



Minutes

of the World Taekwondo
Ordinary Council Meeting
Tirol Hotel, Muju, Republic of Korea

June 22, 2017

AGENDA

1. Establish quorum & Opening of Meeting
2. President's Opening Speech
3. Approval of the Meeting Minutes
4. Reports
 - 4-1 Auditor's
 - 4-2 Financial
 - 4-3 Operational
5. Amendment Proposals
 - 5-1 Statues
 - 5-2 Event Operation Rules
 - 5-3 Ranking Bylaws
 - 5-4 Para Taekwondo Competition Rules
6. Enactment Proposals
 - 6-1 Admin of IRs in Para Kyorugi
 - 6-2 Admin of IRs in Para Poomsae
7. For Approval
 - 7-1 New Championships
8. Progress Report
 - 8-1 GMS
9. Selection of Host Cities
 - 9-1 2018 Junior
 - 9-2 2018 GP Final & Team Champs
 - 9-3 2019 GP Series 1
 - 9-4 2019 GP Series 3
 - 9-5 2020 GP Final and Team Champs
10. Other Matters
11. Next Council Meeting
12. Closing of the Meeting

1. Establish quorum & Opening of the Meeting (at 10:00 am)

Secretary General Hoss Rafaty announces that 30 Council Members and 2 Auditors were present, thereby establishing a quorum in accordance with Article 8.6 of the Statutes.

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

The Chair of the meeting calls for a moment of Silence for Grand Master Uhm Woon-Gyu, who passed away on June 10, 2017.

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

1. Mr. Phil Coles, Honorary Vice President
2. Mr. Kamaladdin Hedarov, Vice President
3. Ms. Carine Lahoud, Council Member
4. Mr. John Walker, Treasurer

The Chair then delivered a welcome speech.

2. President's Opening Speech

1. President's Opening Speech

Dear Council Members, once again, it is my tremendous joy and pleasure to preside over the council meeting here in Muju. As you know, our last council meeting was held in Bangkok, Thailand on 7th March this year. Since the Bangkok council meeting, we have accomplished several missions. On 28th of March of this year, I and the WTF Taekwondo Demonstration Team were invited to the United Nations headquarters in New York City. The WTF demonstration team performed and two of our 2016 Olympians held the demonstration match. I think we left the that last thing and positive impression on this important and prestigious global body.

On 5th to 6th May, we successfully inaugurated the first ever, WTF World Taekwondo Beach Championships in Rhodes, Greece. This is part of our efforts to take taekwondo into different formats and to get it out of the stadiums and into the open. It also gives out athletes the chance to participate in ever more global multi sports events. Rhodes has paved the way for taekwondo participation in the first even World Beach Games in San Diego in 2019.

On 10th of May, I had the privilege of being invited by Pope Francis, a noted sports fan in Vatican. He showed particular interest in the efforts of the Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation. There, I presented, His Excellency -- well, I cannot say to him His -- His Holiness with an Honorary 10th dan black belt. I made a mistake because they wrote this as Excellency, but I should say, His Holiness.

There is a significant set of achievement in less than four months and as you know that this World Taekwondo Championships, this is the seventh World Taekwondo Championships organizing in Korea. I think some of you may remember. First World Taekwondo Championships in 1973, there were only 190 countries participating and 50 some athletes. Now, we have 183 participating countries, plus one refugee athlete. This is a record and we are writing a new history of World Taekwondo Federation.

And many histories are coming this coming Saturday. For the first time, the President of Republic of Korea, President Moon is attending this opening ceremony. That was also first time ever that we are having the President of Republic to attend the ceremony. And moreover, IOC Vice President and several IOC members will attend our opening ceremony for World Championships. Vice President of IOC, Mr. Yu Zaiqing will make a speech on behalf of President Thomas Bach.

And then again, International Taekwondo Federation related to our protocol walkout in 2014 in Nanjing, during the occasion of Nanjing Youth Olympic Games. They are sending demonstration team to our World Championships after -- well, they did it before in Chelyabinsk, Russia when we World Championships in 2015. And again, they are going to participate our opening ceremony to congratulate our World Championships.

