THE WDSF Presidium:

_Excerpt* of the Minutes of the WDSF Presidium_

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Present:
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Jim Fraser, (JF) WDSF First Vice President
Shawn Tay, (ST) WDSF General Secretary
Tony Tilenni, (TT) WDSF Treasurer
Michael Eichert, (ME) WDSF Second Vice President
Verena Sulek, (VS), Member PD
Heidi Götz, (HG)
Keiji Ukai, (KU)
Sergio Rotaris, (SR)
Ken Richards, (KR)
Vasile Gliga (VG)
Ashli Williamson, Member Athletes Commission (AW)
Setsuo Nakamura (SN), President IFC
Miriam Kerpan-Izak (MK), President WRRC
Jean-Laurent Bourquin, (JLB) WDSF CEO (Invited)
Tommy Shaughnessy (TS), WDSF Sports Director (Invited)
Daniel Stehlin, (DS) Chair WDSF Disciplinary Council (Invited)
Roland Hilfiker, (RH) WDSF Communication Director (Invited)

Minutes Secretary: Guillaume Felli, (GF) WDSF Project Officer

The President welcomed all participants to the meeting – The meeting started at 9:00 am.
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WDSF Presidium Meeting, 10th June 2017, Singapore
Excerpt of the Minutes
1. Introduction by the President

LH welcomed everyone to this Presidium meeting which is held for the last time prior to the upcoming election, which will re-elect and/or elect Members to a newly-constituted WDSF Presidium. The focus of the meeting should be on the preparation of the upcoming WDSF Open Forum and AGM.

LH asked all participants to help him run an efficient meeting within the time allocated and would like to hear everybody participate. LH encouraged all members to share their opinions and contribute to the debates and exchanges of ideas. VS in charge of timekeeping for this meeting.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The Presidium approved the agenda for this meeting. UNANIMOUS

3. Keeper of the Minutes

Proposed: Guillaume Felli, WDSF Project Officer – UNANIMOUS

LH repeated the procedure regarding the circulation and review of the minutes draft and took this opportunity to thank JF for the extensive work he has done with the review of the legal parts of the last Presidium minutes which were very sensitive.

4. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Presidium meeting held in Barcelona on January 21st and 22nd, 2017, were approved UNANIMOUSLY.

LH reminded all participants about the importance of using this Action List for tracking purposes and ensuring that everyone delivers according to the various responsibilities assigned therein. GF will circulate the PAL (Presidium Action List) along with the copy of these minutes, at the latest one month after completion of the meeting. UNANIMOUS

5. 2018 Youth Olympic Games (YOG)

5.1. Report by the Leader of the Task Force

JLB provided the Presidium with an overview of the presentation that he will deliver at the Forum on June 11th, 2017. JLB stressed that his presentation will have a lot of emphasis around the word OPPORTUNITY. If WDSF is successful in delivering a great breaking (breakdance) event during the Buenos Aires 2018
Youth Olympic Games (YOG), it could open the door to other WDSF disciplines (for example: Latin, Rock’n’Roll, Boogie-woogie, show dance etc…) to be considered for inclusion into the YOG or Olympic Sports programme.

JLB further provided a full summary of this project’s history from last year (2016), with some reminders about when the IOC took the key decisions. He continued by explaining that in the current Global Olympic context the IOC is struggling to attract candidate cities to host the Olympic Games and is losing its connection with Youth as several of the sports currently on the Olympic program are not appealing to young people anymore. The IOC has identified that the Olympic Games are at the end of a cycle and that they need to take a new direction by introducing new sports with a strong appeal to Youth. The introduction of breaking (breakdance) is a clear decision from the IOC to invest in the future. If WDSF delivers a strong product and event in BA 2018, WDSF will be stronger on the map of world sport. JLB reminded the Presidium that this is once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. The IOC strongly encourages International Federations to stay relevant for the future through innovations: test and validate new sports formats, initiatives, and programmes. This is what WDSF is doing with breaking.

JLB provided some details on the structure and organization of the YOG project: a WDSF task force was created in January (YOTAFO) and in parallel of this task force, WDSF had to work with top partners from the breaking community (respected by all and bringing years of experience) to ensure the delivery of a top event with the highest standards. Many people approached WDSF claiming that they were the only legitimate person or group to represent breaking. Amongst all these people, WDSF was lucky to have been contacted by Storm, a legend in the breaking community, respected by all, who is currently collaborating on the development of a judging system. This judging system will be fair, objective, and transparent and should be released in the coming weeks.

WDSF also had to identify experts in breaking event organization (for the 3 regional qualifying events of the qualification system) and here again WDSF was extremely fortunate to have been in touch with by Thomas Hergenröther, an expert in the organization of breaking events with 25+ years of experience and a senior advisor to Red Bull for their breaking events. JLB noted that the World Youth Breaking championships held in Tokyo in May 2018 will be organized under the responsibility of WDSF, with the assistance of Breaking experts.

Qualification & Event Phase: JLB reminded everyone that the qualification process started on 01/05/2017 with the 1st Stage of the qualification system, which is a digital qualification through which b-boys and b-girls born between 01/01/2000 and 31/12/2002 have to submit a 45” video on www.breakingforgold.com – the official WDSF judges will then make a selection of up to 5 boys and 5 girls per country to participate in one of the three regional
qualifiers ("Stage 2") which will take place between October and December 2017. Stage 3 will be the WDSF World Youth Breaking Championships held in May 2018 in Tokyo Japan. A total of 12 boys and 12 girls (maximum one boy and one girl per country) will then qualify to participate in the YOG in Buenos Aires in October 2018.

