



# Minutes of the WTF Extraordinary Council Meeting

Bangkok, Thailand

March 7, 2017

## 1. Establish Quorum: Call Meeting to Order

The WTF Secretary General, Mr. Hoss Rafaty, announced that 27 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, Honorary Vice President 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. Hoss Rafaty, Secretary General

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

Mrs. Aïcha Garad Ali, Member

Mr. Issaka Ide, Member

Mr. Kook Hyun Jung, Member

Mr. Tae Kyung Kim, Member

Mr. Anatoly K. Terekhov, 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. Jonathan Nnaji, Member  
Mr. Roger Piarulli, Member  
Mr. Metin Sahin, Member  
Mr. Pimol Srivikorn, Member  
Mr. Athanasios Pragalos, Member  
Mr. John Kotsifas, Member  
Mr. Ji Ho Choi, Member

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

The WTF President and Chairman of the Council meeting, Dr. Chungwon Choue, 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. John Walker, Treasurer  
Ms. Carine Lahoud, Member  
Mr. Jonathan Nnaji, Member  
Mr. Mr. Koos Engelbrecht, Member

## **2. President's Welcome Speech**

The Chairman welcomed WTF Council and special guests to the WTF Extraordinary Council Meeting. He introduced the IOC member of Thailand, Dr. Nat Indrapana, who served as a WTF vice president from 1999 to 2009, and the President of the Taekwondo Association of Thailand and a WTF Council member, Mr. Pimol Srivikorn.

The Chairman presented the plaques of appreciation to Dr. Indrapana and Mr. Srivikorn.

The IOC member of Thailand addressed the WTF Council.

Mr. Indrapana welcomed the WTF Council to Bangkok, Thailand and thanked for the plaque of appreciation. In few years, the WTF had showed great sensitivity to comply with Olympic Agenda 2020. The WTF has been going on right way, especially Para Taekwondo development, Beach Taekwondo Championships and Taekwondo Cares Program for Refugees to extend taekwondo area. He congratulated the success based on efforts of WTF President and all the WTF members.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Indrapana for his word.



The President of the Taekwondo Association of Thailand and a WTF Council member addressed the WTF council.

Mr. Srivikorn welcomed everyone to Bangkok, and thanked WTF for giving them the opportunity to host this event in Bangkok for the second time.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Srivikorn for his great hospitality and organizing this Council meeting.

The Chairman wished to congratulate ETU Secretary General Michael Fysentzidis on being elected as president of the International Olympic Academy.

After presentation of the plaques of appreciation, the Chairman gave his welcome speech.

*Dear Council members! Thank you for joining this meeting.*

*As you know our last Council meeting was held in Burnaby, Canada on November 14, 2016 on the occasion of the World Taekwondo Junior Championships.*

*Now, we are in a new year, so let me briefly recap the achievements of 2016 – which was, perhaps, the WTF’s greatest year ever.*

*The big story was Rio. It was our most successful Olympic Games ever. There were zero disputes or controversies, and we witnessed some spectacular matches. We also made history, with taekwondo granting Jordan its first-ever Olympic medal; Iran its first-ever female Olympic medal; and Cote d’Ivoire its first ever Olympic gold.*

*The Burnaby World Juniors were our biggest World Junior Championships ever, and the quality of our young athletes was superb. So our sport has a very full talent pipeline.*

*Also in Burnaby, we inaugurated the THF Challenge. Entitled “Break Boards, Change Lives,” we have had great success with this and will continue this fund-raising activity at all major events. It is a great way to activate grassroots taekwondo.*

*The THF is one of the reasons why, in November, we were honored with the “International Federation of the Year” award by Peace and Sport. This shows that our efforts in both sport and humanitarianism are being recognized.*

*Our year ended in Baku, which hosted the Grand Prix final, the Gala Dinner and the Team Championships. All were successful, with the Team Championships in particular delivering spectacular action. I really appreciate Mr. Kamaladdin Heydarov, president of the Azerbaijan Taekwondo Federation, and his staff for their efforts to make such a successful event.*

*We, as taekwondo leaders, need to do all we can to encourage and develop the team fighting format. It delivers real spectacle and non-stop action. I would like to see more team championships.*



*Now let me turn to 2017. The big event this year will be, of course, the Muju World Taekwondo Championships.*

*We expect to welcome more than 200 MNAs, and IOC President Thomas Bach will join us for the closing ceremony - another great endorsement of taekwondo!*

*IOC Vice President Yu Zaiqing will attend the opening ceremony and other IOC members who promised to come to Muju include Mr. Wu Ching-kuo, Dr. Nat Indrapana, Mr. Poul-Erik Hoyer, and Dr. Tamas Ajan, who is also president of the International Weightlifting Federation. Mr. Hassan Mustafa, president of the International Handball Federation, will also join the Muju Championships.*

*Rio showed that we have made taekwondo fully “fair and transparent.” Our new mission is to ensure taekwondo “dazzles and excites.” To make sure our rules are fit for purpose, we changed them last year and have been implementing them this year. So they seem to be delivering better game flow and more spectacular action. Muju will be the first major stage for the new rules.*

*We had a meeting with the ITF on February 13 in Lausanne, Switzerland. We hope to realize the spirit of the Protocol of Accord signed between the WTF and the ITF.*

*As we did at past World Championships, we will organize the International Symposium for Taekwondo Studies at Muju on June 29 and 30, attracting academics from around the world.*

