



Minutes of the WTF Council Meeting

Burnaby, Canada

November 14, 2016

1. Establish Quorum: Call Meeting to Order

On behalf of Secretary General Hoss Rafaty, who had to absent due to prior commitments, Mr. Jinbang Yang, WTF Seoul Office Director General, announced that 24 Council members and 2 auditors 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 auditors were as follows:

Dr. Chungwon Choue, President

Mr. Phillip Walter Coles, Honorary Vice President

Mr. Ivan Dibos, Vice President

Mr. Ahmed Fouly, Vice President

Mr. Mohamed A.K. Al-Sulaiti, Member

Mrs. Maria Rosario Borello Castillo, Member

Mr. Jesus Castellanos Pueblas, Member

Mr. Driss El-Hilali, Member

Mr. Anthony Ferguson, Member

Mr. Kook Hyun Jung, Member

Mr. Tae Kyung Kim, 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. Pimol Srivikorn, Member

Mr. Athanasios Pragalos, Member

Mr. John Kotsifas, Member



Mr. Ji Ho Choi, Member
Mr. Sung Chon Hong, Member
Mr. Hyun Deuk Oh, Member
Mr. Koos Engelbrecht, Member

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

Dr. Chungwon Choue, Chairman of the Council meeting, noted that Council members, who were absent with prior notice, were as follows:

Mr. Dai Soon Lee, Honorary Vice President
Mr. Kamaladdin Heydarov, Vice President
Mr. Hoss Rafaty, Secretary General
Mr. John Walker, Treasurer
Ms. Aïcha Garad Ali, Member
Mr. Issaka Ide, Member
Ms. Carine Lahoud, Member
Mr. Roger Piarulli, Member
Mr. Metin Sahin, Member
Mr. Anatoly Konstantinovich Terekhov, Member
Mr. Jonathan Nnaji, Member

2. President's Welcome Speech

As you remember, the last Council meeting was held at Taekwondowon on the 6th of May this year on the occasion of the Coach-Referee Joint Training Camp for Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

Five (5) months have passed, and I am proud to tell you that we all deserve to celebrate the great success of taekwondo competitions at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

All the changes we brought to Rio worked perfectly. The equally numbered male and female referees did a tremendous job despite under huge pressure in the Olympic environment. The colored pants gave a new and fresh look and feel. PSS headgears made competitions even more transparent and impartial. The octagonal-shaped mat facilitated more active competitions.

Taekwondo again demonstrated its value as the most universal sport. This time, every day was an 'African day.' The first ever gold medal was achieved by Cote d'Ivoire, and Africa made a historic success with 5 medals. Congratulations, Gen. Fouly.

There were other historic occasions. Jordan won the country's first ever Olympic medal and it was gold. Iran won the first Olympic medal by a female athlete in taekwondo.



Even outside the mat, taekwondo was highlighted in the media after the opening ceremony of the Games where our Tonga athlete carried the national flag.

Overall, there were plenty of upsets and no match went as predicted. Many experienced players and world champions lost to the new generation. Pressure at the Olympic Games is enormous, so it was felt that the one who enjoys the Olympics most turns out to be a winner.

It is great to look back at Rio but we won't stay where we are. Without change, no sport will survive. That's why I opened discussion with Continental Union presidents and other technical officials even before the Rio Games on how to make taekwondo even more exciting and successful.

As part of this effort, we held the WTF Olympic coach seminar and forum in October in Seoul and a lot of constructive feedbacks were collected. Now it is our responsibility to ratify new rule changes and execute properly. I trust that this effort will again turn out to be more successful taekwondo competitions in Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. More details will come during the next agenda items.

On another subject, there has been significant progress in our humanitarian activities. Now our efforts are recognized by many prestigious international organizations and we are asked for partnership.

I was the only sport leader invited by the 2016 China Charity Fair held in Shenzhen, China on September 23. I delivered a presentation under the topic "Empowering the World's Most Powerless Children." With this effort, China's leading charity organization Huamin Charity Foundation agreed to fully support the THF for its humanitarian projects at refugee camps around the world.

I was invited by the Vatican to attend the First Global Conference on Faith and Sport on October 5-7. I had an opportunity to speak with the world leaders to explain our motivation and activities, and again suggest the creation of a Sport Peace Corps. The WTF Demonstration Team performed at the opening ceremony of this conference in front of the Pope Francis, UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon and IOC President Thomas Bach. Demonstration was continued at the Croce Rossa refugee camp in Rome.