The current promotion of stage 1 is challenging. As of June 10th, 2017, a limited number of videos have been submitted but WDSF and the breaking experts are working hard to promote participation and ensure high level of participation.

The coordination between WDSF, the IOC and the Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Games Organizing Committee (BAYOCOG) is going very well. Regular meetings with the IOC are taking place in Lausanne and the MC’s decision to have an office in Lausanne has proven to be a definite advantage for WDSF.

In Buenos Aires, the breaking competition will be held at the “URBAN PARK”, very close to the official IOC Hotel and as such, the breaking competition will be in the spotlight. JLB reminded the Presidium that WDSF is also being considered by the IOC and BAYOCOG to deliver showcasing and initiation (introductory programs). Such projects are currently being discussed between the 3 parties. For these additional programs, WDSF counts on its NMBs and their willingness to contribute by participating and sending athletes to Argentina. It is another unique opportunity for WDSF and its NMBs to promote ALL DanceSport disciplines to the IOC and its stakeholders.

JLB noted that such projects (initiation (introductory programs), showcasing, sports presentation) are also currently being discussed with the organizing committee of the Lausanne 2020 Youth Olympic Games, confirming the great interest in WDSF from various Olympic partners, such interest was generated by the inclusion of breaking in the YOG programme.

JLB highlighted the high-level work being done by Géraldine Zahnd (WDSF Project Coordinator) on this subject from the Lausanne office – she is in close contact with the IOC and BAYOCOG and is reinforcing WDSF thanks to her background in urban dances and her project management skills. There has also been close collaboration with the Argentinian NMB and its president Mr. Raoul Olivera. Mr. Olivera is fully supportive of the project and has helped integrate breaking as a discipline within its federation.

WDSF is now “playing in another league” and it is essential that all WDSF NMBs behave and act accordingly. NMBs have an important role to play in the relations with their NOCs and these NOCs will report to the IOC on their interactions with WDSF NMBs. If our members show enthusiasm, knowledge, responsiveness, and great collaboration with their respective NOCs on this project, the IOC will know that WDSF is a reliable partner that they can trust and work with in the future for other DanceSport disciplines.
JLB acknowledged the great achievements made by Roland Hilfiker (RH), WDSF Communications Director, regarding all the social media and communication on this YOG Project. RH managed to position the WDSF at a very high level and JLB thanked him for all the hard work he has accomplished in a very short period of time.

**Next Steps**

Regarding the next steps of the YOG project, JLB advised as follows:

- June 2017: finalisation of the breaking judging system, approval of the YORIS (Youth Olympic Games Result Information System) documents by the IOC
- July 31st, 2017: end of digital qualification (Stage 1), selection for the continental qualifications
- October to December 2017: continental qualifications (Stage 2) for the WDSF Youth Breaking Championships
- Possible involvement of interested NMBs for additional YOG Projects (initiatory programs (introductory programs), showcasing, sports presentation etc.)

JLB highlighted all the opportunities that arose from this project and emphasized that the YOG project has put WDSF on the Olympic Map and opened the door for further close collaboration with other international federations or organizations (FIBA, FISU, IWGA etc.). The Project will also leave a strong legacy as far as the digital qualification and judging system are concerned.

LH thanked JLB for his comprehensive and instructive presentation and confirmed that it is in line with his presidential program and the Vision 2012 program defined by the WDSF members, i.e. that DanceSport is more than just Latin and Standard. The WDSF is fulfilling what it has decided upon more than 10 years ago. WDSF took advantage of the opportunity to enter breaking into the YOG and LH is convinced that through a well-planned and successful delivery it will open the door for other DanceSport disciplines into the Olympic programme.

LH reminded the Presidium that many other sports have spent millions of dollars lobbying the IOC to have their sport enter the Olympic program but that WDSF has managed to enter the YOG without spending large amounts of money and that the YOG project is now the WDSF lobby campaign to become an Olympic Sport from the inside. This is the best investment we can make for our Sport (LH). Of course, it is not an easy task and can be very challenging at times, but this is a unique chance for WDSF and LH hopes to bring all the NMBs in the right direction. This is also an amazing opportunity for them, Austria has just recently
been recognized by their NOC after trying for many years, confirming that the YOG project has put WDSF on the map of sport. JF also thanked JLB for his presentation and commented that he had to interact extensively and repeatedly with Storm over the past few months and was extremely impressed by his great personality, vision, business skills and intelligence. JF believes there are great opportunities to bring different dance communities together by highlighting the similarities rather than insisting on the differences.

TS added that there was a sense of disappointment from the Standard and Latin community who did not necessarily understand why breaking was chosen for the YOG over their discipline. To make the Olympic dream come true, WDSF needs to show unity and first deliver a great event in Buenos Aires to reinforce its credibility to the IOC and open the door to other disciplines.

6. WDSF Structure

6.1. Staff and Offices in Lausanne and Barcelona

Lausanne Office: JLB thanked Géraldine Zahnd and Guillaume Felli for their hard work, professionalism, and commitment. Bigger office space is needed as two trainees will be joining the Lausanne office (Cristina Tilenni for 3 weeks in July 2017, and Pauline Carminati from August 2017 to February 2018). There is an opportunity at WDSF’s current Lausanne office building MSI (Maison du Sport International) to move to a bigger space. JLB highlighted the importance of being located at MSI given the great synergies and dynamics it has created for WDSF over the past couple of months. J LB presented three options to the MC and it was agreed that the newly-elected Presidium would take the final decision regarding the move of offices to a bigger space.