*Of course, at Muju and all our other championships, we will have a booth set up for the THF – and perhaps Thomas Bach will take the challenge. After all he is a 10th dan black belt. The goal is for the THF to raise 10 million dollars and gather 10 million signatures by the end of the Muju World Championships. This is a very ambitious goal, but if our goals are not ambitious, they are pointless. We must think big.*

*Let me speak of the THF and our in-house program, the World Taekwondo Cares Program. At the recent Fujairah Open in the UAE, the crown prince of Fujairah, Sheikh Mohammed bin Hamad Al Sharqi, very generously donated \$100,000 to the THF. This, and the monies raised from the THF Challenge, and the generous donation from the Chinese Huamin Charity Foundation are being put to good use, with full transparency.*

*Our activities among refugees and displaced persons must be sustainable, and we are putting the finishing touches to our taekwondo academy in Azraq. This will be the first WTF-THF physical facility. It will open as early as in May this year. It is specifically designed for taekwondo, but as we want to align with other NGOs doing good work in the camps, we will also be able to offer the space for some of their activities, too.*

*We also start an orphanage support program in Nepal, which will begin this month and last until the end of this year. About 200 orphans will benefit from this program.*

*We will invite orphans to WTF-, CU- and MNA-promoted events.*

*I am happy to inform you that taekwondo is invited by Peace and Sport to the UN headquarters on March 28 to celebrate the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace. Taekwondo*



*athletes - Jade Jones and Raheleh Asemani - and freestyle poomsae players, as well as young taekwondo practitioners will perform one and a half hours of taekwondo.*

*Again, let me say: 2016 was perhaps the WTF's best year ever. That is thanks to you and thanks to the entire world taekwondo family. Let us take 2016 as our benchmark and make 2017 even better.*

*Now, let us move on to the next agenda item. The approval of the minutes of the WTF Council meeting held in Burnaby, Canada on November 14, 2016.*

### **3. Approval of the minutes**

#### **a. Approval of the minutes of the Council meeting held in Burnaby, Canada on November 14, 2016**

The Chairman asked the Council if there were any comments to the minutes, which had been circulated to them earlier and also appeared in the meeting Agenda book. There were no comments. Approval of the minutes was proposed and seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**Decision:** Minutes of the November 14, 2016 Council meeting approved.

### **4. Amendment Proposals**

#### **a. WTF Statutes**

The Chairman introduced the Senior Director of Member Relations, Development and Legal Department, Mr. Corbin Min.

Mr. Min presented the amendment proposals to WTF Statutes. This included the following:

The name of the document Rules on Organization and Operation of International Taekwondo Championships is changed to to Event Operations Rules. This reflected not only a document name change but also a strategic development as the new Event Department is created to improve the overall WTF events management process, from bidding to post-event knowledge sharing.

The CUs' role regarding Para Taekwondo is more defined and now CUs are expected to actively oversee Para Taekwondo at a regional level and are required to include Para Taekwondo within their operations. Also, the CU Para Taekwondo Calendar shall be prepared being subject to the approval of the WTF. These changes are intended to help ensure a strong performance at the Paralympics in Tokyo in 2020.

The constitution and governance regarding CUs are amended for the promotion and development of global good governance in line with IOC and ASOIF transparency governance.



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

**Decision:** Amendment Proposals to WTF Statutes approved. The amended Statutes will be put before the GA for an e-vote for final approval in March, 2017.

## **b. Election Bylaws**

The Chairman reminded the Council that the WTF General Assembly in Muju on June 23 will elect a maximum of one president, 12 Council members and two auditors; this will be followed by the 5 CU GAs and elections. To save time, the WTF will use an optical mark reader or OMR system, which is a proven method of tallying votes.

The Chairman introduced Chairman of the ad-hoc WTF Elections Committee, Mr. Ivan Dibos, and the Senior Director of Member Relations, Development and Legal Department, Mr. Corbin Min.

Mr. Dibos thanked to Dr. Choue for entrusting him for second time with the position of Chair in Elections Committee. He introduced the other two members, Mr. Luc Reychler and Mr. Jong-il Kim and thanked them. Mr. Dibos noted that the WTF and taekwondo had very good 2016 year and many of successes during the last quadrennial. Very soon on June 23, 2017, a new council will be elected to start new quadrennial. To start it off the right way with good governance and transparency it was necessary to introducing changes to the election bylaws and other rules. In order to make these changes, the guidelines from the IOC and practices from other organizations were studied. With these improvements, our sport will continue success.

Mr. Min reviewed the details: As per changes to the Statutes in 2015, the number of elected Council members is reduced from 14 to 12. And number of Council members per continent will be three from Asia, three from Europe, three from Pan America, two from Africa and one from Oceania.

Each voting representative from MNAs can cast one vote for President, two votes for Auditors, twelve votes for Council Members.

For Council Members, If voting representative votes less than 12 it shall be okay. But, if voting representative votes over 12, the ballot shall be disqualified. Each Continental Union was requested to contact each MNA in its region to make sure they understand clearly how to vote.

Mr. Min noted that the candidate applicant should meet published requirements. Candidates had to be board members of WTF Member National Association in order to apply for any other positions in WTF Council. If anyone wanted to run for President, he/she had to be a board member at least for four years. However, if anyone was a current elected official applying for the same position, he/she did not need to go through with the process of checking MNA board position.