After the Burnaby World Junior Championships, I will fly to Monaco to sign an MOU with Peace and Sport to work joint activities to empower refugees. Discussion for collaboration is well under way with the IOC and Generations for Peace as well.

With all these efforts, I have no doubt that taekwondo will be stamped on the memory of people as the most educational and valuable sport in the universe.

Now I wish to encourage all council members to help increase awareness of THF activities throughout the global taekwondo families.

Last but not least, I would like to report the council that we organized the 1st World Taekwondo Peace Festival on September 4 at Seoul Plaza which is the heart of Seoul. This festival was held with aim to celebrate the success of taekwondo of Rio Games and also promote the spirit of taekwondo and peace. It was a huge success.



3. Approval of the minutes

a. Approval of the minutes of the Council meeting held in Muju, Korea on May 6, 2016

The Chairman motioned for the approval of the minutes of the WTF Council meeting held in Muju, Korea on May 6, 2016. The minutes were included in the Agenda & Documents of this Council Meeting.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

b. Approval of the minutes of the Council Meeting held in Chelyabinsk, Russia on May 10, 2015

The Chairman moved to the next item giving the floor to Mr. Corbin Min, Legal Department Senior Director, for explanations.

Mr. Min explained that, related to the registration of the WTF liaison offices in Lausanne, Switzerland, our Swiss legal advisors recommend the WTF allow for "individual proxy holders", and that the Council Minutes be adjusted accordingly.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Min and moved that the proposed changes to the minutes of the WTF Council meeting held in Chelyabinsk, Russia on May 10, 2015 to be approved by the Council.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

4. Rio Result Report & PSS Operation Plan

The Chairman introduced the Mr. Jay Lee, Director of the Sport Department, to explain about the important points of the Rio Result Report & PSS Operation Plan. Mr. Lee presented a summary of the Rio Olympic Games and statistical analysis on Olympic medal achievement by continent, NOC and athletes' age and ranking.

Mr. Lee continued with a brief explanation of Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games outline and gave a short introduction of karate comparing its similarities with taekwondo.

Mr. Lee mentioned the challenges to be faced and strategic plans for the upcoming events in Japan, and explained the plans to change the session schedule from 3 sessions, using only 1 court for competition to 2 sessions, using 2 courts in order to shorten daily competitions.

He also explained that it was discussed whether to keep a competition system with repechage and



Team Competition. Mr. Lee also said that the dates of the test event were discussed between the Tokyo Organizing Committee and the WTF President.

He then explained about the PSS Package for the 4th quarter of 2016 and the year 2017 saying that as the new PSS standard would be ready for 2018, WTF would continue using the existing PSS from Daedo and Adidas KP&P until 2017. He explained that the Ad-hoc PSS Committee voted on operation of PSS for 4th quarter of 2016 and year 2017, and for following PSS package, Daedo and Adidas KP&P has been set.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Lee and moved to the next agenda item.

5. Amendment Proposals

a. WTF Statutes

The Chairman introduced Mr. Corbin Min, Legal Department Senior Director, to give a presentation on proposed amendments to the WTF Statutes.

Mr. Min delivered a presentation on the proposed amendments, which were also included in the Council Meeting Agenda & Documents; particularly:

- Article 2 Mission and Objectives
- Article 4 Languages
- Article 14: Member National Associations
- Article 16 Member National Associations
- Article 27 Committees
- Article 29 Disciplinary Actions

The Chairman moved the proposed amendments to be approved by the Council.

The motion was seconded and was unanimously approved by the Council as proposed by Mr. Min. The proposed amendments were presented to the General Assembly for final approval.

b. WTF Competition Rules & Interpretation

The Chairman mentioned the WTF Olympic coach seminar and forum with WTF Technical Committee members held in October in Seoul to collect suggestions for improvement of taekwondo for an even more exciting and dynamic sport and for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and stated that the aim for taekwondo at Tokyo 2020 was not only to be fair and transparent, but also to be exciting.

The Chairman introduced Mr. Kook Hyun Jung, WTF Council member and Chairman of the Technical & Development Committee, to give a presentation on the proposed amendments to the WTF



Competition Rules & Interpretations.

The Chairman of Technical & Development Committee delivered his presentation on the amendments, which were also included in the Council Meeting Agenda & Documents.