Barcelona Office: JLB informed the Presidium that the three staff members from the Barcelona office took the decision not to attend the WDSF AGM in Singapore for personal and medical reasons. They also commented that after checking with their legal advisor, they believed WDSF could not force them to travel for professional reasons as it was outside of the scope of their tasks.

Several MC Members commented that no one was trying to “force” any of them to attend, and that on the contrary the MC had assumed that the Barcelona staff would all consider any offer to attend the 60th Anniversary 2017 AGM, and attractive opportunity.

An obvious lack of cooperation has been detected from early February 2017. JLB tried to understand the reason for this change of attitude but the staff in Barcelona repeatedly told JLB and GF that it had nothing to do with them and that they could not help resolving the issues as they were all linked to “the past”. JLB and GF continued working with business as usual, maintaining weekly or bi-weekly calls.
In May 2017 Ms. Pedrazo was granted a medical leave for approximately 12 weeks on the basis of a medical certificate from her physician, and soon after her medical leave started, Mr. Sal also had to stop working for medical reasons with a medical certificate for approximately 5 weeks.

JLB stressed that the situation is extremely unpredictable for WDSF and that he seeks to preserve the dialogue with the employees in Barcelona.

6.2. WDSF Survey

GF presented the Presidium with the Analysis and Key findings of the WDSF NMB Survey which will also be presented during the 2017 WDSF Open Forum. The NMB survey was conducted in collaboration with the AISTS (International Academy of Sports Science and Technology), a post-graduate school located in Lausanne and created by the IOC. Four students worked on the project for a total of 80 hours as part of their curriculum and were very successful in delivering content and analysis according to WDSF’s requirements.

LH thanked GF for his presentation and highlighted the importance for an international federation conducting this kind of detailed federation-wide survey, to know our members better and to better serve them.

MK also commented that the survey results confirmed that the wish to include and develop new disciplines inside existing NMB is quite low on priority list which makes WRRC work even more difficult and requires perhaps a different approach into cooperation on the national level.

7. 2017 WDF Annual General Meeting (AGM), Monday, 12th June 2017, Swissôtel Singapore

7.1. Organisational

LH thanked ST for all the dedicated and hard work put into the preparation of the upcoming 2017 AGM. ST mentioned that this year’s AGM generated a lot of interest and attention from the members. WDSF does not have a clear policy in its constitution regarding the registration for the AGM and people are still sending their nomination (or changes to their nomination) two days before the meeting. This would need to change in the future. Several nominations also had to be declined because the nominated delegates or observers were not members of the NMB they were requesting to represent.

7.2. Roll Call and Ascertainment of Votes

ST will be responsible for the roll call and ascertainment of votes. GF will provide help with the roll call after collection of the voting materials is completed before the Call to Order on the morning of the AGM.
7.3. Right of access to AGM and organisation of strict control

LH stressed that he wants to impose stricter controls of who comes in and out of the meeting room, in previous years there was a lot of movement during the meeting which he wants to avoid for future meetings. ST confirmed that nominative passes have been printed and distributed at the time of registration and that strict access control will be enforced by security personal at the entrance of the room.

7.4. Voting material (for open voting and secret ballots)

ST reported that all voting and election cards have been printed and prepared in separate envelopes per country. Cards will only be handed out in the morning of the AGM – delegates will sign off upon receipt of and verification of voting material – no “lost” voting cards will be replaced after confirmation of full receipt of the voting materials.

7.5. Recording Secretary of the AGM

Proposed: Guillaume Felli, WDSF Project Officer – UNANIMOUS

7.6. Statement of Presidium Members in AGM and/or WDSF Open Forum regarding WDSF Presidium's decisions.

The Presidium agreed that all Presidium members should support the Presidium Motions during the forum and AGM as they were all voted and agreed by the Presidium before submissions. UNANIMOUS

7.7. Majorities

LH asked the Presidium members to be familiar with the majority rules and to carefully study the document he prepared on that matter which can be found on the AGM e-booklet.

7.8. Recognitions and Special Welcomes

ST confirmed that he already prepared a PPT Slide with this information (new presidents and special welcomes)

7.9. Presidium's proposal for candidates for Scrutineers (item 7 of the AGM Agenda)

The WDSF Presidium must propose the scrutineers and try to avoid, whenever possible, nominating scrutineers from the same countries as potential candidates. ST has already submitted a proposed list which was approved by the Presidium based on past experiences, only observers should be appointed as scrutineers

7.10. WDSF Treasurer's Report (item 13 of the AGM Agenda)
7.10.1. Adoption of audited WDSF Balance Sheet as of 31st December 2016 and Profit & Loss Account (subject to the approval of the AGM)

TT reported on the matter: the accounts are not in a bad situation overall given how much WDSF has invested to clean up some issues from the past. WDSF had budgeted for a loss of CHF 242K but actually produced a loss of CHF 411,848 in 2016. This loss could have been even less if it wasn’t for the legal settlements of CHF 286,263 that had to be paid. In 2016, WDSF also incurred extra expenses with the opening of the HQ in Lausanne and the investments made for the YOG project, however there is still over CHF 2.5 million in the account. The audited report has been 100% cleared despite all the challenges in legal settlements that took place.

LH thanked TT for his exceptional work and stressed that it is a huge value for WDSF to have him as a financial expert.

