



**-MEETING MINUTES-**  
of the Extraordinary WTF Council Meeting  
Babesa, Bhutan  
October 10, 2014

**1. Establish Quorum: Call Meeting to Order**

WTF Secretary General Jean-Marie Ayer announced that 18 Council Members and 1 Auditor were present at the meeting, thereby establishing a quorum in accordance with Article 8.6 of the WTF Statutes.

The attending WTF Council Members and Auditor were as follow:

Dr. Chungwon Choue, President

Mr. Ivan Dibos, Vice President

Dr. Jean-Marie Ayer, Secretary General

Mrs. Maria Rosario Borello Castillo, Member

Mr. Jesus Puebla Castellanos, Member

Mr. Driss El-Hilali, Member

Mr. Anthony Ferguson, Member

Mrs. Aicha Garad Ali, Member

Mr. Kook Hyun Jung, Member

Mr. Milan Kwee, Member

Mr. Juan Manuel Lopez Delgado, Member

Mr. Dai Won Moon, Member

Mr. Hazem Ahmad Awwad Naimat, Member

Mr. Roger Piarulli, Member

Mr. Metin Sahin, Member

Mr. Anatoly K. Terekhov, Member

Mr. Arman Chilmanov, Member

Mr. Ji Ho Choi, Member

Mr. Ali Sagirkaya, Auditor

## 2. President's welcome speech

The Chairman delivered his welcome speech:

*Good morning, Council. Welcome to Bhutan and thank you for joining the meaningful council meeting.*

*Above all, I wish to thank the National Olympic Committee of Bhutan and Bhutan Taekwondo Federation for their tireless efforts for organization of this meeting. All arrangements are wonderful and excellent. Thank you.*

*Before I begin, I want to introduce a new WTF Council Member, Mr. Arman Chilmanov who is a bronze medal winner from Beijing 2008 Olympic Games. He has been responsible for national taekwondo team of Kazakhstan. I appointed him as a WTF council member representing athletes. Congratulations, Arman and welcome!*

*One more congratulation should go to our colleague Mr. Issaka Ide for his remarkable success in election as the President of Niger National Olympic Committee in July this year. This is a significant step taken by our taekwondo family.*

*Dear Council,*

*As always, it is extremely joyful to be with you. It is my tremendous pleasure to see many of the council member here in the kingdom of Bhutan; one of the most beautiful countries in the world.*

*The way to get to Bhutan must have been not easy but I am sure you experienced sense of fluttering with joy and with great anticipation when you landed this country.*

*My last visit in Bhutan left me with full of fantastic experiences and beautiful memories. I suggested holding the Council meeting here because I wanted to share the great memories together with all of you.*

*I am sure the memories in Bhutan will last forever.*

*Maybe I can add some other remarks at the end of this meeting. Let's take care of our official business first.*

*I will move on the Agenda 3. Approval of the minutes of the WTF Council Meeting held in Taipei City, Chinese Taipei, March 18, 2014.*

**3. Approval of the minutes of the WTF Council Meeting held in Taipei City, Chinese Taipei, March 18, 2014**

The minutes were unanimously approved.

**4. Amendment proposals**

a. Competition Rules and Interpretation

The Chairman introduced the Technical & Development Committee Chair, Prof. Jin Bang Yang, to give a presentation on proposed amendments to the WTF Competition Rules and Interpretations.

Prof. Yang delivered his presentation on the amendments, which were also included in the Council Meeting Agenda Book.

After the presentation, the Chairman asked for opinions from the Council about the proposed amendments of Article 12.3. Valid Points.

According to the opinions of the majority of the Council, it was finalized and accepted that three points for a valid turning kick to the trunk protector will be allocated.

The Chairman moved that the proposed amendments to be approved by the Council. The motion was seconded and was unanimously approved by

the Council.<sup>1</sup>

b. Standing Procedures for Taekwondo Competition at Olympic Games

The Chairman gave the floor the Secretary General for a presentation on proposed amendments to the WTF Standing Procedures for Taekwondo Competition at Olympic Games.