In particular:

- Article 2. Application
- Article 4. Application
- Article 5. Weight Divisions
- Article 6. Classification and methods of competition
- Article 8. Drawing of Lots
- Article 9. Weigh-in
- Article 12. Valid Points
- Article 13. Scoring and publication
- Article 14. Prohibited acts and Penalties
- Article 15. Golden Point and Decision of Superiority
- Article 16. Decisions
- Article 21. Instant Video Replay

After the presentation, the Chairman thanked Mr. Jung and introduced Mr. Chakir Chelbat, Referee Committee Chair and Technical & Development Committee Vice Chair; and Mr. Philippe Bouedo, Games Committee Chair and Technical & Development Committee Vice Chair, for a Q&A session on the amendments. The Chairman explained that the proposed amendments were the result of long meetings among 30 Olympic participating coaches, WTF Referee Committee members, WTF Technical & Development Committee members and 5 Continental Union delegates.

Mr. Michel Madar asked about the technical point of the instant video replay (Article 21). Mr. Jung explained the turning kick was the technical point of the instant video replay.

Mr. Anthony Ferguson first thanked the efforts and hard work to make the competitions more exciting and said that the wording of the point 3 from Article 2 should be changed from "Sanctioned" to "Recognized."

Mr. John Kotsifas asked about points 2 and 5.1 from Article 14, Prohibited acts and Penalties and expressed his worries about the proposed rule impeding athletes from executing dynamic techniques to avoid penalties and the possibility of this leading to more complaints. Mr. Chelbat explained the rule has been used and working properly over the last two (2) years, and the proposed amendment was to emphasize and make the rule official. Mr. Bouedo continued explaining that the aim was to avoid players from using the technique or intentionally falling down to gain time which stops the competition and impedes the opponent to have the chance to take a point.

In regard to Article 4, Mr. Philip Walter Coles asked whether it was in compliance with the IOC nationality rules and expressed his concern of athletes not being able to participate in Olympic programs. Mr. Chelbat and Mr. Jay Lee, WTF Sport Director, explained the rule was in compliance



with the IOC policies and only differ in the naming of events.

Mr. Daiwon Moon thanked as well for all the hard work and efforts of the committee members to change and make taekwondo a more exciting sport. He asked about Point 4 of Article 14 and the consequences of not meeting the requested 30 seconds to inform the center referee of the final decision. He also expressed his concern regarding championships such as regional championships and countries that were not able to work with advanced IVR systems and cameras. Mr. Chelbat and Mr. Philip explained that the aim of the proposed 30-second limit rule was to avoid spending time doing video replays repeatedly times and explained that it has been through education of referees.

Mrs. Maria Rosario Borello Castillo, Mr. Ali Sagirkaya, Mr. Jiho Choi, Mr. Sung Chon Hong expressed their concerns about the new changes of the rules and regulations. Mr. Chelbat explained the aims of the new changes and recalled the importance of changes according to the IOC and Olympic Games

Mr. Pimol Srivikorn proposed to second the motion and approve the proposed amendments. Mr. Athanasios Pragalos, Mr. Kotsifas and Mr. Moon followed the motion.

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

c. WTF Ranking Bylaw

The Chairman introduced Mr. Jay Lee, WTF Sport Director, to deliver a presentation on the proposed amendments to the WTF Ranking Bylaw. Mr. Lee explained the proposed amendments to the WTF Council and explained that it will be effective from February 1, 2017 implemented with the new GMS. Mr. Lee also explained that amendments of Article 3 will be implemented from 2016 World Taekwondo Junior Championships, before the 2018 Youth Olympic Games.

Mr. Jiho Choi asked about Article 3 and its implementation in other championships. Mr. Lee explained it was only implemented for Youth Olympic Games, World Taekwondo Junior Championships and Continental Junior Championships.

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

d. WTF Poomsae Ranking Bylaw

The Chairman moved to the next agenda item and asked Mr. Jay Lee, WTF Sport Director, to deliver a presentation on the proposed amendments to the WTF Poomsae Ranking Bylaw. Mr. Lee explained the proposed articles to be amended and recalled that the Para Taekwondo Competition Rules have a separate competition rules from the regular WTF Competition Rules for a clearer tournament system. Mr. Lee clarified the proposed amendments to the World Ranking for the P20 Sport Class will



take effect from January 1, 2017 and World Ranking for the P30 Sport Classes (P31, P32, P33 & P34) shall start as of January 1, 2018

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

e. WTF Standing Procedures for WTF World Grand-Prix Series

The Chairman moved to the next agenda item and asked Mr. Jay Lee, WTF Sport Director, to deliver a presentation on the proposed amendments to the WTF Standing Procedures for WTF World Grand-Prix Series. Mr. Lee explained the proposed amendments to WTF World Grand-Prix Series that will be applied from 2017 to 2020. He explained that only one (1) GP final will be held in 2020 due to the Olympic Games. He also explained the naming for the WTF Rules on Organization and Operation of International Taekwondo Championships was proposed to be changed to WTF Event Operation Rules.

