

**MINUTES**  
of the  
**WDSF Professional Division Annual General Meeting 2013**  
**15<sup>th</sup> June 2013, Marriott Shanghai Luwan Hotel**

**1. Roll Call and Ascertainment of Votes**

The Secretary-General, Mr. Michael Shelton, called a roll of those attending and voting cards were dispersed according to the voting rights including proxies. A total of 78 votes were admissible with the following attendance:

Austria, Belgium, China, Chinese Taipei, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Japan, South Korea, Latvia, Lithuania, Malaysia, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Ukraine, USA

Proxies admitted for: Belarus, South Korea (1 vote), San Marino

Also present were delegates from Croatia who had filed neither a Proxy nor a Power of Attorney and thus could not participate in voting.

Sundry guests and observers.

**2. Appointment of, and Call to Order by Chairperson of the Meeting**

The Acting Director, Mr. Aleksandr Melnikov, called the meeting to order and welcomed the delegates. He said there were two new Provisional members, Azerbaijan and Bulgaria, and a new full member, China. He was sorry that the Hon Life President of the PD, Peter Maxwell, could not attend. WDSF President Carlos Freitag read a letter of apology from Mr. Maxwell. Mr. Melnikov then nominated the Secretary-General to Chair the meeting.

**3. Nomination and approval of Scrutineers**

Messrs de Maesschalck (Belgium) and Keres (Estonia) were nominated scrutineers.

**4. Allocation of Time to Agenda Items**

Allocation of time to Agenda items: there being no specific requirements save that the election of the Management Board for a period of 4 years would take the longest time, no times were allotted.

Agenda unanimously approved.

**5. Approval of minutes of WDSF PD meeting of 16<sup>h</sup> June 2012**

The minutes of the AGM of 16<sup>th</sup> June 2012 had been circulated and were unanimously approved.

## 6. Matters arising unless otherwise appearing in this agenda

At this stage the Motion prepared by WDSF Presidium and approved by the PD MB meeting of June 14 (a day before the PD AGM) regarding PD regulations was tabled as follows:

**WHEREAS** the WDSF Professional Division (“**PD**”) is, in accordance with article 17 (1) of the WDSF Statutes (the “**Statutes**”), responsible for the internal administration of WDSF with respect to professional DanceSport competitions,

**AND WHEREAS** in accordance with article 17 (2) of the Statutes, the PD must respect *inter alia* (i) WDSF’s internal and external administrative jurisdiction, and (ii) WDSF’s universal requirements with respect to ethics, anti-doping, and other financial administrative and sporting policies, regulations and requirements established by WDSF or the WDSF Presidium from time to time,

**AND WHEREAS** on the one hand, the PD does enjoy a certain degree of freedom with respect to the administration of professional DanceSport within the WDSF structure; on the other hand, as an integral part of the WDSF, the PD must respect the fundamental principles and rules of the WDSF,

**AND WHEREAS** the process initially followed by the PD was to establish full sets of regulations which, for the most part, replicate the WDSF’s rules and regulations and differ only in certain respects,

**AND WHEREAS** the WDSF Presidium and the PD have recognized that this process makes it difficult and burdensome to identify the differences between the two sets of rules and maintain, on an on-going basis, the principle of consistency of the PD rules with WDSF’s fundamental principles and rules,

**AND WHEREAS** it has been recognized further that the basic principle should be as follows: The general WDSF rules and regulations should apply to the PD and the PD should only issue regulations when specific supplementary regulations are necessary for the good administration of the PD and professional DanceSport,

**AND WHEREAS** the implementation of this principle will require a working group to be constituted to (i) discuss and agree upon the specific regulations needed and (ii) establish PD rules which are, as a general rule, supplementary to the corresponding WDSF rules (“**Supplementary PD Rules**”),

**AND WHEREAS** in the meantime, the rules and regulations already issued by the PD will continue to apply subject to observance of art. 17(2) of the Statutes,

**AND WHEREAS** it is clarified, in particular, that the provisions of D.2.2 of the WDSF Competitions Rules regarding nationality are part of the universal WDSF requirements and are therefore applicable to the PD,

**MOVED**, that the principle described above in respect of the establishment of Supplementary PD Rules is approved by the General Meeting.

**MOVED**, that the WDSF Presidium be given the mandate to establish a working group (comprised of an equal number of representatives from the PD and WDSF Presidium) with the task of establishing Supplementary PD Rules (to replace the relevant existing PD rules) in time for the 2014 WDSF General Meeting and PD Meeting.

