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WDSF MANAGING COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 15, 2012

HOTEL BARCELÓ SANTS (BARCELONA, SPAIN)

TIMETABLE OF MEETING: FROM 10:00 TO 17:00

Present: Carlos Freitag (CF), Lukas Hinder (LH), Shawn Tay (ST), Marco Sietas (MS)

Observer: Richard Bunn (RB), Roland Hilfiker (RH)

Apologies: Tony Tilenni (TT)

1. Welcome & Opening by President

The meeting commenced at 10 am. Mr Freitag welcomed all present to the MC meeting held on 15 April at Hotel Barcelo Sants, Barcelona.

The President confirmed that the Strategic meeting held the day before was very successful.

2. Grand Slams 2013-2017

Lukas Hinder

All agreements were signed with the intended organisers for GS 2013-2017 except Russia due to the current situation between RDSF and government authorities. It was predicted that this matter would be resolved in the near future.

The committee discussed the importance of having TV broadcasts for the Grand Slam series and we have to continue our efforts to make a product that is attractive to TV Networks. It was decided to extend the timetable for this project by another 3 months until the end of July 2012 to allow Mr Bunn to find possible broadcast partners to distribute the series throughout the world.



3. IEC Contract, current situation Lukas Hinder

Mr Bunn confirmed that the new IEC contract is attractive and that WDSF will have a minimum annual guaranteed income.

IEC has also decided to send its own ENG Crew to all remaining Championships under the present contracts.

All organizers need to inform the Sports Director if the granted WDSF event held in their country is being televised by the local TV station.

4. Situation in Russia Carlos Freitag

Mr Freitag reported that at the last event organized by CNNKSR, many Government officials were present to support both the event and the CNNKSR.

WDSF has received a letter on 14 April from the Russian Ministry of Sports confirming that accreditation for 4 years has been awarded to RDSU. In addition, the accreditation as an All-Sports Federation for RDSF has been terminated.

WDSF has also received a letter from the Russian Olympic Committee informing us of their support for the newly formed RDSU's application as a WDSF Member Federation.

Mr Freitag also confirmed that the WDSF Presidium decided unanimously to propose a motion to the Annual General Meeting in Berlin to expel RDSF under article 5 of the WDSF Statutes.

5. Situation in Australia Shawn Tay

Mr Tay reported on a formal complaint he received on behalf of DanceSport New Zealand, regarding the creation of "honorary memberships" by DanceSport Australia. These "honorary memberships" would supposedly permit any overseas couple to compete in International Open events in Australia, even if they were not actual DSA members or members of a WDSF member body, and even though such International events were not licensed with WDSF. The MC agreed to investigate this serious issue, and would consult our Swiss Sports Lawyers to determine the next course of action.



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6. Situation in USA

Marco Sietas

Mr Sietas reported that he conducted a WDSF Adjudicator's Congress organised by USA Dance in March 2012. He explained his understanding of the current situation in the USA, and he proposed a circuit of WDSF events to be held in America.

7. Situation in England

Shawn Tay

Mr Tay reported that DanceSport England (DSE) presented a plan in January 2012 which includes conducting of WDSF competitions, Congress and Training Camp. Mr Tay has been in ongoing communication with DSE to monitor progress in England.

8. Preparation of Presidium Motions for AGM

The Managing Committee (MC) reviewed the Presidium Motions for the Berlin AGM.

It has been agreed that the following Presidium motions will be presented by the following Presidium Members:

- a. Point 7 – Presidium's Motion to Expel DSFR – Carlos Freitag
- b. Motion 1: to Modify the Statutes, the Athletes' / Adjudicators' Code of Conduct and Standards of Ethics and the Code of the WDSF Disciplinary Council- Lukas Hinder
- c. Motion 2: to amend the WDSF Financial Regulations-Tony Tilenni
- d. Motion 3: to amend WDSF Statutes Article 17: Professional Division- Jim Fraser
- e. Motion 4: to amend the WDSF Competition Rules – Marco Sietas

9. Discussion of Member Motions for AGM

The MC briefly discussed members' motions. The Presidium will again review these motions in June prior to the AGM.