Mr. Min explained that, in accordance with the Statutes, no later than six months before the election, Election Committee should be formed. Accordingly, Ad-hoc Election Committee was formed on December 20, 2016. The Election Committee established candidate applications and circulated all MNAs five months before the election on January 20, 2017. Completed application should be



submitted no less than 90 days prior to the elections. And according to this, the deadline is Mar. 25, 2017 11:59PM Korean time. After the deadline, Election Committee will screen the application and qualified applications will be released by no later than 60 days prior to the elections. We expected that a booklet releasing day about candidate resume and vision statement to be provided to all voters no later than April 24, 2017. He pointed out that late and incomplete submissions will not be accepted.

Mr. Min went over the Election Bylaws and stressed few points about campaign. Candidates and WTF members shall refrain from the use of media, holding official meetings and giving gifts specifically for election purpose. The promotion of each candidate shall be conducted with dignity and moderation. Candidates shall refrain from negative or attack campaigning. This conduct of the candidates shall comply with the WTF Code of Ethics.

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

**Decision:** Amendment Proposals to Election Bylaws approved.

### **c. Poomsae Competition Rules**

The Chairman introduced the Director General of WTF headquarters in Seoul, Mr. Jin Bang Yang.

Mr. Yang noted that the background of amendments proposals was to accommodate new demands: Need of Objective Scoring Criteria & Methods; Demand of Higher level of technical requirement; Demand of New Framework of Free Style Poomsae; and Demand to divide Elite Competition & Mass participation Competition.

Mr. Yang explained key items of amendment proposals. Poomsae Committee suggested that age division of under 60, 65 and over 65 be consolidated as one age division into over 50 only for Recognized Poomsae events.

As to contents of Recognized Poomsae, they suggested to delete Taekuk 4, 5 from all age divisions. In details, for cadet division, Taeback, Pyongwon and Bee-Gak 1 be included; for Junior division, Pyongwon, Shipjin and Bee-Gak 1, 2 be included; for under 30 division, Taekuk 6, 7, 8 be deleted and Jitae, Chonkwon, Hansu and Bee-Gak 1, 2, 3 be included; under 40 division, Taekuk 6, 7, 8 be deleted and Jitae, Chonkwon and Hansu be included.

New Poomsae 'Bee-Gak 1, 2, 3' will be introduced in 2018 World Championships as a separate demonstration event and will be recognized Poomsae contents from 2020 World Championships. As to scoring criteria for Recognized Poomsae, currently scoring was subject to 'accuracy' besides 'presentation'.

The committee suggested changing scoring criteria emphasizing in quality of performance by adding criteria of 'execution of technical movement'. The maximum score shall be 100. 90% of full point based on criteria of 'accuracy' and 'execution of technical movement' shall be instant scoring during the performance and 10% of full point based on criteria of 'presentation' shall be scored at the end



of performance. The scale of deduction of 'execution of technical movement' shall be from -1 to -3 and 'presentation' shall be from -1 to -5. Technical and Scoring Guidelines of Recognized Poomsae Competition shall be published by Poomsae committee.

The committee suggested that new framework of Free Style Poomsae be clear definition of compulsory techniques; high level of technical demanding; emphasizing technical identity of taekwondo; contents of 6 groups of compulsory techniques and 1 set of Free Style techniques; and no stance requirement. Scoring Criteria of Free Style Poomsae shall be changed to 2 different groups of judges: 2 judges for 'technical difficulty and composition point' and 5 judges for 'execution point'. The maximum points of 'technical difficulty and composition point' shall be 70 and 2 judges shall make a comparison between composition sheet submitted in advance and real performance. The base points of 'execution point' shall be 100 consisting of category of 'execution of compulsory and free style movements' of 70, 'transition movements' of 15, 'presentation' of 15, and deduction scale of each category from -1 to -5.

Technical & Scoring Guidelines of Free Style Poomsae shall be published by Poomsae committee. The committee also wished to make new events such as high jumping kick breaking, jumping multiple kick breaking, spinning kick breaking and free style kick breaking for dynamic and diverse Poomsae championships. Technical and Scoring Guidelines of Technical Breaking Competition shall be published.

The Chairman added that Poomsae was getting popular. He delivered good news that Poomsae will be included in many championships in Pan America such as Central American Games and Panam Games from next year. Asian Games also decided to include Poomsae in program with four gold medals.

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

**Decision:** Amendment Proposals to Poomsae Competition Rules approved. The approved Poomsae Competition Rules will be put before the General Assembly for an e-vote within March.

#### **d. Event Operation Rules**

The Chairman introduced the Director of Event Department, Mr. Jeongkang Seo.

Mr. Seo explained two key points of amendments to event operation rules. The first was about Anti-doping test and the other was timeline of G1, G2 recognition process. As WADA was asking IFs to carry out more tests and requirements were increasing, the WTF decided to allocate additional 2,000USD for Anti-Doping test in addition to budget which we already set. But the amount of budget needed to satisfy the requirements of WADA was increasing. For WTF events, WTF CU events, and G1, G2 events, the WTF will be fully responsible for carrying out all the tests instead of Organizing Committee find a laboratory and sampling those things. This will insure consistency of management of Anti-Doping process. In order to do this, the WTF needed supports from OCs.

The proposal is that a three dollars antidoping fee per registered participant shall be charged. After





the events OC should remit this to the WTF for using this fund as part of the expenses for Anti-Doping tests.