LH **MOVED** to adopt the audited accounts for presentation by TT on behalf of the WDSF Presidium to the AGM: Motion carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

7.10.2. Adoption of WDSF’s 2017 Revised Budget

TT presented the 2017 WDSF budget and thanked JLB for his hard work and assistance with the YOG and Office/administration items. TT insisted that in 2017 there are many variables in the budget that cannot be exactly determined at present.

For example, the potential additional revenue generated from the ID Cards fee increase is dependent on the approval of the Presidium’s Motion without any changes by the members at the AGM. TT stressed that the ID Card fee increase proposal is not linked to the YOG project. It is a necessity if WDSF wants to continue taking care of its athletes and evolving into the future by innovating and staying ahead of our rapidly changing world. TT believes that the ID card fee increase proposal is fair, especially compared to what athletes pay for one hour of training or for their travel costs. TT will present at the Forum and spend time explaining and answering all members concerns to make sure everybody understands that this is an investment for the future and for the athletes.

Regarding the sponsorship and marketing projected revenues of CHF 370K in 2017 and CHF 345K the following year: TT mentioned that it is a fair estimate at the moment but the revenue still needs to be collected and there are no guarantees. TT congratulated JLB for the important sponsorship revenue he secured for the YOG for 2017 and 2018.

TT highlighted that there is a significant increase in the budget for “secretarial expenses” for 2017 as employing people in Switzerland versus people in Spain has very different costs, however having an office in Lausanne, the Olympic Capital, has already proven to be a huge benefit to WDSF, very good marketing
for DanceSport and beneficial to WDSF for tax purposes.

**LH MOVED** to adopt the revised 2017 budget. The 2017 revised budget was approved by the Presidium with 1 abstention and 1 against. It will be presented by TT on behalf of the WDSF Presidium at the AGM.

### 7.10.3. Adoption of the WDSF’s Provisional 2018 Budget

TT informed the Presidium that for the 2018 provisional budget (as for the 2017 revised budget) an amount of 200K has been provisioned as a precautionary measure in case extraordinary costs need to be paid to complete meeting the restructuring of WDSF.

There were no comments or questions on this 2018 provisional budget from Presidium members.

**LH MOVED** to adopt the revised 2018 budget. The Motion was approved with 2 abstentions. TT will present the 2018 provisional budget on behalf of the WDSF Presidium at the AGM.

TT also reminded the Presidium that the AGM needs to reappoint an auditor for the WDSF accounts. He suggested to present the reappointment of the current auditor, Liguster Treuhand from Switzerland, for approval by the Members. The Presidium agreed **UNANIMOUSLY**

### 7.11. Remaining Reports (items 9-12 and 14-36 of the AGM Agenda)

#### 7.11.1. Request for discussion of individual report(s) within the Presidium

LH opened the floor for discussions and welcomed all Presidium members to comment or raise questions. No comments were made by Presidium members.

#### 7.11.2. Decision on the procedure for presentation and approval of the Reports on the AGM [individual or Motion to the AGM to present them in unison and vote in global on all the reports, except Report of the WDSF Treasurer (item 13 of the AGM Agenda)]

To make a more efficient use of time at the AGM, LH proposed that a Motion is raised during the AGM to have members approve all the uncontested AGM reports (except for the Report of the WDSF Treasurer in accordance with article 13 of the AGM Agenda) under one vote. Members will of course have the possibility to comment or raise question for each report, but the approval of the reports will be under one single vote. LH also highlighted that this suggested procedure is not intended in order to disrespect the chairperson of the commissions but only to speed up the allocation of time during the AGM. The Presidium agreed **UNANIMOUSLY** with LH’s proposal.

KR suggested to give the ability to members to submit a comment in writing
after the AGM to have them included in the minutes. DS answered that such a practice or technique is not possible according to law and that everything appearing in the minutes must have been discussed in public.

7.12. Approval of the Presidium’s Work (item 37 of the AGM Agenda)

The MC proposed that Mr. Dallas Williams from Australia makes the Motion to approve the Presidium’s work during the past year. LH asked the Presidium members if they had any other suggestions? No suggestions. The Presidium agreed UNANIMOUSLY with the proposal for Mr. Williams.

7.13. Presidium Motions (item 38 of the AGM Agenda): Decision on the Presidium Members(s) to present the Presidium’s Motions to the AGM.

7.13.1. Motion Re: New Structure for the WDS Presidium, the WDSF Managing Committee and the WDSF Staff (item 38.1 of the AGM Agenda)

Proposed: Jim Fraser

7.13.2. Motion Re: Fighting Competition Manipulation (item 38.2)
Proposed: Jim Fraser

7.13.3. Motion Re: Enlargement for formal Guarantees in Internal Dispute Proceedings (item 38.3)
Proposed: Jim Fraser

7.13.4. Motion Re: Paragraph 7 of the WDSF Financial Regulations to Increase of Athletes ID Card Fees (item 38.4)
Proposed: Tony Tilenni

7.13.5. Motion Re: WDSF Competition Rule X. Rules for Chairpersons and Adjudicators (item 38.5)
Proposed: Shawn Tay

7.13.6. Motion Re: WDSF Competition Rules (item 38.6)
Proposed: Michael Eichert

7.13.7. Motion Re: Showdance Rules (item 38.7)
Proposed: Michael Eichert

UNANIMOUS approval from the Presidium on these proposals for presentation of the Presidium Motions.

