



-MEETING MINUTES-
of the Extraordinary WTF Council Meeting
Bangkok, Thailand
January 16, 2015

1. Quorum & Meeting was Called

WTF Secretary General Jean-Marie Ayer announced that 25 Council Members and 2 Auditors were present at the meeting, thereby meeting the quorum in accordance with Article 8.6 of the WTF Statutes.

The attending WTF Council Members and Auditor were as follows:

Dr. Chungwon Choue, President

Mr. Phillip Walter Coles, Honorary Vice President & Ex-Officio Council Member

Mr. Dai Soon Lee, Honorary Vice President

Mr. Ivan Dibos, Vice President

Mr. Ahmed Fouly, Vice President

Mr. Sun Jae Park, Vice President

Dr. Jean-Marie Ayer, Secretary General

Mrs. Maria Rosario Borello Castillo, Member

Mr. Driss El-Hilali, Member

Mr. Anthony Ferguson, Member

Mrs. Aicha Garad Ali, Member

Mr. Issaka Ide, Member

Mr. Kook Hyun Jung, Member

Mr. Milan Kwee, Member

Mr. Kyu Seok Lee, Member

Mr. Juan Manuel Lopez Delgado, Member
Mr. Michel Madar, Member
Mr. Dai Won Moon, Member
Mr. Hazem Ahmad Awwad Naimat, Member
Mr. Roger Piarulli, Member
Mr. Metin Sahin, Member
Mr. Pimol Srivikorn, Member
Mr. Anatoly K. Terekhov, Member
Mr. Sung Chon Hong, Member
Mr. Ji Ho Choi, Member

Mr. Ali Sagirkaya, Auditor
Mr. Dalibor Krpan, Auditor

2. President's welcome speech

The Chairman Dr. Chungwon Choue delivered his welcome speech:

Good afternoon, Council. Welcome to Bangkok and thank you for joining the extraordinary Council Meeting.

As you know, this extraordinary meeting was arranged in July last year in Suzhou during Grand Prix where our good friend Dr. Nat Indrapana kindly proposed to organize this meeting in Bangkok, and I sincerely appreciate his decision and all the efforts he made for preparation of this meeting. I also thank Pimol who made perfect arrangements for us in the middle of the peak touring season in Bangkok. Thank you.

Before I begin, I want to introduce new WTF Council Members. Mr. Sung Chon Hong joined us by recommendation of the Asian Taekwondo Union President for the position of an ex-officio member. Please give a big welcome to Mr. Hong.

We have one more Council Member who newly joined - Mr. Jonathan Nnaji who was recommended by African Taekwondo Union President as an ex-officio member. However he could not attend this meeting due to logistic reason.

And also I want to congratulate our friend Ide for his election as President of Niger Olympic Committee. We already shared this good news and congratulated him at the last Council Meeting in Bhutan but I wish to congratulate him in person again.

One more congratulation should go to Mr. Adrian Tranter who is President of British Taekwondo. He was appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in Her Majesty's New Year 2015 Honours List. This is another achievement to be proud of by all global taekwondo families.

Dear Council,

Once again it is my tremendous pleasure to preside over the Council Meeting here in Bangkok and I am happy to see most of the Council Members presented.

Since the last Council Meeting in Bhutan, we have successfully managed several events and also made huge progress in some important areas.

Grand Prix Series 3 was held with great success in October in Manchester which is home of Grand Prix. We successfully introduced electronic headgear for the first time in the history of the WTF with hope to make our sport even more transparent.

World Poomsae Championships took place in Aguascalientes, Mexico with resounding success, and then again we returned to Queretaro for Grand Prix Final and World Cup Team Championships in December.

In Queretaro, we organized the first ever WTF Gala Awards Dinner to celebrate the success of the year and recognize athletes, coaches, referees and national federations who made contributions. It was an extremely festive event and I hope that all Council Members will join the next edition in Mexico City, December this year.

Other than events, there was a big progress in the relationship with Kukkiwon. Given that Kukkiwon is responsible for taekwondo as a martial art while the WTF is

responsible for sport taekwondo, it is truly meaningful that the two organizations agreed on mutual cooperation. I trust that this will serve as a momentum for more benefits for our national federations in relation to Dan certificate issuance and also education programs.

