



Minutes

WT Extraordinary Council Meeting (via conference call)
20h00-21h00 | 12 May 2020 (local time Korea)

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1. Establish Quorum: Call Meeting to Order

At 20h00, Secretary General Hoss Rafaty announces that twenty-five (25) Council Members and two (2) Auditors are present, thereby establishing a quorum in accordance with Article 8.6 of the WT Statutes.

The meeting is called to order by the Chair of the Meeting, Dr. Chungwon Choue (WT President).

The Chair welcomes Council Members for joining the historic meeting via video conference.

The Chair notes that the following members are absent with prior notice:

1. Mr. Kamaladdin Heydarov, Vice President
2. Mr. Athanasios Pragalos, Vice President
3. Mr. Tae Kyung Kim, Member
4. Mr. Hazem Ahmad Awwad Naimat, Member

and, following member is absent with no prior notice:

1. Mr. Pascal Gentil, Member

2. President Report

A video message from IOC President Thomas Bach is played before the President's Report.

The Chair welcomes all the council members. He expresses his wishes to all members for health and safety under the global Covid-19 pandemic.

The Chair notes that today is coincidentally the International Nurses' Day so that we should take this time to acknowledge the selfless contributions of doctors and nurses around the world, especially during this global COVID-19 pandemic.

He remarks that video conferencing is the New Norm these days to stay connected, and that conference call should replace many offline meetings to be sustainable and to save unnecessary travel costs even after COVID-19 is over. He adds that with the video conferencing, it is plausible to reach out to the grassroots more directly; and WT has engaged with athletes to show their training sessions online and organized online education courses. He mentions that Taekwondo Europe also has organized online Poomsae events over the past week; thus, new ways to connect to our stakeholders through GMS are needed.

He continues addressing that priority is the well-being and safety of athletes and officials which means that the postponement of Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games due to the COVID-19 was the right decision. He then expresses his concern about the finance situation affected everyone. He notes that WT has made 30 to 40% budget cuts across all projects with the hope that WT can have some normal operations in the last quarter of this year. He notes that IFs that have their headquarters based in Switzerland have support from the Swiss government and banks – not WT, and WT is still waiting for reply from the Ministry of Sports as I have spoken to them for similar financial support programs. He addresses that WT may face very difficult situation from the first

quarter of 2021 if WT is not able to organize events and get funding from the IOC in advance.

The Chair urges using this difficult time as an opportunity to reset World Taekwondo as he believes that every adversity brings opportunities. He addresses that WT introduced the reform to save Taekwondo in the Olympic Games in the 2000s and enhanced fair play through technology and education in the 2010s, and now we need to be sustainable and enhance our governance across all levels. He touches on World Taekwondo's 47th founding anniversary on May 28th, and thanks the Council for their active participation in passing a number of urgent amendments via e-vote.

The Chair remarks that today's historic video conference is a chance for WT to reset and show the stakeholders and also show the world how Taekwondo is once again leading the way. He concludes his report by expressing his heartfelt appreciation to the Wuxi government and Chinese Taekwondo Association, for their generous donation of masks to WT and MNAs in times of need.

The Chair asks the Council if there are any comments.

There are no comments.

The Chair moves on to Agenda Item 3, Approval of Minutes of the last Council meeting held in Moscow on December 5th.

3. Approval of the Minutes

The Chair asks the Council if there are any comments on the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held in Moscow on December 5th last year.

There are no comments.

The Chair calls for approval of the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held in Moscow, Russia. This is seconded and approved.

Decision: Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held in Moscow, Russia on December 5th is approved by the Council.

4. Reports

a. Tokyo Olympic / Paralympic Games

i. Scheduling of Asia & Europe Qualification Tournaments

The Chair remarks that Taekwondo is one of the few sports that have completed more than 50% of the qualification events for Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games, but still have Asia and Europe to go. He notes that the principles as agreed with the IOC, is to complete these two qualification tournaments within this year if situation allows.

ii. Timing of CU Senior Championships

The Chair mentions that there is a need to adjust the Taekwondo events calendar for 2021 due to the postponement of Tokyo Games. He notes that all senior championships of every continental union should be completed before May of next year to allow all of us to have time to prepare for Tokyo Games.

iii. Impact on Wuxi 2021 World Championships | GP 2021 | World Poomsae Championships

The Chair explains that the World Championships was originally scheduled for May 2021, but is to be held most probably in the third week of September. He adds that WT will inform the council once the exact dates are finalized with Wuxi government.

He adds that September 21st, 2021 marks the 40th anniversary of the UN International Day of Peace that was proposed by his late father Dr. Young-seek Choue in 1981 following endorsement of the UN in the same year. He proposes organizing a Conference on Sport and Peace in Wuxi on the occasion of the 2021 WT World Championships instead of a Taekwondo symposium, inviting all the IFs that have signed MOUs with WT and THF and high-ranking officials from the UN, UNHCR, IOC and Olympic Refuge Foundation.