7.14. Members’ Motions (item 39 of the AGM agenda)

7.14.1. Decision of official recommendations by the Presidium to the AGM
LH mentioned that this practice was discussed in detail during the MC meeting and the MC recommends to the Presidium that it continues with it in the future. It is important however to express the Presidium’s opinion in the right order during the AGM, always after the mover had the possibility to speak about his/her organization’s Motion.

LH moved that the Presidium confirm that they agree with this practice. The Presidium agreed, with one vote opposed.

7.14.2. Discussion on all the Members’ Motions by Presidium

7.14.2.1. Motion #1 from Canada (item 39.1 on the AGM Agenda)

The Presidium recommends rejecting this Motion because WDSF should not create a rule for which it does not necessarily have the power to follow. ST confirmed that, over the past few years, WDSF received very few bids to host the AGM. None was received for 2017 and 2018 and imposing a rule that would require the Presidium to automatically select the host of the next AGM at least 1 year in advance would not be practical. The Presidium is however committed to do its best to find host cities as soon as possible with the aim of always announcing the next city during the AGM.

JF moved that the Presidium oppose the Motion #1 from Canada (39.1): The Presidium agreed to oppose this Motion from Canada, with one abstention.

7.14.2.2. Motion #2 from Canada (item 39.2)

This Motion from Canada proposes that Presidium members refrain from stating their position on Member’s Motions. JF checked with his legal commission on that matter, they all provided different supporting texts but with the same conclusion: there is no legal way to prohibit the Presidium from being able to voice their opinion on members’ Motions.

JF moved that the Presidium oppose the Motion #2 from Canada (39.1): Presidium agreed to reject this Motion from Canada, with two abstentions.

7.14.2.3. Motion #3 (A+B) from Canada (item 39.3)

ME commented that he supports both items on the Motion, with one adjustment to be made to Motion 39.3 A. The text should allow for some flexibility in case the competition is not yet granted 3 months before the event.

TS agreed with ME, indicating that some championships were granted very late this year (2 month before) and although it looks much more promising for 2018, the text of the Motion should be adjusted as per ME’s comments.

JF moved that the Presidium support the Motion #3 A from Canada (39.3): the Presidium agreed unanimously to support this Motion subject to Canada’s accepting ME’s proposed amendment.
For the second part of the Motion (39.3 B), JF indicated that this point is already covered in the WDSF Rules and that the Motion from Canada does not bring anything new. ME and TS agreed that WDSF Rules are already in place in that regard, although it is not always easy to enforce them.

JF suggested that the Presidium does not vote on this second part of the Canadian Motion #3 and volunteered that he will approach the Canadian Delegates to check with them what was exactly the intention behind this Motion. If the intention is to enforce greater penalties if the Rules are not respected, JF will suggest that the Canadians bring back a new Motion next year with more specific details, to avoid any confusion. **UNANIMOUS**

[Editor’s Note: this conversation and withdrawal did occur before the Motion was scheduled to be heard by the AGM]

7.14.2.4. Motion #4 from Canada (item 39.4)

This Motion entails that all changes to rules, requirements, and pricing of services of the WDSF must be submitted to the AGM for prior approval and acceptance by the NMBs.

ST commented that this Motion is not practical and that NMBs cannot be consulted each time a change occurs. The Presidium approves all pricing structure of the Academy.

JF **MOVED** that the Presidium oppose the Motion #4 from Canada (39.4): **Presidium agreed to** oppose this Motion from Canada, with two against.

7.14.2.5. Motion #5 from Canada (item 39.5)

Upon careful review by the Presidium, this Motion was considered not legally valid. This item was already proposed in a Motion from the Presidium last November and approved. Consequently, it is a legal nullity. JF volunteered to explain this to the Canadian delegation and ask them to withdraw the Motion. **[Editor’s Note: this conversation and withdrawal did occur before the Motion was scheduled to be heard by the AGM]**

7.14.2.6. Motion from Colombia (item 39.6)

This Motion is for the approval by the members of a Latin America Confederation (sub-continental association) and would require a 2/3 majority to be accepted (change of **WDSF Statutes**).

JF warned that if such Motion is accepted, it will weaken the position of the continental associations.

AW commented that that the goal of WDSF is to create union a unity amongst the dancers and nations and that, if it were passed, this Motion would have the effect of frustrating that goal.
JF **MOVED** that the Presidium to reject the Motion from Colombia (39.6): the Presidium **UNANIMOUSLY agreed to oppose** his Motion.

7.14.2.7. Motions #1,2,3 4 from Croatia (items 39.8-11)

The Presidium discussed opposing these Motions from Croatia regarding the Dress Code. ME commented that the current rules are sufficient and that there is no need to complicate them further. JF asked ME to comment on this during the AGM and inquire whether the Croatian delegation would consent to a combined vote on all these dress code Motions.

JF **MOVED** that the Presidium opppose these 4 dress code Motions from Croatia (39.8-11): the Presidium agreed **UNANIMOUSLY to oppose** these Motions from Croatia.

7.14.2.8. Croatian Motion re: Rule E4 (Senior III grade of competitions) (item 39.12)

AW commented that this Motion was discussed with the Athlete’s commission (AC) and the AC was in favour of supporting it.

JF **MOVED** that the Presidium support the Rule E4 Motion from Croatia (39.12): the Presidium voted **in favour of supporting this Motion**, with one abstention.

7.14.2.9. Motion from the Czech Republic (item 39.13)

JF **MOVED** that the Presidium support the Motion from the Czech Republic (39.13): the Motion was carried **UNANIMOUSLY**.