Another remarkable development is the cooperation with the ITF. Following suggestion from the organizing committee of 2015 WTF World Championships Cheyabinsk, we proposed organizing performances of the demonstration teams of both the WTF and the ITF, and we got positive feedback from the ITF. If achieved, it will be another historic moment for taekwondo.

On December 8-9 in Monaco, the IOC Extraordinary Session was held. At the session, all 40 recommendations of Agenda 2020 were unanimously approved.

- Notably, cost for bidding will be reduced.*
- Sport-based program will be moved to an event-based program.*
- More than 28 sports will be possible in the program with limit of the number of participants.*
- Olympic TV Channel will be launched.*
- The IOC finance will be more transparent and it will motivate all IF's to manage its finance more transparently*
- One-time extension of an IOC member's term of office for four years with maximum 5 cases at a given time. Organizing Committee will now be able to recommend more than one sport for the program.*
- Certain events can be hosted outside the hosting city or country.*

Under this circumstance, the WTF also needs to well understand the philosophy and direction of the IOC, and drive good changes before being changed.

Full text of the approved Agenda 2020 is available at the IOC website.

Now I will move on to the Agenda 3, Approval of the minutes of the WTF Extraordinary Council Meeting held in Babesa, Bhutan on October 10, 2014.

3. Approval of the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held in Babesa, Bhutan on October 10, 2014.

The minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Amendment proposals

a. WTF Competition Rules and Interpretation

The Chairman introduced 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 & Documents.

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

The Chairman informed the Council that amended WTF Competition Rules and Interpretation will be presented to General Assembly in Chelyabinsk on May 11 for its final approval.

b. WTF Ranking Bylaw

The Chairman gave the floor to Prof. Jin Bang Yang for a presentation on proposed amendments to the WTF Ranking Bylaw.

Prof. Yang summarized the amendments to the WTF Ranking Bylaw, which also appeared in the Council Meeting Agenda & Documents.

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

c. WTF Para-Taekwondo and Deaf-Taekwondo Classification Rules and Regulations

The Chairman gave the floor to Prof. Jin Bang Yang for a presentation on proposed amendments to the WTF Para-Taekwondo and Deaf-Taekwondo Classification Rules and Regulations.

Prof. Yang summarized the amendments to the WTF Para-Taekwondo and Deaf-Taekwondo Classification Rules and Regulations, which also appeared in the Council Meeting Agenda & Documents.

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

d. WTF Statutes

The Chairman informed the Council that, following an agreement with Kukkiwon, the WTF and Kukkiwon shall exchange ex-officio seats in each other's councils. The Chairman stated that this will help ensure that both organizations communicate more effectively with each other through their official decision-making bodies. An amendment to the Statutes is required to give effect to the agreement.

The Chairman introduced Legal Deputy Secretary General, Mr. Corbin Min, to give a presentation on proposed amendments to the WTF Statutes.

Mr. Min presented the proposal of the amendment to the Statutes, which also appeared in the Council Meeting Agenda & Documents.

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.

The Chairman informed the Council that amended WTF Statutes will be presented to General Assembly in Chelyabinsk for its final approval.

e. Bylaws of Dispute Resolution and Disciplinary Actions

The Chairman gave the floor Mr. Corbin Min, for a presentation on the proposed amendments to the Bylaws of Dispute Resolution and Disciplinary Actions.

Mr. Min presented a summary of the amendments to the Bylaws of Dispute Resolution and Disciplinary Actions, which also appeared in the Council Meeting Agenda & Documents.

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. Host Cities of 2015 World Grand Prix

The Chairman reminded the Council that in the meeting held Taipei last year, the Council selected the host cities of Grand Prix series and finals for the year of 2014 and 2015.

However, among those host cities, Suzhou, China withdrew from the hosting of Grand Prix Series 2 for this year. Therefore, the WTF looked for the replacement. Initially, Doha, Qatar expressed intention to host. Unfortunately, however, Qatar confirmed that it cannot host due to various

reasons. Meanwhile, the city of Samsun, Turkey has shown strong desire to host the 2015 Grand Prix Series 2 since early 2014 when the Chairman met the Sport Minister of Turkey on the occasion of Sportaccord Convention in Antalya, Turkey.

The Chairman proposed that the Council to approve selection of the city of Samsun as the new host city of the 2015 Grand Prix Series 2 under the condition that they comply with the hosting requirements set by the WTF.

The Chairman moved that the Council approved the selection of the city of Samsun as the host city of the 2015 Grand Prix Series 2. The motion was seconded and was unanimously approved by the Council.

