

## Minutes

of the

### IDSF Presidium Meeting

held June 13, 2008  
in Moscow, RUSSIA

Present:	Carlos Freitag	President	CF
	Lukas Hinder	First Vice-President	LH
	Natasa Ambroz	Second Vice-President	NA
	Marco Sietas	General Secretary	MS
	Tony Tilenni	Treasurer	TT
	Heinz Späker	Sports Director	HS
	Heidi Götz	Ordinary Presidium Member	HG
	Pavel Dorokhov	Ordinary Presidium Member	PD
	James Fraser	Ordinary Presidium Member	JF
	Petr Odstrcil	Ordinary Presidium Member	PO
	Shawn Tay	Ordinary Presidium Member	ST
	Keiji Ukai	Ordinary Presidium Member	KU
Absent:	Detlef Hegemann	Honorary Life President	DH
	Rudolf Baumann	Honorary Life President	RB

The President opened the Meeting at 10.00 a.m. with sincere thanks to the Members of the Presidium for their attendance.

In his opening address the President mentioned that one of our very immediate objectives for the 2008 – 2009 IDSF year is to be able to develop a very clear, **clean and transparent judging system**. This is the ultimate goal of this project



## **1. Minutes**

### **1.1. Approval of the Minutes of the IDSF Presidium Meeting, November 29/30, 2007, Taipei, Chinese Taipei, as circulated.**

Approved.

### **1.2. Procedure for future distribution and publication of these Minutes**

The Presidium unanimously decided the following procedure:

The first draft will be sent out to all Members of the Presidium immediately after the Meeting. The corrections have to be done within the following 10 days. The Minutes will be sent out not later than 14 days after the Meeting to the Presidium Members and to all Member Federations. The Minutes will be taken by Lukas Hinder.

## **2. International Olympic Committee (IOC)**

CF reported on the very productive meetings with IOC, GAISF, IWGA, ARISF during SportAccord in Athens, June 2008. The discussions held with all officials provided strong support for IDSF's Vision 2012 (World DanceSport Federation).

## **3. 2008 IDSF Annual General Meeting**

### **3.1. Preparation**

CF reported about the general preparation for this Annual General Meeting.

### **3.2. Motions**

#### **3.2.1. Motions by the IDSF Presidium**

- Motion No 1 to amend IDSF Statutes  
The Presidium unanimously recommends that the Annual General Meeting approve this motion.
- Motion No 2 to amend IDSF Statutes  
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- Motion No 3 to amend IDSF Statutes  
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- Motion No 4 to amend IDSF Statutes  
The Presidium unanimously recommends that the Annual General Meeting approve this motion.
- Motion No 5 to amend IDSF Statutes  
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- Motion No 6 to amend IDSF Statutes  
The Presidium unanimously recommends that the Annual General Meeting approve this motion.
- Motion No 7 to amend IDSF Statutes  
The Presidium unanimously recommends that the Annual General Meeting approve this motion.
- Motions to change IDSF Competition Rules  
The Presidium unanimously recommends that the Annual General Meeting approve these five motions.

### **3.2.2. Motion of urgency by the IDSF Presidium (Anti-Doping Code 2009)**

The Presidium unanimously recommends to approve the motion of urgency and to approve the changes leading to the adoption of the IDSF Anti-Doping Code 2009.

### **3.2.3. Motions by the IDSF Member Federations**

- Motion No 1 of Dance Sport Federation of Russia  
The Presidium recommends that the Annual General Meeting reject this motion. The Presidium asked the Technical Department of the IDSF Sports Commission to bring to the 2009 AGM a new motion in this subject (effective 2011) with a clear analysis of the arguments for and against such changes and the impact of such changes on the Youth Olympic Games.
- Motion No 2 of Dance Sport Federation of Russia  
The Presidium recommends that the Annual General Meeting reject this motion.
- Motion No 1 of USA Dance  
The Presidium unanimously recommends that the Annual General Meeting approve this motion.
- Motion No 2 of USA Dance  
The Presidium unanimously recommends that the Annual General Meeting approve this motion on the condition that the motion will be amend by "if present".
- Motion No 3 of USA Dance  
The Presidium unanimously recommends that the Annual General Meeting approve this motion on the condition that the proposed amendment to the text read as follows:

“The Chair of Judges is responsible to inspect couples’ costumes to ensure compliance with these Regulations. If requested by any person the Chair may be assisted by an inspector of the opposite sex and they shall work together and shall both be present at the same time and in the same place during all parts of each inspection.”

- Motion No 4 of USA Dance  
The Presidium unanimously recommends that the Annual General Meeting approve this motion.
- Motion of Finnish Dance Sport Association  
MS reported that this motion will be withdrawn by the proposer.

#### **4. IDSF Forum**

##### **4.1. General proceeding, order and chair to conduct**

MS will chair the Open Forum.

##### **4.2. New Communication Strategy (New Vision 2012 – WDSF)**

HG and Mr. Roland Hilfiker will report on the development of the new communication strategy.

