of the deadline, i.e. by the very end of the deadline day, Central European Time.

GF reported that the contract with GPS was cancelled and asked if according to the termination of contract between Support Air International and WDSF, Roland Hilfiker was supposed to send files to be archived at the WDSF Office. LH said WDSF should investigate if the archives received by the German NMB from the Estate of the late Rudi Hubert (WDSF General Secretary 1975-2000) could be transferred to the WDSF Office. NJ was assigned to contact DanceSport Germany to try to solve this problem.

23. Feasibility Study and Proposal of a WDSF Hall of Fame

CS introduced her study and proposal to create a WDSF Hall of Fame in order to promote and restore the respect for Standard and Latin and participants involved in these disciplines. CS explained that after the 2018 WDSF AGM in Lausanne it was decided that Standard and Latin would need a major project and she started to think about this idea, which was supported by the Management Committee. According to CS, this project is a major recognition for the long history and tradition of Standard and Latin disciplines within the WDSF and would have the possibility to benefit this community and increase WDSF’s cultural assets related to its heritage.
CS described in detail the whole concept for the WDSF Hall of Fame that was prepared after she conducted a survey study of several Hall of Fames maintained by different international/national sport federations. There was a consensus among the Presidium members that this was an amazing idea and they fully supported this initiative.

24. Next WDSF Meetings

ST proposed to have a two-day WDSF Presidium Meeting in Budapest on June 6 & 7, 2019, just before the WDSF Annual General Meeting on June 8 & 9, 2019.

25. Appointment of new Chair of WDSF Historical Commission

ST **MOVED that** the Presidium to approve Petr Horáček, from Slovakia, as Chair of the Historical Commission.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

ST **MOVED** to add CS to the WDSF Historical Commission.

Vote: Unanimously approved

[There being no further urgent business, the Presidium voted to adjourn the Meeting at 17:00. N.B. that ST succeeded LH as WDSF President later in the day on November 17, 2018.]

Lukas Hinder
President/Past President

Shawn Tay
First Vice President/President

Minutes Secretary:
Cristina Swan
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