**MOVED**, the General Meeting resolves that, in the meantime, the regulations already established by the PD will continue to apply subject to the observance of art. 17 (2) of the Statutes and that the provisions of D.2.2 of the WDSF Competitions Rules regarding nationality are part of the requirements applicable to the PD pursuant to said article of the Statutes.

The motion was approved to be placed before the WDSF AGM on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2013 with the consent of PD AGM in accordance with the Article 17 of the WDSF Statute.

## **7. Report of the Professional Division Director**

Report of the Professional Division Acting Director Aleksandr Melnikov had been circulated. No questions arose.

Mr. Melnikov's Report was unanimously approved

## **8. Finances/Treasurers report (Verena Šulek, WDSF PD Treasurer)**

- 8.1. Balance Sheet as at 31/12/2012 and Profit and Loss Account**
- 8.2. Statement by WDSF Treasurer Tony Tilenni**
- 8.3. Adoption of the 2013 WDSF PD Budget**
- 8.4. Adoption 2014 WDSF PD Provisional Budget**

Verena Trofenik Sulek, PD Treasurer had circulated the accounts for year ending 31/12/12 and a Statement of Compliance with WDSF accounting procedures by WDSF Treasurer Tony Tilenni. The PD 2013 Budget and 2014 Provisional Budget were presented for adoption.

Financial Reports and Budgets prepared by Mrs. Sulek unanimously approved.

## **9. Report of the PD Sport Director**

This had been circulated. WDSF President Carlos Freitag said it was a pity that the outgoing Sports Director, Joachim Llambi, was not there to be questioned on the accusations against him of incompetence. Ivo Kappet (Estonia) stated that the document contained lies.

Subsequently the report was put to the meeting and was approved.

## **10. Report of the PD Secretary General including Membership**

Report of the PD Secretary General Michael Shelton had been circulated. No questions arose.

Mr Shelton's Report was approved unanimously.

## **11. Report of the Athletes' Commission (Chair Zoran Plohl)**

Report of the Athlete's Commission had been circulated.

There was no discussion and Athlete's Commission Report was unanimously approved.

## 12. Report of the PD coordinator for Education and WDSF Academy

Drago Šulek's Report had been circulated. Natalia Pochaeva from the Teacher Student Commission gave a presentation and report of the work of this commission.

These reports were approved unanimously.

## 13. Approval of the work of the PD Management Body

The work of the PD Management Body for 2012 was unanimously approved.

## 14. PD Management Body Motions

### 14.1. Motion to adopt new Showdance Competition Rules

Michael Shelton presented the PD MB motion to approve new Showdance Rules submitted by the Working Group appointed by WDSF Sports Commission. WDSF Sports Director Marco Sietas informed the meeting that from the WDSF point of view the submitted rules need further elaboration and proposed to postpone the acceptance of the submitted Showdance Rules.

The meeting voted unanimously to delay consideration of these until the 2014 AGM

### 14.2. Motion to amend Financial Regulations of WDSF PD

The motion had been circulated with the detailed argumentation prepared by PD Treasurer Verena Sulek.

The amended Financial Regulations of the WDSF PD with the validity from June 30, 2103, were anonymously approved and will be circulated to all WDSF PD Members and displayed at the PD section of WDSF website.

### 14.3. Motion of Urgency (Requiring a 2/3 Majority) regarding the restrictions on change of status between the status of an active Adjudicator and Athlete

This motion had been amended at the PD MB meeting on June 14 (a day before PD AGM) and was presented to the PD AGM as follows:

**WHEREAS** the WDSF Professional Division (PD) is, in accordance with the article 17 of the WDSF Statutes, responsible for the internal administration with respect to professional DanceSport competitions,

**AND WHEREAS** there are PD athletes with the active PD athlete's license and inactive WDSF adjudicator's license, as well as WDSF adjudicators with the active WDSF adjudicator's license and inactive PD athlete's license,

**AND WHEREAS** there is no regulation, neither in the WDSF nor in the PD Rules and Regulations, about the possibility of changing the status from the active PD athlete to the active WDSF Adjudicator and/or vice versa,

**AND WHEREAS** such changes did already occur since the beginning of 2013 and are likely to become more frequent in the future,

**MOVED**, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013 that a ~~PD~~ WDSF adjudicator, having changed his/her status from an active WDSF adjudicator to an active ~~PD~~ athlete, ~~will~~

~~be allowed to~~ may revert back to ~~its~~ his/her status ~~of as~~ an active ~~WDSF~~ adjudicator after a period of 12 months has elapsed since ~~the previous change of the date his/her active status~~ he or she last competed as an athlete.

