

MINUTES of the WDSF Professional Division Management Board Meeting

12th August 2013 at 18:00

Room "Darmstadt" at Hotel Maritim, Stuttgart, Germany

In Attendance:

Verena Šulek, (VS)

Aleksandr Melnikov (AM)

SuTu OK (SO)

Martin Pastor (MP)

Carlos Freitag (CF)

Hubert de Maesschalck (HM)

Miho Shinoda – Proxy for Mr. Shigemitsu Tanabe (PST)

*MB members voted to accept Ms. Miho Shinoda as the Proxy for Mr. Shigemitsu Tanabe: Motion passed, 5 in favour and 1 against, while PST was not voting.

Agenda

1. Verification of attendance and approval of the agenda
2. Appointment of PD Director in accordance with WDSF Statute, Article 17
3. Appointments of PD Deputy Director and Officers for other positions necessary to assist PD Director in managing secretarial, sports, and financial matters of WDSF PD
4. Procedures for adopting the decisions at PD MB Meetings
5. Minutes of the PD Management Body meeting of 14th June 2013, of the PD AGM of 15th June 2013 and approval of MB decisions adopted by email voting since June 2013
6. PD Membership
7. Financial issues
 - a) Financial Report January-July 2013
 - b) Reimbursement of expenses
8. Competition related issues
 - a) Bidding Form for PD competitions
 - b) SGP in 2014 – number of events and other conditions
 - c) Procedures for nominations of adjudicators for PD title competitions
 - d) Directions for PD competition calendar in 2014 with necessary activities
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10. Nomination of 2 PD representatives for the working group for PD Supplementary Rules
11. Regulation for changing status between PD athlete and WDSF adjudicator
12. Status of the PD athlete versus general status of the WDSF athlete

1. Verification of attendance and approval of the agenda:

VS welcomed all MB members and proposed the approval of the agenda. Passed unanimously.

2. Appointment of PD Director in accordance with WDSF Statute, Article 17

CF proposed VS as PD Director and all MB members agreed for the open vote.

Mrs Verena Šulek was unanimously appointed as new PD Director.

3. Appointments of PD Deputy Director and Officers for other positions necessary to assist PD Director in managing secretarial, sports, and financial matters of WDSF PD:

CF prepared the proposal for the complete structure of the MB offices and the following appointments were made unanimously:

- Deputy Director: Aleksandr Melnikov
- General Secretary: Su-Tu OK
- Sport Director: Hubert De Maesschalck
- Deputy Sport Director: Martin Pastor
- Treasurer: Verena Šulek
- Ordinary Members: Carlos Freitag, Shigemitsu Tanabe

*According to Shigemitsu Tanabe's letter, he promised, not to support UK Open any more, and to be present at the next MB meeting in Barcelona, Spain in January 2014.

4. Procedures for adopting the decisions at PD MB Meetings

The draft proposal for the procedures was prepared by MP and circulated before the meeting. At the meeting MP suggested the following modification regarding the email voting: the motion passes if more than 4 members vote in favour.

The amended proposal was unanimously approved and the edited version reads as follows:

- 1) PD MB Meetings must be called with agenda and well-founded proposals for voting.
- 2) Decisions will be passed by the simple majority of votes
- 3) It can only be voted if at least four members are present at the MB meeting.
- 4) Resolutions and the voting must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.
- 5) Minutes, signed by PD Director and the Secretary General, must be circulated to all PD Members.
- 6) Email voting will be used for urgent matters; motions for such voting must be well founded.
- 7) A motion circulated for email voting passes if at least 4 votes are in favour.
- 8) Notes of the email voting are sent to all MB members and confirmed at the next regular MB meeting.

5. Minutes of PD Management Body meeting of 14th June 2013, of PD AGM of 15th June 2013 and confirmation of MB decisions adopted by email voting since June 2013

MB members had no comments regarding the Minutes of the previous MB meeting in Shanghai on June 14, 2013 and the AGM in June 15.