The Chairman gave the floor to Mr. Metin Sahin and Mr. Sahin expressed his thanks to the Council.

The Chairman declared that the city of Samsun has been selected as the host city of the 2015 Grand Prix Series 2.

The Chairman then announced the places and dates of the WTF Grand Prix 2015. The Grand Prix Series 1 will be held in Moscow, Russia on August 14-16. The Grand Prix Series 2 will take place in September in Samsun, Turkey and exact dates will be announced soon. The Grand Prix Series 3 will be held in Manchester, UK on October 15-17.

And the Grand Prix Final will be held in Mexico City, Mexico in December. WTF Gala Awards Dinner will be also held in Mexico City on the occasion of the Grand Prix Final.¹

¹ Later, the dates of 2015 Grand Prix Final in Mexico City were fixed as December 4-5 and the date of WTF Gala Awards Dinner was fixed as December 6.

6. Progress Reports

a. Para-Taekwondo progress report

The Chairman delivered a summary of the Para-taekwondo progress.

The Chairman said that in the beginning of 2014, development of para-taekwondo was the most important objective for the WTF, and as a result, para-taekwondo was developed significantly in 2014.

The Chairman continued that the 5th WTF World Para-taekwondo Championships marked the biggest ever with participation of 111 athletes from 37 countries. It was also remarkable that Poomsae competition for intellectually disabled athletes was also staged. The Chairman thanked Mr. Terekhov, President of the Russia Taekwondo Union, for his efforts indicating that this success would not have been possible without strong support of Russian Taekwondo Union.

Also noted was that continental para-taekwondo championships were held in Europe and PanAm. The Chairman stated that he hoped this great move will be extended to other continents this year. It was also reported that ATU and AFTU will organize continental para-taekwondo championships this year.

Para-taekwondo was also included in Commonwealth Taekwondo Championships in 2014. The Chairman stated he trusts many other international taekwondo tournaments will organize para-taekwondo competitions this year.

The Chairman continued to explain in regard to the IPC's final decision on the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic programs. The year 2015 will be an important year for para-taekwondo as the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic program will be decided in Abu Dhabi at the end of January 2015. Eight (8) sports are

competing for 6 or 7 places. Those eight sports are taekwondo, canoe, cycling, football 5-a-side, football 7-a-side, judo, wheelchair-fencing and sailing. It will be perfect if taekwondo is included. But regardless of the outcome of the IPC Governing Board meeting in Abu Dhabi, the WTF will remain committed to making taekwondo a sport for athletes of all impairments. ²

The Chairman informed the Council that the WTF introduced world ranking for para-taekwondo, and 2015 Canada open that will include para-taekwondo competition will be the first para-taekwondo ranking event.

The Chairman added that para-taekwondo is also included in various multi-sport games in 2015 such as CPISRA World Games in Nottingham, UK, INAS Global Games in Guayaquil, Ecuador and IWAS World Games in Sochi, Russia.

The Chairman hoped that all Council Members would do their best to promote and develop para-taekwondo even harder in 2015, saying that full details of para-taekwondo progress report is included in the Agenda & Documents of this meeting.

b. Taekwondo Tour Events progress report

The Chairman gave the floor to the WTF Tour Events Committee Chair, Mr. Daiwon Moon, for a Taekwondo Tour Events progress report.

Mr. Moon delivered a presentation on the progress report of Taekwondo Tour Events. Mr. Moon explained about the proposals on rules, team composition and format for Team Championships. Then, Mr. Moon showed a short video-clip on Mexico Pro Taekwondo.

² On January 31, IPC Governing Board in Abu Dhabi approved the taekwondo for inclusion in 2020 Tokyo Paralympics with the other five sports. Out of competing eight sports, football 7-a-side and sailing missed the places for 2020 Tokyo Paralympics.

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

c. Taekwondo Competition of the 1st European Games progress report

The Chairman said that the success of taekwondo competition at the 1st European Games to be held in June this year in Baku, Azerbaijan is crucial as the Games in Baku is the inaugural edition.

The Chairman invited the Taekwondo Competition Manager of European Game, Mr. Kenneth Schunken for a presentation on the Taekwondo Competition of the 1st European Games progress report.