##### **4.3. DanceSport Adjudication Criteria**

NA will report on the development of the DanceSport Adjudication Criteria.

##### **4.4. ADAMS System**

Mr. Ko de Mooy will present an overview of the new ADAMS System.

##### **4.5. Presentation of the IDSF Rule Book**

HS presented an overview of the IDSF Rule Book and the Presidium agreed that one document will be prepared to include all IDSF Rules and Regulations and Operating Policies.

##### **4.6. Academy for Trainers and Judges**

PO will report on the development of the Academy for Trainers and Judges.

##### **4.7. International Cheer Union (ICU)**

JF will read to the IDSF Forum a document provided by ICU.

##### **4.8. International Paralympics Committee Presentation**

MS will present a slide show from IPC.

## **5. IPDSC**

ST reported about the current situation of IPDSC. Further Meetings with Mr. Peter Maxwell, IPDSC President, are scheduled before the end of the year.

## **6. Membership Affairs**

MS reported on the Report included in the Booklet for this Annual General Meeting.

## **7. Financial Affairs**

### **7.1. 2007 Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account as per December 31, 2007**

The Presidium unanimously approved the 2007 Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account as per December 31, 2007, subject to the approval of the Annual General Meeting.

The Presidium provided their special thanks to LH for his exceptional work over the last 10 years. There is no doubt that Mr. Hinder has built a strong foundation for IDSF's future.

### **7.2. 2008 Budget and 2009 Provisional Budget**

The Presidium unanimously approved the amended 2008 Budget and 2009 Provisional Budget.

### **7.3. Debtors as per June 9, 2008**

TT reported on Debtors as per June 9, 2008. The Presidium resolved to defer to June 16, 2008 any decision to penalise Members, cancel their events and not use their IDSF Adjudicators if their fees are not up to date.

### **7.4. Revision IDSF Financial Regulations**

The Presidium unanimously approved the proposed changes to the IDSF Financial Regulations and recommended that the Annual General Meeting approve them.

## **8. Television Matters**

### **8.1. Current status of Contract between IEC in Sport AB and IDSF**

Mr. Richard Bunn, rbi networks, reported that IEC in Sport AB had taken over the sales throughout the world except USA and Canada and had sold into seven new countries.

Matters of concern were the risks associated with the clearance of music and the production for Television and distribution of the highlight's programme. Mr. Bunn urged that care be taken in allocating events in the future to ensure that these risks were minimised through the wise selection of organisers who can provide the necessary guarantees regarding these risks.

LH and JF emphasised that the potential legal liability for failing to do this can be very expensive and IDSF will look to the Member Federation responsible for compensation.

### **8.2. Eurovision Dance Contest (EDC)**

The second version will take place in Glasgow on 6 September 2008. "Mixed" couples from 16 countries will take part and each couple will have one dancer and one national celebrity. The accreditation procedure for the couples will be the same as for last year. A Standby Jury will be appointed in each country and will include four dance experts to be accredited by the IDSF member of the country.

A new element to the competition is the presence at the venue of five expert IDSF judges from countries not competing in the contest. These judges will be chosen by the IDSF and will mark each couple, their marks accounting for the equivalent of 25% of the votes. The remaining 75% will be from the televoting of the viewing public.

Information regarding the rules for this year's Contest has been distributed to participating countries.

### **8.3. Organiser and Host Broadcaster contracts**

These contracts have been prepared to provide a structure in the bidding and allocation of major events to individual countries. Too often in the past, events were allocated without the organiser understanding clearly the extent of its obligations particularly regarding the provision of a high quality television production.

These contracts have been produced to: help ensure consistency in the presentation and promotion of IDSF events; to give assurances to the IDSF and its television partners that essential facilities and services will be delivered; to avoid uncertainties in the organisation of the event and, to ensure that both parties are aware of the legal situation should any major problems arise.

The intention has been that these contracts should apply and be accepted by bidding countries prior to the allocation of events starting in 2009. A number of national difficulties have been identified and further discussions will be necessary. However, in

order to be a modern Federation the IDSF, because of its obligations to television and the international community, must introduce new procedures in this area.

## **9. Sport Affairs**

### **9.1. Drawing procedure for Adjudicators for IDSF Championships**

The further development of the drawing procedure for Adjudicators for IDSF Championships will be discussed at the next Working Group meeting (HS, NA, MS) end of July 2008 in Barcelona.

### **9.2. Selection of Adjudicators for Grand Slam competitions and other important IDSF Competitions**

The selection and nomination procedure for Adjudicators for IDSF Grand Slam competitions and other important IDSF Competitions will be discussed on the next Working Group meeting (HS, NA, MS) end of July 2008 in Barcelona.

### **9.3. Control of Exams for Adjudicators and Chairpersons**

It was decided that in July 2008 IDSF will establish a new procedure which requires two persons to independently review adjudicators and Chairpersons examinations. NA, HS and MS will produce a policy to be accepted by the Presidium.