The notes of 4 email votings during July 2013 were unanimously confirmed.

6. PD Membership

The updated PD membership list including change of membership of Philippines between

PDSAP and DSCP was circulated to all MB members prior to the meeting. The received application of Canada DanceSport for the provisional membership in 2013 and full membership starting from 2014 was unanimously approved.

7. Financial issues

a) Financial Report January-July 2013

The report for the period January – July 2013 was handed on paper to MB members at this point of the meeting by VS and accepted as information.

b) Reimbursement of expenses

Based on the existing praxis VS proposed that the travelling expenses to PD MB meetings will be reimbursed for economy class flights up to maximum amount of € 1000 plus 2 night accommodation and meals. Any other costs related to the meetings and other travelling as well as phone communication reimbursements will be approved by PD Director.

Passed unanimously.

8. Competition related issues

a) Bidding Form for PD competitions

The new bidding form approved unanimously.

b) SGP in 2014 – number of events and other conditions

Altogether 3 SGP events plus final SGP per discipline in 2014 was proposed by HM and MP. The proposal was discussed but not determined and will be further elaborated by PD Sport Director.

c) Procedures for nominations of adjudicators for PD title competitions

The proposal of MP for drawing the adjudicators was discussed but not decided. It was made clear that the minimum number of adjudicators for PD World and Continental Championships and SGP must be 9 but the possibilities to introduce New Judging System 2.0 for PD World Championships and SGP were also discussed. Final proposal will be made by PD Sport Director.

The proposal by VS to delete PD Continental Ten Dance Championships was accepted unanimously.

d) Directions for PD competition calendar in 2014 with necessary activities

PD Director will prepare a framework for all possible PD competitions in 2014. It was suggested that 2 SGP events (1 in each discipline) could be held at GOC in Germany, 1 in Russia, 1 in Italy, 1 in Asia and if there will be no further application then Germany could be the candidate for 1 more SGP event.

9. Nomination of 2 PD representatives for the working group for PD Supplementary Rules

Based on the Motion of WDSF Presidium passed at the WDSF and WDSF PD AGMs in Shanghai PD is entitled to nominate 2 representatives into the Commission with further 2 members nominated by WDSF Presidium to prepare the proposal of the PD Supplementary Rules for next year AGMs.

VS proposed Peter Stokkebroe and Drago Šulek who both expressed their willingness to participate. The proposal passed unanimously.

10. Regulation for changing status between PD athlete and WDSF adjudicator

The motion prepared by the previous PD MB in Shanghai was adopted unanimously with immediate validity until the next year AGM where its further validity will be subject to the confirmation by the delegates. The adopted motion reads as follows:

- 1) With effect from 1st September 2013 a WDSF adjudicator, having changed his/her status from an active WDSF adjudicator to an active PD athlete, may revert back to his/her status as an active adjudicator after a period of 12 months has elapsed since the date he or she last competed as an athlete.
- 2) With effect from 1st September 2013 an active WDSF or WDSF PD athlete, having changed his/her status from an active PD athlete to an active WDSF adjudicator, may revert back to his/her status of an active PD athlete after a period of 12 months has elapsed since he or she last acted as an adjudicator.

11. Status of the PD athlete versus general status of the WDSF athlete

Sport Director will study the subject and submit it for approval at the next PD MB meeting.

MP raised the question regarding Chinese amateur athletes who didn't yet changed their status from amateur to professional within WDSF RLS but intend to participate at PD SGP at GOC between August 13th and 16th, 2013. It was decided that even if the problem of their registered statutes will not be solved prior to the relevant events the athletes should be allowed to participate.

12. Any Other Business

No matters were raised under this issue.

Meeting was adjourned at 20:00. Next WDSF PD MB Meeting will be in Barcelona on 16/17th January 2014.

Sutu OK
WDSF PD General Secretary

Verena Šulek
WDSF PD Director