10. Review of timetable and agenda - AGM 2012

The MC reviewed the time table and decided that assistance is require from DTV to provide 2 volunteers to work on the registration counter on the day of the AGM.

Mr Freitag reminded all Presidium members to send their reports before the end of April to the WDSF Office.

11. Legal seat of WDSF in Switzerland / tax-free status of WDSF (outcome of the official inquiry to the tax authorities in the Canton of Lucerne in Switzerland) Lukas Hinder

Mr Hinder reported on WDSF's tax free status. The tax authority of Canton of Vaud(Lausanne) would not continue to grant the tax-free status unless new requirements could be met by the end of 2012. However, Mr Hinder confirmed that the Canton of Lucerne has granted WDSF tax free status with immediate effect. Mr Hinder will follow up to draft a new contract of domicile for presentation to the Presidium in June 2012 for approval in order to officially change the legal seat from Lausanne to Lucerne.

12. Athletes Commission Marco /Carlos

The MC discussed the results of the election of the Chairman of Athlete's Commission. Mr Freitag confirmed that he will contact Mr. Timo Kulczak who is the current Chair of the Athlete's Commission.

13. World Artistic Games (WAG) and WDSF World DanceSport Games (WDSG) Carlos Freitag

The date for the 2013 WAG will be decided during the SportsAccord meeting in Quebec. Tentatively, the Organiser of these Games in China has proposed the month to be March 2013.

CF and ST will visit Kaohsiung on 27 and 28 of June to discuss the conduct and progress of the WDSG.



14. Certification of PDA systems Marco Sietas
- It was agreed that MS would present a proposal on the requirements for WDSF Certification of scrutineering software to all member bodies, and to ensure that these requirements will be available on the WDSF website. All scrutineering programmes used in WDSF events must comply to these requirements by Jan 2013
15. New DanceSport Technique Books Marco Sietas
- MS and NA are currently supervising the project of developing a set of new WDSF techniques book for the WDSF Academy. Several of our PD Athletes and coaches are involved in this project. The concept will be ready for presentation by June 2012.
16. Academy Carlos /Marco
- RH reported that a dedicated website for the WDSF Academy will be up and running before the June 2012 WDSF AGM in Berlin. In addition, WDSF DVDs have been produced by the Education Commission which covers the Viennese Waltz, Tango and Cha Cha Cha. These DVDs will also be available for sale through our WDSF Website and DanceSport International (DSI) in England.
17. Meeting with IDO in Lausanne Carlos /Lukas
- A meeting will be held between CF and LH and IDO representatives on 16 April in Switzerland.
18. RLS / ID Cards Carlos Freitag
- MS reported on the progress of the ID Cards which started in Dec 2011. Michael Eichert is responsible in formulating the requirements and procedures. The procedures will require each individual athlete to update their personal data through their National Administrator (NA) on the WDSF Registration and Licensing System (RLS).



Eventually all athletes will be required to present their WDSF ID cards when registering for events. The system will be ready for presentation in June 2012.

ST reported that the suspension system is now in place. Member bodies need to update the RLS so that time will not be wasted sending letters to athletes who are no longer active in the WDSF Competition System. MS will also assist in ensuring all organizers will check the RLS for the status of athletes before accepting any entries. This problem will also be resolved once the Athlete's ID Cards are in place.

19. Award 2012 Shawn Tay

ST confirmed that the Presidium agreed that Mr Helmut Roland will be the recipient of the 2012 WDSF Long and Distinguished Service Award. The award will be presented during the 2012 WDSF AGM in Berlin.

20. Replacement of Ferruccio Galvagno Carlos Freitag

The WDSF Presidium has unanimously agreed to propose Madam Nouné Marty to replace Ferruccio Galvagno as a WDSF Presidium Member.

21. Replacement of Chair of the WDSF Disciplinary Council (DC)

The Chairman of the WDSF DC has resigned due to his recent posting to a new job in New York. The MC were disappointed that Mr Staeldi would be unable to continue in the role, and offered WDSF's sincere thanks for his excellent work. The MC is now looking for replacement.

There being no further business the president closed the meeting at 4.30pm.

Shawn Tay

WDSF General Secretary