7.14.2.10. Motion from Finland (item 39.14)

ME supports the Motion: he highlighted that this Motion specifically refers to the SF’s existing practice but that it was currently missing from the WDSF Rules.

JF **MOVED** that the Presidium support the Motion from Finland (39.14): the Motion was carried **UNANIMOUSLY** in favour of supporting the Finnish Motion.

7.14.2.11. Motion from Germany (item 39.15 of the AGM agenda)

ST indicated that many adjudicators are against this Motion and that he received a lot of comments and even a petition against it. ST commented that the current system in place is transparent, with 3 parties involved in all decisions (the academy, the education commission, and the sports commission with the consultation of PD and WDSF Sports director as well) and that this Motion would be inconsistent with that current successful practice. ST also clarified that the decisions regarding the GKT (General Knowledge Test) were taken unanimously by the Presidium and not just by him or the Academy.

JF informed the Presidium that he had reached out to the German federation’s President, Heidi Estler, about this Motion. Heidi was very willing to discuss it and
informed JF that the decision to submit this Motion was discussed and taken by the DTV Presidium. Germany feels that the Academy could better include WDSF Members in the whole decision-making process but that they are of course ready and opened to discuss this Motion. KR agreed that members want to be able to vote a take decision on the academy matter.

JF **MOVED** that the Presidium oppose the Motion from Germany (39.15): **Presidium agreed to oppose** the Motion with two against and one abstention.

TS volunteered to speak with Heidi Estler again before the AGM regarding the DTV Motion.

7.14.2.12. Motion from Japan (item 39.16)

ST commented that he is in favour of this Motion but that various elements are already included in a separate Presidium Motion.

JF **MOVED** that the Presidium support the Motion from Japan (39.16) in case the Presidium Motion on similar matter is not accepted: The Presidium agreed **UNANIMOUSLY** with this proposal.

7.14.2.13. Motion #1 from Latvia (item 39.17)

This Motion from Latvia asks that WDSF permit its Members to organize a WDSF Championship/Cup only if its cancellation due to any circumstances is covered by insurance or WDSF itself insures all WDSF championships/Cups to cover expenses due to cancellation.

JF respectfully suggested that Latvia should first refer to his legal commission report that takes this issue into consideration. The problem is that some competitions are granted 1, 2 or even 3 years in advance and no one can predict what could happen – the WDSF Presidium has a good record for avoiding last-minute cancellations but sometimes one cannot foresee and control what federations will do. Additionally, no insurance company or broker will offer a policy covering all kind of cancellations, it’s not feasible. All insurance policies have “exclusion clauses” that protect the insurers by “excluding” exactly such unpredictable and extraordinary risks.

MK commented that this Motion would need to be drastically adjusted to be passed – at WRRC they have an internal policy that WRRC will reimburse the expenses incurred by the athletes in case an event is cancelled 2 months before the date.

JF **MOVED** that the Presidium oppose the Motion #1 from Latvia (39.17): **Presidium agreed to oppose** the Motion with one abstention.

7.14.2.14. Motion #2 from Latvia (item 39.18)

The Motion #2 from Latvia entails that WDSF does not grant organization of more than one WDSF Championship/Cup in one and the same weekend,
particularly, if the age groups and disciplines merge.

AW commented that the AC is fully supportive of this Motion but asked that the Motion is adjusted to remove the “particularly” in the wording of the text.

JF **MOVED** that the Presidium support the Motion #2 from Latvia (39.18): the Presidium agreed **UNANIMOUSLY** to support the Motion #2 from Latvia.

7.14.2.15. Motion #1 from Portugal (item 39.19)

This Motion is proposing that there is a record of all decisions made by the Presidium that can be verified by any of WDSF members. The decision and operating policies record must include a description of the individual votes.

DS argued that this Motion is not compliant with WDSF governing documents. According to the WDSF Statutes, the Presidium as a whole is responsible for decision (principle of “cabinet collective responsibility”). If personal votes were to be released, it could weaken the position of people who voted for or against a proposition and it would also refrain people from speaking freely at the meetings.

LH reminded the Presidium that if a member wants to have something specific recorded in the minutes (including their position on a vote) it is their right to ask that is clearly reflected on paper.

MK supported LH’s argument, adding that Presidium’s work should be team work, even if someone is against everyone else on a specific matter during a vote or a decision taken during the Presidium, once the meeting is over, it is the responsibility of all Presidium member to stand by the decision of his/her colleagues and work in line with the decisions taken by the Presidium.

JF **MOVED** that the Presidium oppose the Motion #1 from Portugal (39.19): Presidium **UNANIMOUSLY agreed to oppose** this Motion.

7.14.2.16. Motion #2 from Portugal (item 30.20)

The 2nd Motion from Portugal suggests that All qualification courses promoted by WDSF through its WDSF Academy education branch that aim to qualify any of their technical human resources must have clear rules. A document with guidelines and full information must be available at the WDSF website stating the procedures and all rules that apply for applying to these courses and exams.

ST indicated that he has already formalized the procedures and arranged for the next course in Stuttgart this summer, all documents and information have been put on the WDSF website. ST already wrote to Portugal to inform them that this has been done, so he is not sure if they will withdraw their Motion or not. In any case, ST would not oppose the Motion as the work has already been done.
JF **MOVED** that the Presidium support the Motion #2 from Portugal (39.20): the **Presidium agreed to support the Motion** #2 from Portugal with one abstention

7.14.2.17. Motion #3 from Portugal (item 30.21)
This Motion proposes that the Presidium nominates someone from the Presidium who will be responsible to update the terms and reference to all WDSF documents and website which are published on the WDSF website.