The Secretary General reported shortly a summary of the amendments to the WTF Standing Procedures for Taekwondo Competition at Olympic Games, which also appeared in the Council Meeting Agenda Book.

The Chairman moved that the proposed amendments be approved by the Council. The motion was seconded and was unanimously approved by the Council as proposed.

c. Standing Procedures for WTF World Grand-Prix Series

The Chairman gave the floor the Secretary General for a presentation on proposed amendments to the Standing Procedures for WTF World Grand-Prix Series.

The Secretary General reported shortly a summary of the amendments to the Standing Procedures for WTF World Grand-Prix Series, which also appeared in the Council Meeting Agenda Book.

After the report, Mr. Metin Sahin suggested inviting top 16 athletes to Grand-Prix Final to give more opportunity to get points for the injured athletes.

But the Chairman commented that taking care of injuries also a part of the game and a final game should be like a final for the best of the best.

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<sup>1</sup> The email-vote was held in accordance with Article 7.11 of the WTF Statutes. The amendments to the WTF Competition Rules & Interpretation were approved by majority and will be enforced as of January 1, 2015.

The Chairman moved that the proposed amendments be approved by the Council. The motion was seconded and the amendments were approved by the Council as proposed without any change.

d. WTF Ranking Bylaw

The Chairman gave the floor the Secretary General for a presentation on proposed amendments to the WTF Ranking Bylaw.

The Secretary General reported shortly a summary of the amendments to the WTF Ranking Bylaw, which also appeared in the Council Meeting Agenda Book.

The Chairman moved that the proposed amendments be approved by the Council. The motion was seconded and was unanimously approved by the Council as proposed.

e. WTF Medical Code

The Chairman invited Medical Committee Chairman, Dr. Paul Viscogliosi, for a presentation on proposed amendments to the WTF Medical Code.

Dr. Viscogliosi explained the historical development of the WTF Medical Code since 2010. Dr. Viscogliosi reviewed the proposed amendments to the WTF Medical Code to bring it in full compliance with the IOC Medical Code.

The Chairman moved that the proposed amendments be approved by the Council. The motion was seconded and was unanimously approved by the Council as proposed.

## 5. Progress Reports

### a. Anti-Doping Rules

The Chairman gave the floor to the Dr. Viscogliosi for a report of the WTF Anti-Doping Code.

Dr. Viscogliosi explained that the WTF Medical Committee is constantly following the WTF Anti-Doping Code and is receiving positive review from WADA. The WTF Anti-Doping Code will be adopted in accordance with the good practices of WADA and will be reported during the next Council Meeting in Bangkok.<sup>2</sup>

### b. PSS and PSS Headgear Development

The Chairman gave the floor to the Secretary General for a report of the PSS and PSS Headgear Development.

The Secretary General started by informing of the purposes of his presentation which were the PSS and PSS Headgear Development in 2014 and the plans for 2015 and post Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

The Secretary General informed of selection process for the PSS for Grand-Prix Series and World Taekwondo Junior Championships during 2014 and the adoption of Headgear PSS.

The Secretary General explained the need for the WTF to maintain 2 manufacturers to maintain a competitive market.

The Secretary General stated that the WTF should lead the manufacturers for the long term development of the PSS and evaluate and select key technologies together with the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology

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<sup>2</sup> An email vote on the amendments to the WTF Anti-Doping Code will be held this year in accordance with Article 7.11 of the WTF Statutes.

(EPFL & Prof Manson) and the WTF Technical & Development Committee to improve reliability and consistency. There is a need as well for WTF to standardize one platform so that Taekwondo style is not dependent on which PSS system is used.

To finish the Secretary General stated that when the technology is in place, commercial agreements will be signed with the manufacturers under the leadership of the WTF so that the companies will not compete on the technologies used but more on quality, price and so on in the market. For this to happen, the Secretary General is looking for a 3 year time frame aiming for 2017 WTF World Championship.