Of course, after that, coincidentally, they're having their World Championships in Pyongyang this coming September. So, of course, demonstration teams will be invited by ITF to Pyongyang, so many histories. And again, the closing ceremony, the President of IOC, Thomas Bach, will attend our closing ceremony. So, he is going to spend two night together here in Muju, 29th and 30th. So, that's also history. I am really happy that all the important figures of international sports world and newly elected President of Republic of Korea, President Moon is joining us for opening ceremony. So, many records we are writing again.

I am very grateful to serve with you past four years. We've been doing many, many things together. Time really flies. Everybody remembers 2013 in Puebla, Mexico did a wonderful job to organizing the wonderful World Taekwondo Championships after success of London Olympic Games. And after the opening ceremony, I still remember, drinking many bottles of both tequila and also vodka was gifted by our friends Anatoly. So, we really had a good time. Of course, Mexico, when they have a party, you don't forget about Mariachi. That was also a very memorable moment. So, we don't Mariachi this time, but I think Korean singers and entertainers will join with us to after closing ceremony.

So, it was all good memories. Well, since after 2013 World Taekwondo Championships, we did inauguration of the Elite Grand Prix in December 2013, and also the International Paralympics Committee's decision in late January 2015 to include Taekwondo on the official program of the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics Games. And I already mentioned, a successful 2015 World Taekwondo Championships in Chelyabinsk, Russia, and the creations of the Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation in Lausanne, Switzerland. We are taking care of all the displaced children and refugee children in Nepal, Turkey, Jordan, and from now on, we are going to do it in Djibouti, Rwanda, and Ethiopia and so on.

In a highly successful taekwondo competition at the Rio Olympic Games, I think Rio Olympic Games is more to development of taekwondo in African regions and Middle East regions. The successful upgrade of the game with innovation, such as octagonal match, head PSS and tweaks to our competition rules.

In just four years, there is a sensational set of achievements. I want to thank all of you who made it happen. Thank you again.

Now, let me say this, taekwondo's future is even brighter than its past. We will not rest on our roles. We will accelerate our efforts to innovate and improve. Dear council, the 2017 WTF World Taekwondo Championships, which will kick off in two days will be marked as best ever championship in WTF history.

Now, let us move on the next agenda item, the approval of the minutes of the extraordinary WTF council meeting held in Bangkok, Thailand on March 7, 2017.

3. Approval of the Minutes

The Chair calls attention to the Meeting Book, which was previously circulated to all Council Members and which contains documents to be considered during the meeting.

The Chair asks the council if there are any comments on the minutes to the Council Meeting held on November 14, 2016 in Burnaby Canada, which had been circulated previously and which also appears in the meeting book.

There are no comments.

The Chair calls for approval of the Minutes. This is seconded, and unanimously approved.

Decision: Minutes of the March 7, 2017 Extraordinary Council meeting approved by the Council.

4. Reports

4-1 Auditor's Report

The Chair invites WT Auditor Ali Sagirkaya to deliver the Auditor's Report.

Auditor Sagirkaya confirms that he has audited the WT financial statements for the year 2016 and the budget for the year 2017, certifies that he is satisfied that they are in conformity, and recommends to the Council that they be accepted.

The Chair thanks Auditor Sagirkaya for his report, and then asks the Council if there are any questions or comments.

There are no questions or comments.

The chair calls for approval of the 2016 WT Financial Statements and 2017 Budget. This is seconded and unanimously approved.

Decision: the 2016 WT Financial Statements and 2017 Budget approved by the Council.

4-2 Financial Report

The Chair then directs the attention of the Council to the 2016 Financial Report. He notes that the report was previously distributed to the Council Members for their review. He asks if there are any questions or comments. There are none.

The Chair calls for approval of the Financial Report. This is seconded and unanimously approved.