**MOVED**, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013 that an active WDSF or WDSF PD athlete, having changed his/her status from an active ~~WDSF~~ athlete to an active WDSF adjudicator, ~~will be allowed to~~ may revert back to his/her status of an active ~~PD~~ athlete after a period of 12 months has elapsed since ~~the previous change of his/her active status~~ he or she last acted as an adjudicator.

**MOVED**, that in the case that this motion is adopted by the PD AGM in Shanghai on June 15, the same motion will be submitted to the WDSF AGM in Shanghai on June 16, 2013 by the PD Management Body or by one of the PD member federations, whichever is in accordance with the WDSF Statutes.

WDSF Sports Director suggested to defer this motion because it concerns WDSF adjudicators and will therefore be submitted by the WDSF Presidium as a Motion of urgency to the WDSF AGM on June 16. His proposal was approved.

#### 14.4. Structure and number of members of the PD Management Body

This motion had also been amended at the PD MB meeting on June 14 (a day before PD AGM) and was presented to the PD AGM as follows:

**WHEREAS** the WDSF Professional Division (PD) has to elect its Managing Body in accordance with the Article 17 of the WDSF Statutes,

**AND WHEREAS** the number of members of the WDSF PD Management Body is not fixed by the Article 17 of the WDSF Statutes or by any other rule or regulation concerning WDSF PD,

**AND WHEREAS** it was decided at the WDSF PD Management Body meeting in Barcelona on January 18, 2013, that WDSF PD Management Body proposes to decrease the existing number of 11 members of the WDSF PD Management Body, elected originally by the AGM of the former IPDSC at the 2010 IPDSC AGM in Vienna, to 7 members, suiting better to the requirement and the status of a Division within WDSF,

**MOVED**, that the WDSF Professional Division AGM in Shanghai on June 15, 2013, decides that the Division's Management Body will be called Management Board and that the AGM will elect by ~~the~~ secret ballot 7 members ~~into~~ the Management Board of the WDSF Professional Division for the next statutory determined term.

**MOVED**, that no candidate may be proposed for election to the Management Board without the prior support of that candidate's member federation.

**MOVED**, that if more than one candidate from the same country is elected, only the candidate with the higher number of votes shall be deemed to be the successful candidate, and the other candidate or candidates from that country shall be deemed to have been unsuccessful in the election.

Each of the 3 motions was voted for separately and all three motions passed.

## 15. Members' Motions

There were no member's motions

## 16. Election of Management Board to serve for a 4 year term from 16<sup>th</sup> June 2013

Of the existing Management Body, Messrs, Odikadze, Wilson, Llambi. Soudeau and Shelton were not seeking re-election. There were 13 candidates for 7 places:

Aleksandr Melnikov	(Russia)
Frederic Mosa	(France)
Verena Šulek	(Slovenia)
Daniele Tondon	(Italy)
Ivo Kappet	(Estonia)
Mircea Gavrilă	(Romania)
Lubos Novotny	(Czech Republic)
Petr Horaček	(Slovakia)
Carlos Freitag	(Spain)
Su Tu Ok	(Korea)
Shigemitsu Tanabe	(Japan)
Martin Pastor	(Germany)
Hubert De Maesschalck	(Belgium)

The chairman called each member to collect secret ballot papers according to their right to vote. He explained that each of the 78 voters had to place their votes on one piece of paper, it must contain exactly 7 different names failing which the voting paper would be disregarded. In the event of a tie those tying would be put to the vote again. If there was still a tie, lots would be drawn. He explained that unlike the WDSF there were no elections for specific posts but that the successful candidates would meet to elect the PD Director who in turn would appoint the officers. Each candidate was given two minutes to address the meeting. After all had spoken (including Mrs. Shinoda on behalf of Mr. Tanabe who could not attend) the Chairman again went through the requirements for voting. The Philippines' delegation who was attending as observers acted with the Chairman (who was not standing for re-election) to tally the votes.

Those elected were:

- Verena Šulek
- Aleksandr Melnikov
- Su Tu Ok
- Martin Pastor
- Carlos Freitag
- Shigemitsu Tanabe
- Hubert de Maesschalck

## 17. Any Other Business

There being no other business the meeting closed at 13:35

**Michael Shelton**  
**WDSF PD Secretary-General**

**Aleksandr Melnikov**  
**WDSF PD Acting Director**

Minutes were prepared by Michael Shelton and with his permission edited by Verena Šulek