He pointed out that the WTF already paid more than half of total budget expenses and this proposal was about only for rest of expenses. Detailed guidelines will be published by the Sport Department. To give OC time for promotion of championships, application process for G1, G2 shall be started three months earlier, in August. For this year, we will accept exception case considering the situation of OC. Detailed guidelines will be published by the Sport Department as well.

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

**Decision:** Amendment Proposals to Event Operation Rules approved. The approved Event Operation Rules will be put before the General Assembly for an e-vote within March.

### **e. The Regulations on the Administration of the International Kyorugi Referees**

The Chairman introduced the Director General of the WTF Seoul office, Mr. Jin Bang Yang.

Mr. Yang explained few significant matters regarding the regulations changes of the administration of the international Kyorugi referees. The WTF shall not keep the list of referees who had not been active any more. Within three year if there had been no activities like paying annual fees, participating refresher course, participating G1, and above championships, the non-active referees shall be deleted automatically in the program. But, the WTF shall give one year for opportunity to apply for honorary international referee and refresher course. After one year, they should start at the beginning if they want to be referees.

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

**Decision:** Amendment Proposals to The Regulations on the Administration of the International Kyorugi Referees approved. The approved The Regulations on the Administration of the International Kyorugi Referees will be put before the General Assembly for an e-vote within March.

### **f. The Regulations on the Administration of the International Poomsae Referees**

Mr. Yang noted that same changes shall go for the regulations changes of the administration of the international Poomsae referees. The WTF shall not keep the list of referees who had not been active any more. Within three year if there had been no activities like paying annual fees, participating refresher course, participating G1, and above championships, the non-active referees shall be deleted automatically in the program. But, the WTF shall give one year for opportunity to apply for honorary international referee and refresher course. After one year, they should start at the beginning if they want to be referees.



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

**Decision:** Amendment Proposals to The Regulations on the Administration of the International Poomsae Referees approved. The approved The Regulations on the Administration of the International Poomsae Referees will be put before the General Assembly for an e-vote within March.

## **g. Para-Taekwondo Bylaws**

The Chairman introduced Senior Director of Member Relations, Development and Legal Department, Mr. Corbin Min.

On behalf of Mr. Olof Hansson, manager of the Para Taekwondo Department, Mr. Min presented the amendment proposals to Para-Taekwondo Bylaws.

Mr. Min noted that the terminology shall be changed from 'Para-Taekwondo' to 'Para Taekwondo' according to guidance of IPC. The document names shall be simply changed, for example, 'WTF Para-Taekwondo and Deaf-Taekwondo Classification Rules and Regulations' to 'WTF Athlete Classification Rules'. The Para Taekwondo Research and Development Committee shall be expanded including medical matters working together Anti-Doping and Medical Committee.

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

**Decision:** Amendment Proposals to Para-Taekwondo Bylaws approved.

## **5. For Approval**

### **a. New Logo: Concept and Rollout Strategy**

The Chairman noted that the project to development WTF new logo and strategy began back in December 2015.

The Chairman introduced Mr. Corbin Min, the Senior Director of Member Relations, Development and Legal Department, to give a presentation on approval item to the WTF new logo conception behalf of Don Ryun Chang, logo development consultant.

Mr. Min delivered a presentation on the new logo concept. The WTF conducted out a survey and had several meetings to create a new logo to express the essence of the sport, to be appealing to both traditional and new audiences in standalone situations, to be flexible in diverse media applications and merchandizing applications; and to reflect 2B marketing and integrated brand communications and best integrate it in to the new WT brand rollout strategy.

On the recommendation of Council, the WTF decided to focus on the image of the kicking man.



Brand development task force was formed consisting of experts with background of marketing, communications, strategic development and suggested rollout strategy plan with new logo creating process.

The Chairman opened the floor to questions and comments on the new logo concept proposed.

Mr. Ivan Dibos, Vice president, added that if it was decided to use primary logo colored blue; red; yellow; green; and black to reflect the Olympic rings, the background should be colored white same as IOC symbols with five-colored rings on a white field.

Mrs. Maria Rosario Borello Castillo, Council member, suggested that color combination of kicking man in new logo be changed by exchanging positions of green on the central part and black on the leg part to look clearly.

Mr. Pimol Srivikorn, Council member, noted that the color combination of kicking man reminds him of the flags of African nations.

Mr. Rafaty added that the color combination can be changed in accordance with its intended use.

Mr. Jiho Choi, Ex-officio member, agreed that detailed color variation and combination should be decided next time. He suggested that it would be better to approve only new logo design for this meeting.

The Chairman noted that it was a matter of the utmost importance to expose the new logo to the international community and the global media on the occasion of the Muju World Championships.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Min and moved that the Council approved the new logo design. The motion was seconded and was unanimously approved by the Council.

**Decision:** Proposals to the new logo design approved.

## **b. French Guiana-New Member**

The Chairman noted that in Burnaby last year, the WTF accepted Djibouti as our 207th national association. Shortly after that meeting, an application from French Guiana was received. With Council's approval, French Guiana shall bring our membership to 208. The French Guiana member association was formed in 1995, and has about 600 members, including at least 69 black belts. It was not small figures considering the population of French Guiana of around 250,000, which meant the MNA had over 2 percent of the country's population as members. He pointed out that there were still territories that were missing from our membership base such as Eritrea, Guinea-Bissau, Namibia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Maldives, Liechtenstein, etc. As a representative of world taekwondo, we should also grow to these other areas.