JF commented that in principle he agrees with the content of this Motion but given the complexity of such task, it is not recommended that it is moved through a Motion and therefore becomes an official rule. The Presidium will intensify its efforts to update all documents and ensure coherence to the best of its ability. JF recommended that someone talks with the Portuguese delegation to explain the position of the Presidium on this.

JF **MOVED** that the Presidium oppose the Motion #3 from Portugal (39.21): The **Presidium agreed opposed this Motion** with one abstention.

7.14.2.18. Motion #4 from Portugal (item 30.22)
Motion #4 from Portugal asks that the Minutes of the Presidium be released to the members with Presidium opinion before the AGM.

JF noted that his Motion is in direct contradiction to the sense and intention of the Motion #2 from Canada (item 39.2). As previously discussed during this meeting, it is the intention of the Presidium to continue voicing its opinion on the members’ Motion. However, it is simply not possible logistically to circulate the position of the Presidium to all members given that the Presidium meeting (and consequently many of the decisions respecting Members’ Motions) takes place only one day before the AGM.

AW also warned that giving the Presidium’s opinion ahead of the AGM could be perceived by the members to be an attempt from the Presidium to unduly influence their vote.

JF **MOVED** that the Presidium oppose the Motion #4 from Portugal (39.22): the Motion #4 from Portugal was **UNANIMOUSLY** opposed.

7.14.2.19. Motion #5 from Portugal (item 30.23)
Motion #5 from Portugal is asking that for payments of invoices there is a set exchange rate establish at some point in time with the Swiss Francs.

TT argued that NMBs already have the option to pay the invoices in their own currency but that WDSF cannot usefully or sensibly set exchange rates at some point in time. WDSF is not a financial establishment and it would be too risky to both WDSF and its Members for WDSF to implement such policies with exchange
JF MOVED that the Presidium oppose the Motion #5 from Portugal (39.23): the Motion #5 from Portugal was UNANIMOUSLY opposed.

7.15. Required Majorities for each single Member's Motion

For each member Motion individual ppt slides will indicate the majority.

7.15.1. Decision on the Presidium Member who will conduct the discussion and the voting process for each Members’ Motion

Proposed: Jim Fraser – Agreed by the Presidium with one abstention (JF)

7.16. Election of two Members of the WDSF Disciplinary Council (DC) (item 40 of the AGM agenda)

DS informed the Presidium that Mr. de Robles resigned from the DC and that a replacement needs to be found for the remaining of the term (until 2019). DS has spoken with Mr. Laman from the Philippines and he is ready take over the position of VP of the DC. If Mr. Laman becomes VP, the DC will need to elect one ordinary member to replace him. DS suggested the Presidium nominates Ms. Karen Pedersen from Denmark for the position of ordinary member. UNANIMOUS approval from the Presidium. It was also agreed UNANIMOUSLY by the Presidium that DS should chair the election of the DC.

7.17. Election of the Presidium (item 41 of the AGM agenda)

LH reminded all Presidium members that under Swiss law the current Presidium remains in power until the end of the AGM.

7.17.1. Voting Procedure /Voting Material

DS indicated that we have prepared 2 different sets of voting materials, depending on the adoption of the proposed revised WDSF Statutes or not. The procedure will remain the same regarding the presentation of the candidates. DS will clearly explain the voting procedure to the members at the beginning of each vote. DS warned the Presidium that if the proposed new statutes are adopted, the time needed to complete the vote for each position could be quite long.

7.18. Chair for Elections

Proposed: Daniel Stehlin, Chairperson of the WDSF Disciplinary Council, to act as interim Chair for the elections of the WDSF Presidium. UNANIMOUS

7.19. Request to announce the date and place of the next AGM

LH suggested that an announcement is made during this year’s AGM to confirm Lausanne as the host city of the 2018 WDSF AGM with the forum being held on
June 16th and the AGM on June 17th, 2018. **UNANIMOUS**

**8. WDSF Open Forum, 11th June 2017, Swissôtel, Singapore**

**8.1. Organizational**

ST Confirmed that the timetable and list of topics were distributed to all members and that all logistical aspects are ready for the Forum.

**8.2. Chair/Moderator of the Forum**

Proposed: Shawn Tay – **UNANIMOUS** – but someone else needs to moderate the part regarding the presentation of candidates.

**8.3. Seating of the Members of the Presidium**

LH stressed that all Presidium members should be present at the Forum, seated at the front of the room, and should remain present from the beginning to the end.

**9. WDSF Membership Affairs**

**9.1. Russia**

JF provided a summary of the situation with Russia and how it evolved over the past few months. JF reminded the Presidium that during last year’s AGM (Rome 2016) the members accepted a resolution to provide automatic expulsion of RDSU if they failed to satisfy the Presidium’s request, which RDSU did in fact fail to do. Moreover, RDSU put WDSF in great jeopardy and caused damages to many persons by cancelling the GrandSlam in Moscow last October. Following these incidents and the expulsion of RDSU, the MC entered discussions with ambassadors from various groups in Russia and several people have been very helpful and effective in proposing solutions. As specifically mandated by the 2016 AGM in the event RDSU was automatically expelled, WDSF hired Ms. Ekaterina Stefankina in Moscow to administer WDSF’s business affairs in Russia and therefore allowed athletes to continue competing without being penalized by the expulsion of RDSU. Late in 2016, the MC identified a group of high-level individuals from the Russian Rock’n’Roll Federation to be the most reliable interlocutors and best suited to form a new DanceSport Federation in Russia.