Mr. Schunken delivered his presentation. Mr. Schunken informed the Council that the 2015 European Games will take place from June 15 and have 20 sports. Taekwondo will be a 4-day event from June 16 to 19, and the venue will be Crystal Hall. On May 20, there will be a sport test for all the operations of Taekwondo event with WTF Games Committee Chair Mr. Philippe Bouedo.

Mr. Aaron Cook Case

Mr. Schunken informed that Mr. Aaron Cook changed his nationality from Great Britain to Moldova. Regarding the change of athlete's nationality, there is a '3 years rule' which means that an athlete who represents one country cannot compete for another until after three years have passed. However, if the NOCs and IF involved agree, then this period can be reduced.³

³ Explanation #1 to Article 4 of WTF Competition Rules & Interpretation

Holder of the nationality of the participating team: When a contestant is a representative of a national team, his/her nationality is decided by citizenship of the country he/she is representing before submission of the application to participate. Verification of citizenship is done by inspection of the passport. A competitor who is a national of two or more countries at the same time may represent either one of them, as he may elect. However, after having represented one country in the Olympic Games, in Qualification Tournaments for Olympic Games, in continental or regional games or in world

The Chairman asked the Council's opinion about whether the Council approves change of Mr. Aaron Cook's nationality.

The Chairman moved that change of Mr. Aaron Cook's nationality be approved by the Council. The motion was seconded and was unanimously approved by the Council.

The Chairman invited Legal Deputy Secretary General, Mr. Corbin Min for explanation of legal procedure. Mr. Min explained that the WTF already received the approval letter from National Olympic and Sports Committee of the Republic of Moldova. The WTF has now approved so the approval of British Olympic Association will be needed to finalize change of Mr. Aaron Cook's nationality.

7. Belgium Case

The Chairman informed the Council that under the unique circumstances of its national structure, UNBTU was recognized by the WTF as the umbrella national federation of three local federations, but it was found that there was a dispute over the representation of UNBTU.

The Chairman gave the floor to Mr. Kenneth Schunken for brief explanation and update of the case of Belgium.

Mr. Schunken reported on the dispute between two parties of UNBTU

or regional championships Promoted or recognized by the WTF, he may not represent another country unless at least three (3) years have passed since the competitor last represented his former country. This period may be reduced or even cancelled, with the agreement of the NOCs and the WTF. The WTF may take disciplinary actions at any time against the athlete and his member national association that violates this article including but not limited to deprivation of the achievements. In case of an athlete aged 16 or less, this article shall not be applied unless there is an appeal from any of the two countries. In case of dispute, the WTF shall make evaluation and make a final decision. After the decision, no further appeal shall be acceptable.

and BTUBT. Mr. Schunken stated that urgent issues to be resolved are GAL Licences for all Belgian athletes and re-establishment of representative democracy in Belgium.

The Chairman commented that Belgium case is very complicated so the WTF has to take an action, such as suspension of UNBTU, but athletes in Belgium should be protected. ⁴

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

8. Other matters

a. Upgrading Membership Status of the Kosovo Taekwondo Federation

The Chairman informed the Council that the 127th IOC Session in Monaco held on December 8-9, 2014 granted full recognition to the Kosovo Olympic Committee.

The Kosovo Taekwondo Federation was approved as a WTF provisional member at the WTF General Assembly in Puebla in 2013 with the proviso that its status would be upgraded to a full member upon the IOC recognition of Kosovo NOC as a full member.

Accordingly, Kosovo Taekwondo Federation will put on the agenda of the WTF General Assembly in Chelyabinsk, Russia scheduled for May 11, 2015 on the occasion of the 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships. Kosovo Taekwondo Federation shall receive full membership following approval of the General Assembly.

⁴ Later, UNBTU was suspended by the WTF as of January 27, 2015.

b. PoA with the ITF

The Chairman mentioned the Protocol of Accord signed by and between the WTF and ITF, informing the Council that since signing this historic agreement, there has been a huge progress in collaboration between the two organizations. In regard to some questions raised by the national federations about how the POA applies to them, the Chairman has found it necessary to develop certain guidelines for application to ensure this agreement is practically applied without discrepancy.

The Chairman stated that working group will be formed to develop clear guidelines which will be distributed to our national federations.

c. Implementing the MNA Ranking System

The Chairman gave the floor to Legal Deputy Secretary General, Mr. Corbin Min to hear more details about the implementation of the MNA Ranking System which was presented at the last Council Meeting in Bhutan.