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

f. WTF Event Operations Rules

The Chairman moved to the next agenda item and asked Mr. Jay Lee, WTF Sport Director, to deliver a presentation on the proposed amendments to the WTF Event Operation Rules, which were also included in the Council Meeting Agenda & Documents.

The Chairman explained that the rule has been enacted to correspond with the renovated bidding process. Mr. Lee explained that proposed rules have been restructured and updated to be simple; that it was a clear guideline regarding the Bidding Process for promoted championships and Event Hosting conditions; items that before were in the Technical Manual for Local Organizing Committee.

Mr. Lee explained that in this rules, the use of “World Taekwondo” would be applied for every WTF-recognized events, except Para Taekwondo Events. He explained that since 2018 G1 and G2 championships will no longer be allowed during December and January for athletes to have a break period and recalled it would be strictly enforced from the date.

Mr. John Kotsifas asked about the cutoff date for point accumulation for Grand Prix qualification. Mr. Lee explained it would change from one (1) month to two (2) months prior to G-ranked events.

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



g. The Regulation on the Administration of the International Kyorugi / Poomsae Referees

The Chairman moved to the next amendment proposal on the Regulation on the Administration of the International Kyorugi and Poomsae Referees and asked Mr. Jay Lee, WTF Sport Director, to explain regarding the matter.

Mr. Lee explained these rules, which were also included in the Council Meeting Agenda & Documents, were discussed during the WTF Coach Seminar held in Seoul, Korea in October 2016 and went through some articles as mentioned below:

- Standards for female referees were lowered in order to promote female international referees.
- Details regarding referee uniforms were crossed for upcoming changes on uniforms.
- A separated system will be implemented to screen inactive referees.

For poomsae, Mr. Lee explained that education hours have been reduced in compliance with the Kyorugi referees' education hours and points. He clarified that proposed rules shall be effective from January 1, 2017.

Mr. John Kotsifas expressed his concern about referees inactive in a domestic and/or regional level and applying for international referee directly to the WTF and suggested a process for Continental Unions to participate in screening to increase referees' interest in G1 and G2 events.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Kotsifas and Mr. Lee and moved the proposed amendments to be approved by the Council.

The motion was seconded and was unanimously approved by the Council.

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

The Chairman introduced Mr. Koos Engelbrecht, Para Taekwondo Governing Board Chair and WTF Council member and Mr. Fumiaki Fujita, WTF Para Taekwondo Department coordinator, to explain about the proposed amendments, which were also included in the Council Meeting Agenda & Documents.

Mr. Engelbrecht and Mr. Fujita explained that the updates were made in line with the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) requirements and according to IPC recommendations in order to have fairer competitions.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Engelbrecht and Mr. Fujita and moved the proposed amendments to be approved by the Council.

The motion was seconded and was unanimously approved by the Council.



6. Enactment Proposals

a. The World Taekwondo Disciplinary Action and Appeals Code

The Chairman moved to the Enactment Proposal on the World Taekwondo Disciplinary Action and Appeals Code and explained that the aim of the WTF was to improve as an organization especially on how the WTF manages disagreements and conflicts among members. He then gave the floor to Mr. Corbin Min, WTF Legal Affairs Senior Director, to deliver a presentation on the proposed enactment which was created as a global dispute management framework governing all of WTF members.

Mr. Min delivered a presentation regarding the World Taekwondo Disciplinary Action and Appeals Code which were also included in the Council Meeting Agenda & Documents.

After the explanation, Mr. Michel Madar asked if the appeal fee was too low. Mr. Min explained that the WTF was concerned that a higher fee might act as a bar to legitimate complaints, but this will be reviewed after experience is gained under the new code.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Min and moved that the Council approve the proposed enactment to the World Taekwondo Disciplinary Action and Appeals Code.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Council.

b. WTF Para Taekwondo Competition Rules

The Chairman moved to the Enactment Proposal on the WTF Para Taekwondo Competition Rules and explained that the purpose of this enactment was to separate the Para Kyorugi / Poomsae Taekwondo Competition Rules from the existing Competition Rules and gave the floor to Mr. Chakir Chelbat, Chairman of the WTF Referee Committee, to give a summary of the proposed enactment, which were also included in the Council Meeting Agenda & Documents.