The Chairman thanked the Secretary General and moved on to the next item on the Agenda.

c. Implementing a four-year planning cycle for WTF Championships

The Chairman informed that since the introduction of many prestigious WTF promoted championships including Grand-Prix, World Cadet Championships, etc, there had been demands from member national associations for scheduling the WTF events long in advance so that they could prepare well in advance.

The Chairman introduced Legal Deputy Secretary General, Mr. Corbin Min, for a presentation on implementation of a four-year planning cycle of the WTF Championships.

Mr. Min informed that a proposed model calendar was developed based on recommendations from the WTF Technical & Development Committee and the WTF Sport Department and reviewed by the WTF Expansion Committee to harmonize the events promoted or sanctioned by the WTF which will be of several benefits to a range of stakeholders including organizing committees, sponsors, media partners and event managers.

The proposal for G1 and G2 events is that G1 events can be held all the year round from February to December and G2 events in first half of the year from February to June. January should be reserved for a resting period.

The Technical & Development Committee and the WTF Sport Department are currently developing a checklist of requirements for all G-ranked events to ensure all of the G-ranked events have the same standard and high level to receive WTF Sanction. The checklist will be presented during the Expansion Committee Meeting on the occasion of the Manchester Grand-Prix Series 3 and be ready for consideration of Council in the next Council Meeting in Bangkok.

Under the proposal, CU Championships must also be held during the first part of the year. The WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships and The WTF World Cadet Taekwondo Championships will be held together in odd-numbered years from 2017. The WTF World Para-Taekwondo Championships was originally drafted to be held in odd-numbered years, however, with the upcoming consideration by the IPC, if there is sufficient demand, this can be also an annual event. The World Cup Taekwondo Team Championships will be held together with the Grand-Prix Final.

The WTF has been under discussion with the ICSD and reached an agreement from working-level officials for a WTF World Deaf-Taekwondo Championships together with ICSD Deaf Martial Arts Championships to be held in a four year cycle. The MoU between the WTF and ICSD is expected to be signed in March 2015.

The Chairman stated that the WTF will send this information to continental unions and member national associations so that they can now manage their calendar in more systematic way.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Min and moved on to the next item of the Agenda.

## **6. Selection of the 2<sup>nd</sup> WTF World Cadet Taekwondo Championships 2015**

The Chairman informed that the inaugural WTF World Cadet Taekwondo Championships was held with great success in Baku, Azerbaijan in July 2014. Over 65 countries participated and the quality of athletes' performance was outstanding. For further promotion of this new event, it should be organized next year again. Thereafter, the WTF World Cadet Taekwondo Championships will be organized every second year.

The Chairman informed that Korea Taekwondo Association had applied to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> WTF World Cadet Taekwondo Championships in 2015.

The Chairman gave the floor to the delegates from Jeollabuk-do province which is the local government responsible for the region where Taekwondowon is situated.

Mr. Seok-hoon Na and Mr. Jong-seon Moon from Jeollabuk-do province delivered a bid presentation.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Na and Mr. Moon for their presentation.

Since there was only one applicant, the Chairman moved that the Council approved granting Korea Taekwondo Association the right to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> WTF World Cadet Taekwondo Championships. The motion was seconded and was unanimously approved by the Council.

The Chairman declared that Korea Taekwondo Association will host the 2<sup>nd</sup> WTF World Cadet Taekwondo Championships in 2015.

## **7. Other matters**

- a. Information on the Para-Taekwondo Strategic Plan 2015-2020

The Chairman informed that he and Honorary Vice President, Mr. Phil Coles, attended IPC Governing Board meeting in Berlin to make presentation to stress the value of taekwondo to be included in Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.

Although taekwondo was not included in the first 16 sports to be included in the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games, the WTF will carefully study the feedbacks from IPC Governing Board and will provide them with sufficient information by end of this year so that taekwondo will be chosen as one of the 22 or 23 sports for the Tokyo Paralympic Games in Abu Dhabi on 1 February 2015. Enclosed in the Agenda, a Para-taekwondo Strategic Plan 2015-2020 could be found.

b. Strategic Plan for Taekwondo Tour Events  
& other Committees' Progress Report

The Chairman gave the floor to the WTF Tour Events Committee Chair, Mr. Daiwon Moon, for a presentation of the Strategic Plan for Taekwondo Tour Events.