He continues explaining that GP 2021 and World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships are unlikely to be staged this year.

Secretary General Hoss Rafaty opens the floor to the Council for any questions or comments.

There are none.

b. Annual Report including Governance

The Chair reports that WT will begin to include more elements from the ASOIF good governance survey and WT's own CU and MNA surveys into the published reports, and notes that demonstrating strong governance practices throughout WT ecosystem will contribute to the IOC's review of Olympic sports after the Tokyo Games in 2021 and 2022. He adds that ASOIF was supposed to publish their 2019-2020 governance report on the IFs last month, but it was delayed because of the postponement of the ASOIF General Assembly due to COVID-19.

He expects that WT will be recognized for the steady and significant improvements in governance scores since the survey began in 2016 and the next phase will pursue better scores through good governance across all the core stakeholders. He notes that WT is finalizing the MNA survey and will distribute to all MNAs in due course. He adds that WT is looking at reforming the statutory bodies as recommended by Sustainability Committee. He concludes that over the coming years, WT will look at streamlining our Council and add in specific roles and responsibilities for the Council members.

c. Alignment of CU Statutes

The Chair reports that WT is finalizing a model statute for the CUs in line with WT's governance objectives. He adds that this approach is very similar to the IOC's approach on the Olympic Charter and NOCs and also by ASOIF; and we hope to finalize the process by October.

He notes that WT wishes to expand the model statutes to the MNAs and if WT can achieve this comprehensive alignment across all levels and sustain a high level of good governance for the coming decade, WT has no doubt secure our status as an Olympic and Paralympic sport. He concludes that WT will be contacting every Continental Union directly after this Extraordinary Council meeting to align the

CU statutes together.

Secretary General Hoss Rafaty opens the floor to the Council for any questions or comments.

There are none.

The Chair moves on to Agenda Item 5, Selection of the Hall of Fame Inductees.

5. Selection of the Hall of Fame Inductees

The Chair invites General Ahmed Fouly, the Chair of the ad-hoc Hall of Fame Committee for reporting.

Gen. Fouly first thanks the President and members of the ad-hoc committee for the opportunities and contributions. He reports that the committee had meetings via video conferencing in March and April to select the five nominees; one nominee in the category of official, two nominees in the category of athlete and also two nominees in the category of lifetime contribution award. He notes that the first year's award is symbolic and meaningful as it will define the prestige of the award.

The Chair adds that WT will contact the nominees and receive their acceptance before we inform the Council to carry out an e-vote.

6. Selection of the Host City

a. 2021 World Taekwondo Cadet Championships

The Chair informs that Sofia, Bulgaria expressed its interest in hosting the 2021 edition of the World Taekwondo Cadet Championships.

He asks the Council to approve Sofia as the host city of the 2021 World Taekwondo Cadet Championships. This is seconded and approved by the Council.

Decision: Sofia, Bulgaria is selected as the host city of the 2021 WT World Taekwondo Cadet Championships.

b. 2022 World Junior Championships & YOG Qualification Tournament

The Chair mentions that there are a couple of potential candidate cities but Senegal in the end has emerged as the candidate city to host the 2022 World Taekwondo Junior Championships which would also serve as the Youth Olympic Games qualification tournament.

He adds that the next YOG in 2022 will be held in Senegal so that the World Junior Championships will be a great opportunity to further develop and promote Taekwondo in the region.

He asks the Council to approve Senegal as the host of the 2022 World Taekwondo Junior Championships.

This is seconded and approved by the Council.

Decision: Senegal is selected as the host city of 2022 WT World Taekwondo Junior Championships & YOG Qualification Tournament for 2022 Youth Olympic Games.

c. 2022 World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships

The Chair informs that Goyang City in Korea, which is about 30 to 40 minutes' drive distance from Incheon International Airport and also from Seoul, is interested in hosting 2020 World Poomsae Championships. He adds that he met with the Goyang City mayor and officials from the Ministry of Sports and the mayor committed to successful hosting the World Poomsae Championships.

He asks the Council to approve Goyang City as the host of the 2022 World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships. This is seconded and approved by the Council.

Decision: Goyang, Korea is selected as the host city of 2022 WT World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships.

d. 2022 Grand Prix

The Chair mentions that the 2021 Grand Prix Series has to be cancelled due to the postponed Tokyo Games and World Championships, and now we have not decided if there is a GP Final next year due to the packed event schedule.