Mr. Chelbat delivered a presentation about the proposed Competition Rules which were also included in the Council Meeting Agenda & Documents. He explained it has been created following the same procedure as the WTF Competition Rules. He also explained that it was created separately from the WTF Competition Rules based on International Paralympics Committee (IPC) recommendations. Mr. Chelbat clarified that for "Techniques and Areas", Article 12, safety has been taken as a priority.

After his presentation, Mr. Ali Sagirkaya suggested fist punches to be considered for scoring as well. Mr. Chelbat and the Chairman agreed that since athletes have different disabilities, fist punches will not be considered for scoring.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Chelbat and moved that the Council approve the proposed enactment to the WTF Para Taekwondo Competition Rules.

The motion was seconded and approved by the Council without dissent.



c. WTF Para Taekwondo Poomsae Competition Rules

The Chairman moved that given the lack of presentation time, the presentation on the matter was not delivered.

The Chairman moved that the Council approve the proposed enactment to the WTF Para Taekwondo Poomsae Competition Rules as included in the Council Meeting Agenda & Documents
The motion was seconded and approved by the Council without dissent.

7. Financial Reports and Budget Proposals

a. Financial Report

The Chairman said that as the information has been sent in advance to the Council, it would be considered the Council had reviewed the entire proposal. He then gave the floor to Mr. Jinbang Yang, WTF Seoul Office Director General, to explain some important points.

Mr. Yang explained that the WTF has been working with a Korean accounting company to accommodate the International Financial Reporting Standards based on analysis on accounting procedures of other International Federations and the IOC as well. He said that WTF financial status would be posted on the WTF website and be sent to the WTF Council members and MNAs from the coming year.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Yang and moved on to the next agenda item.

b. Auditors' Report

The Chairman asked Mr. Ali Sagirkaya, a WTF auditor, to give the Auditors' Report to the WTF Council.

Mr. Sagirkaya confirmed the reports of the financial statements for 2015 and budget for 2016 and that, in accordance with the WTF Statutes, the statements and the requirements were approved by WTF auditors and will be presented to the General Assembly.

The Chairman thanked the auditor for his report and moved on to the next agenda item.

8. WTF Seoul Office Registration Statutes

a. Lausanne office registration

The Chairman explained that as another requirement to register the WTF Lausanne office, the WTF



Statutes shall be certified by the Korean government. He gave the floor to Mr. Jinbang Yang, WTF Seoul Office Director General, to provide background information regarding the matter.

Mr. Yang explained that WTF was registered in Korea as a legal entity in 1978 with Korean-language statutes. The WTF has been always working in accordance with the English WTF Statutes which had several modifications approved by WTF Council and General Assembly. He explained that when registering the WTF Lausanne office according to local legal requirements, registered statutes of the main office were requested. He continued explaining that accordingly, WTF was translating the existing WTF Statutes from English to Korean but according to local requirements, a board of director has been requested to be established. Since the WTF Council was consisted of a large number of international members, it has been decided that the board of directors will be five (5) including the President, one (1) secretary general, two (2) Directors General of both Seoul and Lausanne office and one (1) treasurer in order to manage their power regarding operation and business entrusted by the Council and General Assembly. He also said that after the approval of the Council and General Assembly, approval from the Korean government was needed to change the process. He explained that small changes might be needed to do in order to meet the legal requirements as requested and asked the Council to entrust the negotiation power to accommodate those details to the president and that changes will be reported to the Council and General Assembly, if any.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Yang and moved to the next agenda item.

10. Selection of the Host Cities

The Chairman explained that one year ago, the WTF began restructuring the entire bid process inspired by the IOC's Olympic Agenda 2020. Since then, the process has been taken in a very serious, professional and mutually beneficial manner. By selecting the host cities for all WTF events from 2017 till 2021, the WTF will be in a better position to work with host cities, TV and media to prepare well and leave a legacy to hosting countries.

He introduced Mr. Wonjae Lee, Chief Consultant of the Bid and Event Project Team to explain about the process. The bid files of each candidate were included in the Council Agenda & Documents.

Mr. Lee introduced the process of the bid and selection for WTF events and explained about the development of the management of the procedure within WTF. He explained that the Bid Evaluation Commission consisting of a group of experts outside the WTF had examined relevant bid documents including the bid file and guarantee letters dated on November 2. They also checked the feasibility of the proposed budget plans and bidder's ability to stage the WTF event successfully.