The Chairman moved that the Council approved the new member. The motion was seconded and was unanimously approved by the Council.

**Decision:** Proposals to the new membership of French Guiana approved. The approved new



membership will be put for the GA for final approval in June.

### **c. Development Program: 2017 Guidelines**

The Chairman introduced Mr. Corbin Min, Senior Director of Member Relations, Development and Legal Department, to give a presentation on approval item to the 2017 WTF Development Program Guidelines.

Mr. Min explained the breakdown of WTF development program for 2016. Around 800,000USD was provided for development funding. Half was provided to CUs and the other half went to MNAs and individual athletes. He pointed out that European nations were much more balance in terms of using fund between championships participations and equipments comparing with other areas. The other most of MNAs used fund for equipments. These results reflected the development stage of European nations, which meant European nations already, had infrastructure and currently focused on participation in championships.

Mr. Min continued to explain that the WTF will run a development program for 2017: event participation aid and equipment aid for MNAs; athlete scholarship for individual athletes; and development fund for CUs. The detailed guidelines and request forms will be sent out to all MNAs by email very soon and published on the website.

Mr. Min stressed that the MNAs should satisfy requirements as WTF members such as paying annual membership fees and submitting MNA survey before filling out the applications. Applying MNAs shall be considered in terms of financial capacity, past use of development fund and survey response.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Min and moved that the Council approved the 2017 Development Program Guidelines. The motion was seconded and was unanimously approved by the Council.

**Decision:** Proposals to the 2017 Development Program Guidelines approved.

## **6. Progress Report**

### **a. WTF 2017 Business Plan**

The Chairman introduced the Director General of WTF headquarters in Seoul, Mr. Jin Bang Yang to give a presentation on the WTF 2017 business plan and WTF new events.

Mr. Yang presented the success of taekwondo events in Rio-Olympic in a summary: transparency, fairness; smooth running of events; universality in qualification and medal distribution; and spectator turnout. He pointed to several things as success elements - GP series & ranking system 2013-2015; transparent & fair officiating of PSS & IVR; fair referee selection and intensive & consistent training process; and unity in leaderships & cooperation from MNAs. After successful Rio-Olympic Games, we faced some challenges – undesired techniques & fighting styles; TV & media popularity of taekwondo



as sport; technical issue of PSS; look & feel of the game such as uniform, hogu & headgear; and MNAs left behind the racetrack.

The Chairman added that we were going to change designs and materials of uniform, hogu and headgear in 2020 Tokyo-Olympic. After upcoming World Championships, it will be introduced to Council on development process.

Mr. Yang presented on new challenges for 2020 Tokyo-Olympic Games pointing to three factors: location – Japan; introduction of Karate, and introduction of Para-taekwondo in Paralympic Games. Taekwondo status in Japan was very weak comparing with one in ex-host countries. Karate and Taekwondo had many similarities such as uniform, techniques, etc., which will inevitably raise competition issues growing attention from media, audience and IOC. Para-taekwondo will be first introduced on the stage of Paralympic Games. To solve the problems, the WTF established the 4 year cycle plans aiming to move to IF Group Ranking from 'D' to 'C' by reshaping fighting style & techniques, changing new design of uniform, hogu & headgear, upgrading TV & media exposure and enhancing global popularity of the game.

Mr. Yang explained short-term plans for 2017. In sport area, we were going to focus on improving quality of competition, new design project, improving PSS function for 2020, developing the 3rd generation of PSS for 2024, adoption of new policy and practice for Anti-Doping, event scheduling at least 4 years cycles in long term, and bidding process for systematic bidding process & management of host city & OC. He added that there will be design contest to open for new design project for uniform hogu, headgear & protectors.

In TV & media area, we were going to concentrate in new coverage of major event highlights; utilizing website/YouTube/SNS using mobile channel and multi-language considering multi-national base platform; producing more contents & stories; promoting star player; and improving TV coverage. In governance area, we were going to focus on promotion of committee activity by restructuring committees after the upcoming GA to let the committees work. Particularly, activities of Athlete Committee and Coach Committee will be promoted by having regular meetings for athlete career development program and any other various programs. Regarding gender equality issues, we were going to promote women activities in Council and Committee. For transparency, we were going to publicize more information such as meeting contents, financial information, and information of changes and new policy. For improvement aiming to communicate with MNAs actively, MNA data base and MNA survey will be created and conducted.

In development and social responsibility programs areas, we were going to run World Cares Program and support THF activities, and provide financial support for MNAs which could not dispatch good athlete due to the lack of fund by using fund from Individual Athlete Scholarship Program and BooYoung Dream Program.

In marketing area, we were going to work on new logo creation and brand strategy establishment,



and four year cycle recognition policy.

In education area, we were going to develop text & video materials, 'instructor pool' and instructor workshop, and Coach Education & Certificate Program.

In finance area, we were going to work on adopting IFRS.

Mr. Yang finished his presentation explaining 2017 budget plans by showing charts of 2017 revenue composition and 2017 expenditure composition.

Mr. Ali Sagirkaya, Auditor, gave praise to working group making new rules for competitions. These good changes brought taekwondo very active contents, fair results and smooth and exciting games for audience. He suggested color change of white trousers of referee uniform for regular tournament to a dark color because the trouser was getting stained with sweat at the time for semi-final and final games.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Sagirkaya's suggestion.