Decision: The Financial Report is unanimously approved by the Council.

4-3 Operation Report

The Chair then directs the attention of the Council to the Operation Report, which was also previously distributed to the Council Members. He asks if there are any questions or comments. There are none.

The Chair calls for approval of the Operation Report. This is seconded and unanimously approved.

Decision: The Operation Report is unanimously approved by the Council.

The Chair notes that the Auditor's Report, the Financial Report and the Operations Report will be put on the agenda for the General Assembly to be held on the following day for final approval.

The Chair then proposes to move on to the next item of the Agenda: amendment proposals.

5. Amendment Proposals

5-1 Statues

The Chair introduces Mr. Corbin Min, Senior Director of Member Relations, Development and Legal Affairs.

Mr. Min gives a presentation on showing the details of each proposed Statute amendments, including the following: Introduction of Art. 6.9 adding details about Honorary Vice Presidents; Amendment of Art. 16.2 changing the due dates of MNA Annual Fees; Amendment of Art. 16.8 adding more requirements on MNA Reporting; Amendment of Art. 22 updating the list of Promoted Events; and a full revision of Art. 27 on Committees, which is described committee by committee.

The Chair asks the council if there are any comments on proposed amendments to the Statutes, which had been circulated previously and which also appear in the meeting book.

There are no comments.

The Chair calls for approval of the proposed amendments to the Statutes. This is seconded, and unanimously approved.

Decision: Proposed amendments to the Statutes are approved by the Council and are to be put before the General Assembly on June 23, 2017, for final approval.

5-2 Event Operation Rules

The Chair introduces Mr. Jay Lee, Director of the Sports Department.

Mr. Lee gives a presentation on the proposed changes to the Event Operation Rules, including that all WT recognized events shall be listed in the WT Events Calendar; that WT will appoint the Technical Directors for the Events, and that WT will screen referees for the event, who will then receive credit from WT.

The Chair thanks Mr. Lee and then asks the Council Members if there are any questions or comments. There are none.

The Chair calls for approval of the proposed amendments to the Event Operation Rules. This is seconded and unanimously approved.

Decision: Proposed amendments to the Event Operation Rules are approved by the Council and are to be put before the General Assembly on June 23, 2017, for final approval.

5-3 Ranking Bylaw

Decision:

Chair invites Mr. Jay Lee again to explain proposed amendments to the Ranking Bylaws.

Mr. Lee explained the chart and explanations added in order to clarify the ranking points received for events over the four-year cycle, including recharge and the impact when athletes move from Junior to Senior level.

The Chair thanks Mr. Lee and then asks the Council Members if there are any questions or comments. There are none.

The Chair calls for approval of the proposed amendments to the Ranking Bylaws. This is seconded and unanimously approved.

Decision: Proposed amendments to the Event Operation Rules are approved by the Council.

5-4 Para Taekwondo Competition Rules

The Chair introduces Mr. Olof Hansson, Manager of the Para-Taekwondo Department.

Mr. Hansson makes a presentation to Council Members on the proposed amendments to the Para-Taekwondo Competition Rules. He explains that the new rules proposed following the changes made at last years General Assembly are based on experiences during the first events of 2017. This includes a change in points allocated for scoring techniques.

The Chair thanks Mr. Hansson and then asks the Council Members if there are any questions or comments. There are none.

The Chair calls for approval of the proposed amendments. This is seconded and unanimously approved.

Decision: Proposed amendments to the Para-Taekwondo Competition Rules are approved by the Council and are to be put before the General Assembly on June 23, 2017, for final approval.

The Chair then moves on to the next agenda item, Enactments.

6. Enactment Proposals

6-1 Regulations on Administration of IRs in Para Taekwondo Kyorugi

The Chair calls again on Mr. Olof Hansson, Manager of the Para-Taekwondo Department.