Mr. Lee introduced the order of the presentations to be given by each bidder and after showing the bidders and events as mentioned below:



1. Great Britain

- 1) 2017 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Series 3
- 2) 2018 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Series 3
- 3) 2019 WTF World Taekwondo Championships

2. United States of America

- 1) 2019 WTF World Taekwondo Championships

3. Australia

- 1) 2019 WTF World Taekwondo Cadet Championships

4. Côte d'Ivoire

- 1) 2017 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final
- 2) 2017 WTF World Taekwondo Team Championships

5. Denmark

- 1) 2020 WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships

6. Japan

- 1) 2019 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Series 2

7. Russia

- 1) 2018 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Series 2
- 2) 2019 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final
- 3) 2019 WTF World Taekwondo Team Championships

The Chairman thanked Mr. Lee and asked Mr. Dalibor Krpan, a WTF auditor, to explain about the Host City Selection Guidelines to the Council, who were informed with prior notice.

1. Great Britain

The Chairman thanked Mr. Krpan and invited GB Taekwondo officials, presenters from Great Britain to deliver their bidding presentation on the championships. Chairman asked Mr. Jiho Choi to leave the meeting room during the presentation according to the Host City Selection Guidelines.

Mr. Stephen Flynn, GB Taekwondo Operations Manager (Director); Mr. Ian Leafe, GB Taekwondo Events Manager; Ms. Emma Cowley, UK Sport Major Events Consultant; Mr. Kevin Evans, London Mayor Major Sports Events Manager; and Mr. Yawar Abbas, Manchester City Council Strategic Sport Lead, delivered a presentation of Great Britain's bid to the Council on the below mentioned events:

1) 2017 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Series 3

2) 2018 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Series 3



3) 2019 WTF World Taekwondo Championships

After the presentation, Mr. Anthony Ferguson thanked the presenters for their submission and asked about the impact of the Brexit upon the hosting plan of the three (3) events and about how the events could have an impact as a commonwealth member sport.

Mr. Flynn replied that they were committed to the hosting fees and they were planning to have a meeting with the WTF secretariat to agree the, expressed in US Dollars, exchange rate and prepare a budget and business plan for the three (3) events program and also stated that, as a commonwealth nation, he believes that London and Manchester events will provide an excellent and unique showcase for the sport and WTF will have the support of GB Taekwondo.

Mr. Driss El-Hilali expressed his concerns about visa issuance problems for the African countries.

Mr. Flynn explained that one of the stakeholders of the event is UK Sports, a government agency that has direct links to boarder agencies and each embassies assured having proven experience in enabling athletes from all around the world to enable their entry to the UK. Mr. Flynn assured that they would ensure athletes and MNAs can compete in Great Britain.

The Chairman thanked GB Taekwondo, UK Sports, City of London and Manchester for participating in the bid.

2. United States of America

The Chairman invited USA Taekwondo and Harris County- Houston Sports Authority to deliver their bidding presentation to the Council for the 2019 WTF World Taekwondo Championships.

Ms. Janis Burke, CEO of Harris County- Houston Sports Authority; Ms. Holly Kesterson, Events Manager of Harris County- Houston Sports Authority; Mr. Keith Ferguson, USA Taekwondo Executive Director and Ms. Nia Abdallah, USA Taekwondo athlete, delivered their bidding presentation to the Council for the 2019 WTF World Taekwondo Championships.

After the presentation, Mr. Daiwon Moon, Mrs. Maria Rosario Borello Castillo and Mr. Anthony Ferguson expressed their concerns in regards to visa issuance matter for Latin-American, African and Muslim countries especially in concern with the new government administration.

Ms. Janis Burke and Mr. Keith Ferguson assured that they work directly with the state department and do not anticipate any changes in the working procedure. Also explained that the US Olympics Committee has reached out the new president-elect Donald Trump in support of the Olympic bid for same reasons and he stated categorically that he would be in support for international sports.

The Chairman thanked USA Taekwondo and the City of Houston and moved on to the next bidding presentation.



3. Australia

The Chairman invited Australian Taekwondo (formerly Sports Taekwondo Australia) and Sydney to deliver their bidding presentation on the 2019 WTF World Taekwondo Cadet Championships.

Mr. Hassan Iskandar, Australian Taekwondo President, delivered a presentation for Sydney on the 2019 WTF World Taekwondo Cadet Championships to the Council.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Iskandar and moved on to the next bidding presentation.