He notes that we awarded the 2021 GP to Manchester at the Manchester Council meeting in May in 2019, and WT has asked to postpone their hosting to 2022 instead. He adds that there are some other potential candidate cities for the other GPs in 2022, including Singapore and Amman which both originally confirmed their interests for 2021; and Singapore reaffirmed their commitment last night. He concludes that the final selection of the host cities of these events will be made in due course.

Secretary General Hoss Rafaty opens the floor to the Council for any questions or comments.

There are none.

The Chair moves on to Agenda Item 7, Other Matters.

7. Other Matters

a. India

The Chair updates on the progress of India that WT has been working closely with India Taekwondo ("IT") and Indian Olympic Association ("IOA") to normalize governance of Taekwondo in India and promote Taekwondo, and appointed Milan Kwee as a WT representative to assist in the process. He informs that under the leadership of the IT President, Namdev Shirgaonkar with full support of IOC Member and IOA President Narinder Batra, there has been significant progress to date.

He adds that despite all these achievements, India Taekwondo cannot move forward due to its suspended membership status. He suggests restoring the full membership in recognition of the achievements under the most challenging circumstances, in accordance with the Article 14.3.e) of the WT Statutes, with waiver of the election procedure that will no doubt support the further promotion and development of Taekwondo in India without any disruption.

He asks the Council to approve reinstatement of India Taekwondo as a full member of World Taekwondo. This is seconded and approved by the Council.

Decision: Memberships of India Taekwondo is fully restored.

b. Urban and Beach events in multi-sport Games

The Chair informs that WT signed MOUs with FISU and CISM to promote Taekwondo in their multi-sport Games, and that one of the is to include not only Mixed Gender Team events, but also Urban and Beach events. He mentions that Mixed Gender Team events is already included in the Youth Olympic Games in Senegal in 2022, and WT will continue developing it in WT's own events.

He adds that we should target the development and growth of Urban and Beach events for inclusion as well, starting with WT's own events and other multi-sport Games. He remarks that WT should do its best to ensure Taekwondo is included in 2023 Beach Games. He concludes that WT will form an ad-hoc committee to develop proposals, and will report at the next Council meeting.

Secretary General Hoss Rafaty opens floor to members for any comments. There are none.

c. Esports

The Chair reports that WT is getting closer to the launch of the first product since the showcase to the IOC President in Manchester last year. He notes that it is an app showcasing Poomsae moves for the grassroots to learn and train at home, and this is very relevant with the Stay Home, Stay Safe, and Stay Active campaign worldwide. He informs that the next phase is to organize virtual sparring by athletes and grassroots, either by the end of this year in Sofia or next year, preferably at the Tokyo Games.

He continues adding that WT is one of the first members of the newly established Global Esports Federation that is based in Singapore and WT is excited by the potential projects that can be developed together, especially if this can be linked with GMS. He concludes that WT is actively engaging with the IOC and ASOIF as well to publish WT's Esports achievements in the coming months.

Secretary General Hoss Rafaty opens floor to members for any comments. There are none.

d. Online education certification

The Chair notes that WT is one of the very few IFs with such a centralized online system, and suggests fully embracing GMS and prospering together, before the other IFs catch up. He adds that WT needs to focus on online education and fully adopt GMS at the grassroots level, working together on providing excellent educational contents for the stakeholders through GMS.

He notes that WT is also planning to organize online education courses in the second half of this year and details of such plans will be informed to the Council in the coming weeks.

Secretary General Hoss Rafaty opens floor to members for any comments. There are none.

e. 20 years of Taekwondo in Olympic Games

The Chair notes that WT was supposed to celebrate 20 years of Taekwondo in the Olympic Games this year and awarding ceremony for the best male and female athletes per Olympic Games was scheduled but this would be held next year after the Tokyo Games.

The Chair opens the floor to the Council for any comments or questions.

Vice Chair John Kotsifas expresses his concern about the recent e-voting where some rules were presented without prior discussion with continental unions. He suggests that the rule changes impacting continental unions should be discussed before putting forward to agenda in the future.

Secretary General Hoss Rafaty opens floor to members for any comments. There are none.

8. Next Council Meeting

The Chair informs that next Council meeting is currently scheduled to take place in Sofia on October 12th, on the occasion of the World Taekwondo Junior Championships if pandemic situation is eased. He adds that WT will study the possibility of organizing the Council meeting and General Assembly virtually, if there is still travel restrictions in place.

He concludes that the final decision of the WT on whether the physical General Assembly and Council Meeting will be held in Sofia will be made by no later than the middle of August.

Secretary General Hoss Rafaty opens floor to members for any comments. There are none.

9. Closing of the Meeting

The Chair thanks to all Council Members for contributions to this truly historic Extraordinary Council meeting. He wishes every member safe and healthy stay.

At 21h00, the Chair declares the first virtual Extraordinary Council meeting of World Taekwondo to be adjourned.