## **b. New events: Beach Championships, Team Championships, World Open Poomsae**

Mr. Yang explained about new events promotion area that we were going to expand field by launching Beach Championships, promoting Team Competition, promoting World Open Poomsae Championships, and launching Semi-Pro League in China market utilizing media.

The Chairman added taking the example of a Team Championships between Russia and China that Russian Taekwondo Union will invite Chinese Taekwondo Association team to Moscow, Russia to have a Team Competition on the occasion of the GP1 in early August and after that in November CTA will arrange a Team Competition by inviting RTU team on the occasion of China Open Taekwondo Championships in Xian, China.

## **c. Executive Meeting Report**

The Chairman introduced the Secretary General, Mr. Hoss Rafaty to give a presentation on Executive Meeting Report.

Mr. Rafaty, presented briefly five items discussed in the Executive meeting, which had been held few hours prior to council meeting.

Firstly, the CUs shall work closely with the WTF Member Relations and Development Department and the OC to determine how to bring 72 absentee MNAs to Muju which could not afford it to cover expenses to dispatch athletes.



Secondly, CUs shall work with the WTF Member Relations and Development Department and Sport Department to expand our membership including six missing IOC members: Eritrea, Guinea-Bissau, Namibia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Maldives, and Liechtenstein.

Thirdly, CUs shall work in closer coordination with WTF on marketing, communications, and development with plans which will be developed after upcoming elections.

Fourthly, CUs agreed to support the WTF's new Anti-Doping fund program which charged each athlete participant three dollars for registration for events.

Finally, the CUs agreed that they will cooperate with Sports and Education Departments for new administration of the international referees.

#### **d. WTF-ITF Discussions**

The Chairman skipped the discussion session on WTF-ITF issues as this was already addressed during his opening speech.

#### **e. GMS Update**

The Chairman introduced the Senior Director of Member Relations, Development and Legal Department, Mr. Corbin Min to give a GMS Update on behalf of Mr. Justin Tenbeth, director of GMS team.

Mr. Min presented the GMS update. Mr. Min noted that HangAStar GMS shall turn off on March 10, 2017 to transfer all information to SimplyComplete new system which was more easy and friendly design for users. A total of 8208 WTF licences had been registered or renewed between January and February 2017. The results and rankings module will be online in April and additional languages will be added in May: English, French, Arabic, Spanish, Korean, Russian, German, Turkish, and Mandarin. New functions will be adopted from June.

Currently, 93 MNAs were ready to use new system, another 73 MNAs were in communication with GMS team for adopting new system and 44 MNAs were non responsive. He urged CU Presidents to push 44 MNAs to work with GMS team to start new program sharing the list of 44 MNAs: America Samoa, Angola, Antigua & Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Botswana, Brazil, British Virgin Islands, Burundi, Cameroon, Cayman Islands, Chad, Congo, Cook Islands, Curacao, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea,, Estonia, French Guiana, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Guinea, Grenada, India, Kiribati, Liberia, Lao, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Palau, Philippines, Samoa, Senegal, St Kitts and Nevis, Syria, Tonga, Tuvalu, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, and Zambia.

#### **f. MNA Survey/ASOIF Survey**

The Chairman introduced the Senior Director of Member Relations, Development and Legal Department, Mr. Corbin Min to give a presentation on the MNA and ASOIF Surveys.



Mr. Min introduced the results of the ASOIF IF Good Governance Mr. Min noted the trend for international sport organizations to enhance regulations and to improve accounting, administration and activities report from members. This was all in an effort to ensure sound governance.

To ensure the WTF stays apace with this process the WTF will conduct MNA Survey for better understating the situation of our members to tailor services, evaluate, and give guidance. It will be approximately 56 questions and scheduled to be conducted on April using online survey tool. The summary of results will be presented in next meeting in Muju.

### **g. Muju WTC Preparation Update**

The Chairman introduced the Director General of WTF headquarters in Seoul, Mr. Jin Bang Yang to give a presentation on the Muju World Taekwondo Championships preparation updates.

Mr. Yang explained detailed overall timeline from team registration for the championships on March to team departure after the championships on July, which already had been sent to all MNAs.

He pointed the significant features of Muju WTC out: 1<sup>st</sup> stage for new competition rules; record breaking maximum participation of MNAs; grand opening of new WTF logo, elections; participations of Thomas Bach, IOC President; drawing & photo contest; promotion of THF; and international taekwondo academic symposium.

### **h. THF/WTCP Update**

The Chairman introduced the Council member, Mr. Hazem Naimat to give a few words about progress of taekwondo academy preparation in Azraq camp, Jordan.

Mr. Naimat noted that Jordan had about 1,004,000 refugees in the country. He thanked the WTF the decision of supporting refugee camp in Jordan. Jordan Taekwondo Federation had started to work with the government to finalize master plan and sketch for taekwondo academy construction in Azraq camp. In recent meeting with Mr. Roger Piarulli, a great deal was made at a good price with the company charged.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Naimat and introduced the Director General of WTF branch office in Lausanne, Mr. Roger Piarulli to give a presentation on the THF and World Taekwondo Cares Program updates

Mr. Piarulli showed a video about summary of THF goal and activities. He presented a 2016 activity report of THF. Firstly, in terms of structuration, THF had been officially registered as non-profit foundation under Swiss law & recognized by the Swiss Supervisory Authority on April 15, 2016. The initial capital was 50,000CHF which had been donated by WTF. The bank accounts had opened with BCV. The first board of trustees meeting had been held on Ma 19, 2016. The principles of organization and management of the foundation were approved and the strategy and priorities had been defined. The website and social networks had been set up from June and communication & fundraising plans had been launched. At the beginning of January 2017 tax exemption status obtained.