4. Côte d'Ivoire

The Chairman invited the Ivorian Taekwondo Federation and the City of Abidjan to deliver their bidding presentation on the below mentioned WTF recognized events:

- 1) 2017 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final
- 2) 2017 WTF World Taekwondo Team Championships

Mr. Daniel Cheick Bamba, President of the Ivorian Taekwondo Federation, delivered the presentations to the Council.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Cheick Bamba and congratulated Ivorian Taekwondo Federation and City of Abidjan on being the host of 2017 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final and 2017 WTF World Taekwondo Team Championships.

5. Denmark

The Chairman invited the Danish Taekwondo Federation and the City of Veilje to deliver a bidding presentation on the 2020 WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships.

Mr. Søren Holmgård Knudsen, Danish Taekwondo Federation President, delivered a presentation to the Council on the 2020 WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Knudsen and moved on to the next bidding presentation.

6. Japan

The Chairman invited All Japan Taekwondo Association(AJTA) and City of Chiba bidding for the 2019 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Series 2 to deliver the presentation to the Council.



Ms. Yoriko Okamoto and Mr. Takao Ohashi, both directors of the All Japan Taekwondo Association, delivered a bidding presentation for the 2019 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Series 2.

After the presentation, Mr. Anthony Ferguson asked the reason why a budget has not been presented to the bidding.

Ms. Okamoto explained that AJTA had presented for the bidding in a late stage and the budget was being discussed at the moment.

The Chairman expressed his trust on AJTA's budget proposal to be presented after the hosting decision.

The Chairman thanked All Japan Taekwondo Association and City of Chiba and moved on to the next bidding presentation.

7. Russia

The Chairman invited the Russia to deliver a bidding presentation for the City of Moscow for the below mentioned WTF recognized events:

- 1) 2018 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Series 2
- 2) 2019 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final
- 3) 2019 WTF World Taekwondo Team Championships

Ms. Yuliana Filippova, Russian Taekwondo Union Deputy Executive Director, delivered a bidding presentation to the Council.

The Chairman thanked Ms. Filippova for the presentation and concluded the presentation of all bidders.

He explained that as a new process, WTF nominated the Bid Evaluation Commission to review the bid file submitted by each bidder and give comments to the Council before selection. This commission was an independent group which was composed of the experts from outside the WTF.

He gave the floor to Mr. Wonjae Lee, chief consultant of the WTF Bid and Event Project team to report the evaluation result on the evaluation commission's report for the competitive bidding, (2019 WTF World Taekwondo Championships) and asked Mr. Jiho Choi to leave the meeting room.

Mr. Lee delivered the evaluation commission's advice on the competitive bids to the Council.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Lee and moved on to the vote for the selection of the host city of the 2019 WTF World Taekwondo Championships.

For vote counting, the Chairman appointed Mr. Dalibor Krpan and Mr. Ali Sagirkaya, both WTF auditors. He then gave the floor to Mr. Krpan to explain the selection guidelines.



Mr. Krpan explained about the voting procedure and called Council members for voting.

After the voting was done, the Chairman appointed Mr. Corbin Min, WTF Legal Affairs Department Senior Director, to count the votes, and appointed Mr. Krpan and Mr. Ali Sagirkaya, WTF auditors, as observers.

Voting results were delivered to the Chairman who gave the floor to Mr. Wonjae Lee to present the evaluation commission's opinions on the 10 non-competitive biddings.

Mr. Lee delivered the evaluation commission's advice on the non-competitive bids to the Council and explained that there have been three (3) bidders (Australia, Japan and Russia) that need to finalize part of the documentations due to their national and local circumstances which required longer time in preparing the documents than the timeline set out by the WTF. Mr. Lee explained that the next process will be managed in a close cooperation between the WTF and the bidders.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Lee and expressed that he entrusted the evaluation commission for having thoroughly examined all relevant documents.

The Chairman suggested the Council approve the host city selection for 10 WTF events, where there was only one candidate city.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

The Chairman declared that the Council approves the selection of following events and host cities:

- 2017 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix 3 in London, Great Britain
- 2017 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final in Abidjan, Ivory Coast
- 2017 WTF World Taekwondo Team Championships in Abidjan, Ivory Coast
- 2018 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix in Moscow, Russia
- 2018 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix 3 in Manchester, Great Britain
- 2019 WTF World Taekwondo Championships in Manchester, Great Britain
- 2019 WTF World Taekwondo Cadet Championships in Sydney, Australia
- 2019 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix 2 in Chiba, Japan
- 2019 WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Final in Moscow, Russia
- 2019 WTF World Taekwondo Team Championships in Moscow, Russia
- 2020 WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships in Vejle, Denmark

The Chairman made a remark regarding the 2017 World Taekwondo Para Taekwondo Championships; the WTF will announce the host city at the next earliest Council meeting after an intensive discussion with Great Britain on the terms and conditions of the hosting.