### **9.4. Decision on what person should give the lessons on the Adjudicator's Congresses**

It was decided that in July 2008 MS, NA, and HS will produce a list of potential lecturers from to use for future Adjudicator's Congresses.

### **9.5. IDSF Electronic Marking System (EMS)**

The Presidium unanimously reconfirmed its decision that the Technical Commission prepare a proposal as to the necessary software, hardware and financial requirements to establish a consistent international IDSF Electronic Marking System (IDSF EMS) for future IDSF Championships (if possible not only one system). The Technical Commission will present their proposal to the next Managing Committee Meeting. The Presidium also reconfirmed to implement on a voluntary basis the IDSF EMS from January 1, 2009 commencing with IDSF Championships. It is anticipated that this System will become compulsory at a later date.

### **9.6. Protocol for IDSF Championships – Medal Ceremony**

HS distributed a draft IDSF Championship Protocol which he asked Members of the Presidium to review up to June 30, 2008. The President will then ask for a vote by e-mail for the Presidium Members to approve the final protocol.

**9.7. Disclosure Statement form IDSF Adjudicators**

HS reported that the draft will be distributed to all Presidium Members not later than the next Managing Committee Meeting.

**9.8. IDSF Rule Book**

HS reported that a draft Rule Book will be presented to the Presidium not later than December 31, 2008.

**9.9. IDSF Registration and Licensing System (RLS) for dancers**

The Presidium decided unanimously:

- HS will send a letter to all Member Bodies who have not responded to the registration requirements for their international couples under the new IDSF Registration and Licensing System (RLS).
- From January 1, 2009 all couples are required to register under this new system in order to be able to compete in any IDSF granted competitions.
- HS will provide a detailed proposal (including all aspects, legal, insurance, financial, technical) not later than December 31, 2008.

**9.10. IDSF Registration and Licensing System (RLS) for Adjudicators**

HS will provide a detailed proposal (including all aspects, legal, insurance, financial, technical) not later than December 31, 2008.

**9.11. Logistical positioning requirements for IDSF Adjudicators on IDSF events and Dress Code**

MS, NA and HS will meet end of July 2008 and will make a proposal on this point and will provide the Members of the Presidium with it not later than September 30, 2008.

**10. Education Directorate**

The matter was discussed at the IDSF Forum and no additional information was required.

**11. Standard-Form Agreement for Admission of Allied Bodies into IDSF Member Bodies / Belgium**

JF will assist the Belgium Member Body and other interested bodies to prepare a preliminary draft form of friendly agreement between the national Rock n' Roll confederation and the IDSF Member Body. Prior to preparing to such agreements JF will speak with the



WRRRC President as a courtesy. The draft agreement may have to be amended by IDSF Members to comply with their own local laws re: such matters.

## **12. IDSF European Commission**

The Presidium has been informed that a letter has been signed by a number of European Members addressed to the President asking for the formation of a European Federation. At the time that the President receives this letter he will inform the Presidium so that this matter can be discussed.

## **13. Communications / IDSF Website**

HG informed the Presidium as to developments with the website. A discussion was held with HS, HG and Mr. Piet Rullens as to how to integrate the Sports Director's website into the IDSF Website by the end of September 2008.

## **14. NOC**

JF spoke about what needs to be done to produce a document to assist IDSF member bodies who are not members of their respective NOC, to join and participate fully in those NOCs. JF would like IDSF to issue a clear statement with appropriate photos as to our Olympic ambitions and Vision 2012 which can be made available to members and to media organisation. We are seeking to be good members of the Olympic family in order to fulfil the highest expectations for our sport.

## **15. Americas Forum**

The first meeting, which was held in Moscow on June 14, 2008, was informal. It proved to be very productive as an exchange of ideas between these members.

## 16. JDSF presentation of ISU Judging system.

The meeting welcomed Mr Atsushi Yamada and Professor Doctor Kiyotaka Uzaki from the Japan DanceSport Federation (JDSF). Mr Yamada provided a detailed analysis of the field-testing of this proposed adjudication method which is based on the International Skating Union (ISU) – modelled on other Artistic sports. The process of implementation should be gradual and step by step. At this stage, Mr Yamada only recommended the first step of introducing compulsory figures for couples.

A video of the first trial in Osaka in 2008 was presented to the Presidium.

Mr Yamada explained that we could use the Asian Games in 2010 as a means of showcasing a possible new method to the Olympic family.

CF believes that such a proposal is consistent with our Olympic goals and ambitions. However, we need to make many changes, take many years and we need expert adjudicators. This is a transparent and understandable means of quantifying the judging system.

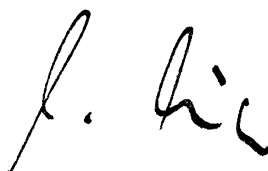
The President individually thanked Presidium members for their work during the meetings in the last few days. There was no further business and the President adjourned the Meeting on June 16, 2008, at 11.35 p.m.

Moscow, June 16, 2008

## International DanceSport Federation (IDSF)



Carlos Freitag  
President



Lukas Hinder  
First Vice-President / Keeper of the Minutes