Secondly, he presented a governing chart of THF. Thirdly, he introduced the main partnerships of THF: WTF, UNHCR, IOC, GCS International, Peace and Sport, Huamin Charity Foundation, Paris City, Burnaby City, Rwanda Taekwondo Federation, and Human & Nature. Fourthly, he presented detailed activities of THF showing photos: WTF/THF demonstration team performance in many places such as refugee camps and natural disasters areas; introduction of THF with taekwondo demonstration performance at the 1<sup>st</sup> global conference on Faith & Sport in Vatican city in front of world leaders including UN Secretary General, Mr. Ki-moon Ban, IOC President, Mr. Thomas Bach and Pope Francis himself; launching international fundraising campaign at world junior Taekwondo championships in Burnaby, Canada named 'Break Board, Change Lives'; receiving the award named 'Federation of the Year' from Peace and Sport due to the efforts of WTF charity program; and any other various activities including punctual assistance program in Nepal, Azraq Taekwondo Academy in Jordan, refugee athlete career support. He presented a 2017 goals and strategy of THF. He noted that the guidelines for administrative & general management structuration and projects & operations management will be defined. New projects in Nepal, Jordan, Rwanda, Djibouti, Ethiopia and Colombia besides financial support for career development of elite refugee athlete will be launched. The THF will activate existing partners and secure partnerships with strategies. The promotion will be extended and '10 million signature & 10 million USD donation campaign' will be continued. The fundraising will be secured by increasing world taekwondo family's involvement.

Mr. Metin Sahin, Council member, added that after the WTF/THF demonstration team's visit to refugee camp in Kilis, Turkey, taekwondo had been really popular there and the number of trainees had been increasing speedy.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Piarulli and Mr. Sahin for the presentation and comments.

## **i. 2020 Olympic Event Modification**

The Chairman introduced the Director of WTF Event Department, Mr. Jeongkang Seo to give a presentation on the 2020 Olympic Event Modification.

Mr. Seo presented the directions of IOC about Olympic Agenda 2020. The IOC encouraged the inclusion of mixed-gender team events. The IOC focused on engagement with the youth demographic and youth development and participation. In Tokyo 2020 Olympics, four medal events will be added and the number of athletes will be 10,500.

According to IOC Sports Director, Mr. Kit McConnel, almost all IFS were competing to increase their events for four events added. As a matter of procedure, the IOC sent to all IFs questionnaire. The most important part of the questionnaire was that what kind of value the IF could bring to Olympic Games. He explained a summary of competitors' analysis in terms of competition environment and long-term strategy. He emphasized the necessity for having long-term perspective and approaching systemically by developing mixed-gender Team Kyorugi and Freestyle Poomsae Pair. He noted that the decision about four events added will be taken in IOC EB Meeting in July 9-10 in Lausanne and before the decision IOC Programme Commission will review the applications.

The Chairman added that we were going to work on this very hard aiming to increase our events in Olympic for 2020 and 2024.



## **j. Strategic Plan 2021**

The Chairman introduced the Secretary General, Mr. Hoss Rafaty to give a project update on the Strategic Plan 2021.

Mr. Rafaty noted that he had been working on creating a comprehensive strategic plan for the WTF Secretariat, CUs, Council and Committees to set out President's vision and roadmap for all stakeholders to follow; ensure effective focus of energies and resources; and satisfy governance expectations as Olympic Family members.

He reviewed the timeline and milestones for this project from the beginning of this concept approved by President in April 2016 in Bonn. After the project plan had been introduced to Council in May 2016 and assessment of basic operations and industry research had been done for seven months. The report to President was done in January, 2017 on key areas for operations improvement, structural reform and the plans for next stage had been approved creating strategy team and expert advisors outside from marketing & brand, communications and human resources areas.

The strategy team is lead by Mr. Corbin Min, Senior Director of the Member Relations, Development and Legal Department, and includes Mr. Jeongkang Seo and Mr. Wonjae Lee, Directors of Event Department, and Mr. Olof Hanson, Director of the Para-Taekwondo Department, and is advised by Mr. Jing Bang Yang of Director General of Seoul headquarters.

The strategy team's work will be evaluated by independent panel of Olympic IF and NGO experts and recommendations will be given for final approved by the President by the next Council meeting in Muju.

## **7. Host City Selection**

The Chairman noted that international sports organizations were experiencing difficult times for finding reliable hosts and even the IOC was not an exception. The WTF had restructured its bid process in an open and mutually respected way, and awarded twelve events at the last Council meeting in Burnaby, Canada. He wished that the WTF further would enhance the brand value of its events and bring more benefits to organizers, and the WTF events would become one of the most demanding sport events in the near future.

He introduced director of the Event department, Mr. Jeongkang Seo to give more details before selecting five events.