The Chairman invited the bidders and the press to the meeting room for the announcement of the host city selection and congratulated all participants.

The Chairman moved to the next agenda item.



11. Other Matters

a. Djibouti

The Chairman announced that Djibouti submitted properly formatted applications and went through all administrative procedures for WTF membership and approval of WTF Council and General Assembly in accordance with the Article 15 of the WTF Statutes.

The Chairman moved that Djibouti be approved as a WTF full member. The motion was unanimously approved by the Council.

The Chairman announced Djibouti would be a full member after ratification of the General Assembly on November 15, 2016. With this, the total number of WTF member national associations will be 207.

The Chairman explained that in accordance with the guidelines resolved by WTF Council in 2005, Djibouti will fall into the Tier 3 category.

b. South Sudan

The Chairman explained that the 128th IOC Session in Kuala Lumpur held on August 2 granted full recognition of the South Sudan Olympic Committee.

The South Sudan Taekwondo Federation was approved as a WTF associate member at the WTF General Assembly in Egypt in 2012. He explained that, accordingly, the South Sudan Taekwondo Federation shall receive a full membership status following the approval of the WTF Council and General Assembly.

The Chairman moved that the Council approve granting full membership to the South Sudan Taekwondo Federation.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

The Chairman declared that the Council approved granting a full membership to the South Sudan Taekwondo Federation. South Sudan will be a full member after ratification of the General Assembly on November 15, 2016.

c. Belgium

The Chairman gave the floor to Mr. Corbin Min, WTF Legal Affairs Department Senior Director to give details about the membership status of Belgium MNA.



Mr. Min explained about the Belgium MNA membership status and conditions and explained that the end of the given period to meet requested conditions was the upcoming 27th WTF General Assembly. He explained that WTF observer, WTF Ethics Committee Chair Luc Reychler, in his report he said that unfortunately the new Belgium federation has not yet fulfilled all of the conditions that were on it, therefore recommends that the WTF grants Belgium Taekwondo Federation six (6) more months as a provisional status to fulfill its status upon approval of the Council.

There were no objections and the Chairman thanked Mr. Min.

According to the suggestions from Executive Meeting on November 13, 2016, below agenda items were added to the agenda prior to the Council Meeting.

- a. The Chairman moved the Agenda and Documents of the 27th General Assembly, to be held on November 15, 2016 and distributed to the Council in advance, to be approved by the Council.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Council.

- b. The Chairman gave the floor to Mr. Corbin Min, WTF Legal Affairs Department, to deliver a presentation on the WTF New Brand Identity Design, which was not included in the Council Agenda & Documents.

Mr. Min explained about the basic system; concept and the aims of the new branding architecture and presented some logo designs to the Council.

- c. The Chairman gave the floor to the Muju Organizing Committee to deliver a progress report on the 2017 World Taekwondo Championships to the Council, which was not included in the Council Agenda & Documents.

It was explained that the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) of the 2017 World Taekwondo Championships to be held in Muju, Korea invited 70 countries to support their full participation. LOC asked the support of five (5) CU presidents and five CU presidents guaranteed to assist 70 countries to attend the upcoming championships.

Regarding air ticket provisions for WTF Council, the LOC asked the Council to purchase flight tickets in advance at reasonable price. Then airfare will be reimbursed to Council according to international business and IOC standards.

- d. Lastly, Mr. Athanasios Pragalos and Mr. Jiho Choi suggested providing a financial support to the former WTF President Unyoung Kim.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

The Chairman declared that details of the compensation would be reported in the next



extraordinary WTF Council meeting to be held in Bangkok, Thailand in March 2017.

12. Next Council Meeting

The Chairman announced that an extraordinary Council meeting would be held in Bangkok, Thailand in the beginning of March 2017. The upcoming meeting is expected to be held to discuss election matters prior to the 28th WTF General Assembly.

13. Closing of the Meeting

The Chairman thanked the Council for their support and cooperation and declared the WTF Council meeting closed and thanked the Council for their attendance wishing a joyful stay in Burnaby.

The WTF Council Meeting was adjourned.



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