JF requested that this group (the “All Russian Federation of DanceSport and Acrobatic Rock’n’Roll (RFDSARR)”) send WDSF their membership application as soon as possible so that WDSF could review their draft documents, ensuring that all documents complied with WDSF’s requirements, in order to avoid a situation where WDSF would have to reject the application. Unfortunately, all documents were delivered very late (on May 21st, 2017) and various elements
such as detailed competition rules, statutes in the original language (Russian), anti-doping rules etc., were completely missing.

Yesterday (June 9th, 2017) the MC had a meeting with the president of RFDSARR, Ms. Nadezhda Erastova, who informed WDSF that the RFDSARR is urgently requesting recognition from WDSF to be able to submit a competition calendar to the Ministry of Sport, therefore allowing RFDSARR to organize international WDSF granted competitions in Russia (Including the GS). JF told Ms. Erastova explicitly that in order to process their membership application, various missing documents would still need to be submitted and another document amended. Ms. Erastova promised to send all necessary documents as soon as possible.

JF also informed the Presidium, that the MC’s recommendation is to grant RFDSARR Provisional Membership in WDSF only under a carefully-written agreement. This agreement would stipulate that the membership will automatically expire at a certain time, will include a term requiring the reimbursement of all the money owed by RDSU to WDSF, and will include WDSF’s fulfilment of its promise to Ms. Stefankina that WDSF would require any new Russian WDSF Member body to hire her as a full-time employee of that body.

JF emphasized that since the RFDSARR’s delivery of their application documents, Ms. Erastova and her team have been very willing to comply to WDSF requirements and responsive to the requests of the MC. The MC believes that the RFDSARR is the best available partner for WDSF in Russia and the MC hopes that WDSF will soon finally have a reliable and professional partner in Russia.

TT informed the Presidium that he received confirmation form Ms. Stefankina that she was indeed already offered a full-time job by the RFDSARR, confirming their willingness to cooperate with and comply with important WDSF requests.

10. Urgent Matters arising from the MC Meeting, 9th June 2017 and brought forward to WDSF Presidium Meeting

LH confirmed that no urgent items arose from the MC meeting that needed to be brought forward to the Presidium.

11. End of the Presidium Meeting

11.1. Last Meeting of the WDSF Presidium in its "old composition"

LH thanked everyone for this last term, especially from the time he became
president, for their continuous dedication to DanceSport and indicated that he was extremely grateful for all the support he received from all Presidium members.

12. Miscellaneous

AW indicated that she had an announcement to make to the Presidium to clarify the situation which unfolded within the Athletes Commission (AC) over the past few weeks. AW apologized to the Presidium members for having participated in a competition that she and her partner should not have entered. AW felt trapped in her current career (it had nothing to do with WDSF) and she received bad advice from various people which led her and her partner to decide that they wanted to dance at that competition. She now realized that it was a mistake on her part and would like to clear up any misunderstanding.

At the recent AC Meeting in Warsaw, AW spoke in detail to her fellow Commissioners in the AC so that she could explain to them what happened and how she made a mistake. Most members of the AC understood her situation and it was agreed during this official meeting that the AC would continue to support AW as chair of the AC. However, some members were apparently not satisfied with her explanations and subsequently decided to meet afterwards without AW and at least one other member of the commission. During that separate meeting, it was decided that that AC would stop its support to AW and appoint a new chair of the AC.

When the AC Meeting reconvened officially the next day, AW was informed that such a discussion had taken place without her knowledge. She did not immediately clearly understand the nature or legal character of what had happened. Caught by surprise by the decision of this separate AC meeting, her immediate reaction was to resign from her position as Chair. However after subsequently seeking advice from the Chair of the WDSF legal commission, it was clear to her that the decision taken by the AC meeting on the second day might have been null and void for legal reasons, based on the way the way that it was conducted.

AW confirmed that it was never her previous intention to resign from the AC and that her actions on the second day of the Warsaw AC meeting were taken before she had had an opportunity to seek the advice of the Chair of the WDSF Legal Commission. She informed the Presidium that she wanted to continue to chair the AC commission – she received further support for 7 out of 8 members of the AC in a later meeting that took place on May 31st. JF confirmed that the situation in which AW was put was irregular, expressed his understanding that the AC had now clarified its views and position, and was grateful that AW had
the opportunity to explain the details to the Presidium during this meeting.

TT inquired about the AC Friendship Camp and asked AW how the preparations were going. AW informed the Presidium that the entries are not good and that there is high chance that the camp would have to be cancelled due to the lack of participants – AW will speak to the NMBs present in Singapore over the next days to remind them of the existence of this camp and see if they can encourage their athletes to register.

In other business, JF paid a personal tribute to the retiring Presidium Member Mr. Keiji Ukai for all his work done during his Membership in the Presidium since he was first elected in 1995.

JF also took the opportunity to thank Lukas Hinder for his and the Presidium’s remarkable accomplishments over the past few months in very difficult circumstances. JF emphasized that LH holds the organisation together and deserves full support and acknowledgement from all Presidium Members for the personal sacrifices he has done for DanceSport.

LH thanked all the participants for their input and the Presidium agreed to adjourn the Meeting at 16:50.

13. Distribution of the Minutes

- Presidium: Full Minutes
  - NMB: Without sensitive information (this version)

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