Mr. Seo explained the matters we considered to select host cities for our events: increased number of the WTF events, cost consideration and no legacy as internal challenges; and saturated market, less bidding cities and withdrawals as external challenges. To overcome these challenges, new system and process had been established and Supporting Taekwondo Event Program(STEP) had been prepared.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Seo.



## **a. Host Cities for 2017 Cadet, GP1/2**

### **Host cities for 2017 World Taekwondo Cadet Championships**

The Chairman welcomed the delegates from USA Taekwondo, which was bidding for the 2017 World Taekwondo Cadet Championships.

The President of USA Taekwondo, Mr. Keith Ferguson, and Mr. Inseon Kim noted that USA Taekwondo originally bid for the 2017 World Taekwondo Cadet Championships to support the WTF because there was no other candidate. But as the Egyptian Taekwondo Federation has decided to bid for this event USAT decided to put their full support behind the tremendous Egyptian candidacy.

The Chairman thanked USA Taekwondo representative for support and invited them as observers for host city selection as they withdrew the application for the 2017 World Taekwondo Cadet Championship.

The Chairman invited the presenter of Egypt, which was also bidding for the 2017 World Taekwondo Cadet Championships.

Mr. Ahmed Fouly, Vice president, presented on behalf of the Egypt candidacy, a proposal for host city for the upcoming Cadet Championships He also thanked USA Taekwondo for its support.

The Chairman moved that the Council approved the selection of the 2017 World Taekwondo Cadet Championships. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Council.

**Decision:** Egyptian proposals to host the 2017 World Taekwondo Cadet Championships in Sharm El Sheikh from August 23 to 27, 2017 for five days was approved.

### **Host city for 2017 World Taekwondo Grand Prix Series 1**

The Chairman welcomed the delegates from Russian Taekwondo Federation, which was bidding for the 2017 World Taekwondo Grand Prix Series 1.

Mr. Anatoly K. Terekhov, Council member and Ms. Elena Ivanova presented on behalf of the Russia candidacy, a proposal for hosting 2017 World Taekwondo Grand Prix Series 1. They suggested two options for venue and hotels because of the traffic situation due to the peak travel season in Moscow. The hotels would be selected to be subject to location of venue.

The Chairman moved that the Council approved the selection of the 2017 World Taekwondo Grand Prix Series 1. The motion was seconded and was unanimously approved by the Council.

**Decision:** Russian proposals to host the 2017 World Taekwondo Grand Prix Series 1 in Moscow from August 4 to 6, 2017 for three days was approved

### **Host city for 2017 World Taekwondo Grand Prix Series 2**

The Chairman welcomed the delegates from The Moroccan Royal Taekwondo Federation, which was bidding for the 2017 World Taekwondo Grand Prix Series 2.



Mr. Driss El Hilali, Council member, presented on behalf of the Morocco candidacy, a proposal for hosting the 2017 World Taekwondo Grand Prix Series 2 showing video covering the contents of functional information: venue, transportation, accommodations, medical and anti-doping, security and insurance, and legacy. He explained budget plans for the events including revenues and expenses.

The Chairman moved that the Council approved the selection of the 2017 World Taekwondo Grand Prix Series 2.. The motion was seconded and was unanimously approved by the Council

**Decision:** Moroccan proposals to host the 2017 World Taekwondo Grand Prix Series 2 in Marrakech from September 22 to 24, 2017 for three days were approved.

## **b. Host Cities for 2018 Poomsae and GP1**

The Chairman welcomed the delegates from Chinese Taipei Taekwondo Association, which was bidding for the 2018 World Taekwondo Grand Prix Series 1 and the 2018 WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships.

Mr. Hsu An Chin, the President of Chinese Taipei Taekwondo Association, and Ms. Sylvia Chiu presented on behalf of the Morocco candidacy, a proposal for hosting the 2018 World Taekwondo Grand Prix Series 1 and the 2018 WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships

The Chairman moved that the Council approved the selection of the 2018 World Taekwondo Grand Prix Series 1 and the 2018 WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships. The motion was seconded and was unanimously approved by the Council.

**Decision:** Moroccan proposals to host the 2018 World Taekwondo Grand Prix Series 1 in Taipei City from September 20 to 22, 2018 for three days and the 2018 WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships in Taipei City from November 15 to 18, 2018 for four days approved.

The Chairman gave the floor to Mr. Jin Bang Yang, Director General of Seoul headquarters to proceed with the host city awarding ceremonies and Mr. Yang called the all representatives from four host cities selected for five events.

## **8. Other Matters**

Mrs. Aïcha Garad Ali, Council member, suggested that it can be a goal for the percentage of women council members to be increased to 20 percents in accordance with Olympic Agenda 2020.

Mr. Athanasios Pragalos, Council member, suggested that the matters of PSS be developed mainly by technical experts together with representatives of Referee Committee and CUs from taekwondo society to review all the requirements.

Mr. Pimol Srivikorn, Council member, suggested to give the current Council a big round of applause



congratulating success and hard work for the last four years.

The Chairman thanked Mrs. Garad Ali and Mr. Pragalos for the ideas and comments and Mr. Srivikorn for his warm hospitality as host of this meeting.

## **9. Next Council Meeting**

The Chairman announced that the next Council meeting would be held in Muju, Korea on June 22, 2017 on occasion of the 2017 WTF World Taekwondo Championships.

## **10. 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 memorable stay in Bangkok.

The WTF Council Meeting was adjourned.