Mr. Min started by updating the Council Members of the categories and detailed questionnaires of ranking survey. Mr. Min explained the roadmap and timeline for the ranking survey and informed that pilot test of ranking survey will be done in cooperation with CUs. The goal is to introduce the survey to MNAs during the 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships in Chelyabinsk, Russia.

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

d. GMS Update

The Chairman informed the Council that the MOU was signed between the WTF and WTF International (called as WTF International Foundation:

WTF-IF) for successful and effective management of GMS business.

The Chairman gave the floor to the President of WTF-IF, Mr. Hoss Rafaty for a presentation on the GMS update.

Mr. Rafaty delivered his presentation. He gave explanations on the new functions of GMS system, numbers of registration and process of GMS Licence registration and online payment.

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

e. Current situation of Moroccan Taekwondo Federation

The Chairman introduced Mr. Driss Hilali for the briefing on current situation of Moroccan Taekwondo Federation. The Chairman also invited Mr. Said Izgua from the Sport Ministry of Morocco and Mr. Aarif Najib from the Moroccan Olympic Committee to join the presentation.

Mr. Izgua reported the situation of Moroccan Taekwondo Federation for last 2 years. Mr. Izgua informed that there was mishandling in administration and competition matters in Moroccan Taekwondo Federation. In this regard, the Moroccan Taekwondo Federation, the Moroccan Olympic Committee and the Sport Ministry of Morocco worked together to solve the problems. Finally, the General Assembly of MTF was held on December 28, 2014 and Mr. Driss El-Hilali was elected as the new President of Moroccan Taekwondo Federation through democratic procedure.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Driss Hilali, Mr. Said Izgua and Mr. Aarif Najib.

At the end of the 'Other Matters' the following two items were added.

Request to CUs to present the vision and operation plan

The Chairman stressed that Continental Unions are key components of the WTF in communicating with the national federations and in achieving the objectives of the WTF. Therefore, further activation of Continental Unions is the key to the success of the operations of the WTF.

The Chairman suggested each Continental Union present the vision and operational plan at the WTF General Assembly scheduled for May 11, 2015 in Chelyabinsk, Russia with presentation time to be between 5 and 10 minutes.

Dismissal of Dr. Jean-Marie Ayer from the position of the WTF Secretary General

The Chairman explained Dr. Jean-Marie Ayer was appointed as the WTF Secretary General in 2012 with the hope to create synergy effect between offices of Seoul and Lausanne. However, this structure under which Secretary General and the secretariat are located far away has been causing administrative inefficiency.

Under the situation where the world of sports is moving fast, it is important that the WTF reacts fast and effectively.

With this reason, the Chairman made a difficult decision to dismiss Dr. Ayer from the position of Secretary General.

The Chairman stated Dr. Ayer will continue relationship with the WTF so that Dr. Ayer could contribute further to the WTF in other area. The Chairman said that the WTF will keep the Lausanne office opened to communicate with international sports organizations and carry out the other roles and administrations.

The Chairman gave the floor to Dr. Jean-Marie Ayer and Dr. Ayer

expressed his impressions as being the Secretary General and thanked to the Council.

The Chairman thanked Dr. Ayer and the Council gave a round of applause.

The Chairman announced that new Secretary General will be appointed very soon

9. Next Council Meeting

The Chairman announced that an Council Meeting is to be held in Chelyabinsk, Russia on May 10, 2015 in conjunction with the 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships.

10. Closing of the Meeting

The Chairman delivered his closing speech:

When I look back the last 10 years of my presidency, I feel that it has always been battle to survive; survival as an Olympic sport.

After huge success of London 2012 Olympic Games and landmark decision of the IOC for inclusion of our sport until 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games, I finally made myself comfortable. I am sure you did same.

From this year, I want the WTF to move forward. Survival is not any more our single aim. Now our mission is to make our sport more marketable, to make our sport accessible to anyone and to achieve good governance.

It is time for change, choice and concentration.

The IOC President Dr. Thomas Bach said “We are now in the position to drive change ourselves rather than being driven.”

As he said, it is also important for us to lead the changes instead of being changed by someone else.

To achieve this mission and to advance, your support and cooperation is crucial. The spirit of harmony has always united us. I hope this will continue.

Last but not least, I wish to thank Dr. Nat Indrapana and Mr. Pimol Srivikorn for warmly welcoming all of us and for wonderful preparations.

Thank you Council for your support and friendship.

The Extraordinary Council Meeting was adjourned.