Mr. Moon delivered his presentation on the Strategic Plan for Taekwondo Tour Events aiming for expanding the base of taekwondo beyond Olympic. Then Mr. Moon showed a short video on Mexico Pro Taekwondo.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Moon and moved on to the next item on the Agenda.

c. Dynamic and Interesting Taekwondo including change of Kyorugi Competition Uniform

WTF staff work-shop for Dynamic and Interesting Taekwondo:

The Chairman informed that the WTF staff work-shop had been held in Taekwondowon in Muju in July this year under the topic of "Dynamic and Interesting Taekwondo" At the work-shop, many fresh ideas and

suggestions had been presented and majority of the participants had agreed to the importance of TV coverage and the delivery of the essence of taekwondo.

#### Cooperation with MasTaekwondo aiming for Dynamic and Interesting Taekwondo:

The Chairman introduced Mr. David Alejandro Sillezar Marroquin from MasTaekwondo for a presentation on the subject of “Dynamic and Interesting Taekwondo” in terms of media perspective.

Mr. Sillezar Marroquin delivered his presentation.

#### Design Contest of Kyorugi Competition Uniform:

The Chairman thanked Mr. Sillezar Marroquin and invited the WTF Technical & Development Committee Chair, Prof. Yang, for a presentation on the plan of the development of new Kyorugi Competition Uniforms.

Prof. Yang explained that new design of competition uniforms will be selected through prize contest. This contest will be open to the WTF partner manufacturers, other Dobok manufacturers and individual designers.

The evaluation process will go through Website and a broad range of taekwondo family including the WTF Council Members, the WTF Committee Members, international referees, coaches, athletes, member national association representatives and even general audience who loves taekwondo will vote to select the best new designs. The result and the final selections will be made by a group of experts.

The 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships in Chelyabinsk, Russia will exhibit the projects on 1<sup>st</sup> place, 2<sup>nd</sup> place and multiple 3<sup>rd</sup> places of the contest. The WTF will nominate one manufacturer to work with using all ideas from the winners of the contests. Prof. Yang finished the presentation stating that the advancement will be reported in details to the

Council.

The Chairman moved that the project on the development of new Kyorugi Competition Uniform be approved by the Council. The motion was seconded and was unanimously approved by the Council.

Progress Report of the 2015 European Games Taekwondo:

The Chairman introduced Mr. Kenneth Schunken, Competition Manager of European Games Taekwondo, for a brief progress report.

Mr. Schunken showed a short promotion video and delivered his presentation.

The 2015 European Games have 20 sports in total, 16 Olympic sports. 5 combat games include Taekwondo, Judo, Wrestling, Sambo and Karate.

The taekwondo venue will be the Crystal Hall which will also host the Volleyball, Karate, Fencing and Boxing. The taekwondo event will be a 4 days event according to the Olympic rules.

The qualification will be based on the Olympic Ranking of the WTF of March 2015. The best 14 athletes will be qualified by their NOC immediately and the host county has 1 place for each weight category.

The schedule includes 3 sessions per day with one male and one female weight category.

To finish Mr. Schunken stated that there will be challenges; the lack of volunteer workforce, the differentiation between the different combat sports and the transportation between the athletes' village and the venue. To meet the challenge, he as a competition manager of the European Games Taekwondo will work closely together with the Azerbaijan Taekwondo Federation and the WTF Games Committee Chair Mr. Philippe Bouedo for a successful start of taekwondo in the first European

Games in 2015. With this remark Mr. Schunken finished the presentation.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Schunken and moved on to the next item on the Agenda.

d. Update on Belgium

The WTF Juridical Committee, Mr. Anthony Ferguson, reported on the matter of Belgium membership issue between two parties of UNBTU and BTUBT.

Mr. Ferguson delivered a presentation on a progress report of the WTF Juridical Committee: WTF property rights including logos, names, equipment and so on, governance structure, and suspension of the Swedish MNA.

## 8. Next Council Meeting

The next Extraordinary Council Meeting will be held in Bangkok on 16 January 2014.

To council members with the dual status; as an elected member and as an ex-officio member via CU presidency, the Chairman suggested changing the practice to offer to the CU the opportunity to designate another person to act as the ex-officio representative of the Continental Union.<sup>3</sup>

The Chairman moved this suggestion be passed by the Council. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Council.

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<sup>3</sup> An ex-officio representative has been nominated of each Continental Union whose president qualifies for the WTF Council through more than one path: both as an elected member and as an ex-officio member via CU presidency. It includes African Taekwondo Union and Asian Taekwondo Union.

## 9. Closing of the Meeting

The Chairman delivered his closing speech:

*As I mentioned in Taipei already, this is the 10th year of my presidency.*

*Every time I recall the past 10 years, many things go through my mind like a flash; moments of glory, moments of frustration and moments of happiness.*

*One week before the decision of IOC Executive Board in February last year seemed to be the longest one week but one week after the last day of London 2012 Olympic Games seemed to be the fastest one week. I am sure all of you had same feelings.*

*We have been making history with joint efforts. Creation of various WTF promoted championships turned out all huge successes.*

*No one is questioning the transparency of judging in sport of taekwondo.*

*We spent the last 10 years for securing the status of taekwondo in Olympic program. Now, we should focus on making our federation to become a role model for other International Federations in many aspects.*

*We should keep this great harmony not only within the WTF but also throughout the whole taekwondo community.*

*Embracing all taekwondo practitioners regardless of their organizations is the first step. That's why the IOC President Dr. Thomas Bach was extremely pleased with the signing of MoU between the WTF and ITF in august in Nanjing.*

*The signing is intended to welcome any taekwondo practitioners to the WTF. No taekwondo practitioners should be left behind.*

*As part of these efforts, the creation of so-called WTF Taekwondo Expo is being studied. This event is intended to embrace grass-root level taekwondo practitioners so that they could*

*participate in WTF event. Competition will be only part of this event; education, seminars, convention, exhibitions can be held in same place so that this event can be the biggest festival which will make all taekwondo people proud of our sport. I will be updating you with progress in next Council meeting.*

*As mentioned in the beginning of the meeting, presentation in Berlin was pretty successful. We should continue proving ourselves to be right sport included in Paralympic Games. I understand that continental unions are also organizing Para-taekwondo championships on continental level. But, I sincerely hope that all Council members will also encourage this movement so that the universality of taekwondo is further promoted and proved.*

*I have firm belief that no sports can survive without positive changes. For us, technical evolution is the key. All positive changes in competitions will be reflected on taekwondo competitions of Rio 2016 Olympic Games.*

*To achieve this goal, I have decided to form two ad-hoc committees; one is the Competition Improvement Committee and the other one is Coordination Committee for Rio 2016 Olympic Games.*

*Upon completion of appointment, these two committees will play key roles for another success of Rio 2016 Olympic Games. After success of Rio, then we will be in position to propose to the IOC for increase of current events from 8 to 10.*

*Finally, I would like to introduce the evaluation system for all organizations and activities within the WTF. Continental Unions, Member National Associations, WTF sanctioned international tournaments are all included.*

*I have requested for development of the evaluation mechanism and will be able to present a proposal at the next council meeting.*

*Intention is not to distress the organization but to encourage the good organization. Upon evaluation, the awards will be granted.*

*I hope this evaluation system will motivate all organizations and events to increase the quality of the management.*

*Last but not least, I wish to thank Bhutan Taekwondo Federation for warmly welcoming all of us and for wonderful preparations. People of Bhutan are always humble and warm so every each word and action is truly touching to us.*

*Thank you Council for being together. Thank you for your support and friendship. You are the power and motivation to lead me. Thank you!*

The Extraordinary Council Meeting was adjourned.