Mr. Hansson gives a presentation to the Council members on rules for para-taekwondo international referees Para Taekwondo Kyorugi . In addition to reviewing the material in the Meeting Book, Mr. Hansson asks the Council to consider two additions: Articles 1.6 and 2.61. This includes making it mandatory for IRs to take a free introductory course in para-sports offered on the IPC website.

The Chair thanks Mr. Hansson and then asks the Council Members if there are any questions or comments. There are none. The Chair calls for approval of the proposed enactment. This is seconded and unanimously approved.

Decision: Proposed enactment of the Regulations on Administration of IRs in Para Taekwondo Kyorugi is approved.

6-2 Regulations on Administration of IRs in Para Taekwondo Poomsae

Mr. Hansson then gives a presentation to the Council members on rules for para-taekwondo

international referees in Para-Taekwondo Poomsae. This includes a proposal to change the levels of passing grates.

The Chair thanks Mr. Hansson and then asks the Council Members if there are any questions or comments. There are none. The Chair calls for approval of the proposed enactment. This is seconded and unanimously approved.

Decision: Proposed enactment of the Regulations on Administration of IRs in Para Taekwondo Poomsae is approved.

The Chair then asks the Council to move on to the next item in the Meeting Book, items for approval.

7. For Approval

7-1 New Championships

The Chair informs the Council of the very successful First World Taekwondo Beach Championships, held in Rhodes Island, Greece. The goal now is to hold a beach championship every year.

The Chair also informs the Council that, during the visit to the Vatican in May, Mr. Angelo City, President of the Italian Taekwondo Association, proposed to have a yearly Grand Prix in Rome on the occasion of the Italian Open Taekwondo Championships.

The Chair tells the Council that, following several visits to China, preparations are being discussed for the creation of a professional taekwondo championships.

The Chair introduces Seoul Office Director General Jingbang Yang.

Mr. Yang informs the Council that, reflecting on the successes of the years since the London Olympics, including the launch of the Grand Prix Series, there is a need to have more events that will be attractive to TV. It is critical to make taekwondo more popular and attractive in order to make Tokyo 2020 an even greater success.

Therefore, a new event with the tentative title of “World Taekwondo Grand Slam Champions Series” is being negotiated with a counterpart in China, Wuxi Sports Management Co Ltd. for the formation of a joint venture company.

The main purpose of this new event is to make taekwondo competitions more attractive to TV, by establishing excellent TV-quality productions, setting a model to work for sports presentation for all other taekwondo competitions.

Another important purpose is to promote taekwondo athletes, to increase their recognition and commercial value. Taekwondo needs more global superstar athletes.

Mr. Yang explains that in terms of format, the idea is to invite top eight players, all from WTF major championships champions or medalists at least. Also, this championships will have one open qualification tournament. This one open qualification tournament, open to everybody, any style, WTF style, ITF style, even other martial arts, but all will have to fight under WTF Olympic rules, and top three from this qualification tournament will be qualified as wild card, and then one wild card from host country, so it will be eight, three, one for 12.

Mr. Yang explains that this is the proposed idea but it could be changed a little bit. The 12 competitors consist of the top eight seat for 2017 number one, 2016 Olympic champions, number two all the medalists from this championships. There will be two champions, because two weight categories will be consolidated as one, and then 2017 or 2016 depending on when we are going to have this event, final champions. And then by that time, WTF Olympic ranking number one will be seat number five. And then this year GP series, its champion will be six, seven, eight.

If some athletes has a double qualification, double titles, we will have more spots, then the substitute will be 2016 GP final champion, finished in Olympic silver medalist, and so on. So, eight will fill in like this way, and then you have four wild cards, three from open qualification tournament and one player from the host countries.

So, the 12 single elimination tournaments, sitting chart will be like this, and number one, the Olympic, number two, world champion; number three, world champion, number 4, GP final champion, top sweaters, and then others. So, low seaters, they have to fight one more game. For low seaters, they need four winnings, and then top seater, they need three fighting to be champion.

To make this game more popular to TV we can approach in different ways. Number one is prize money. Total prize money for 2017, \$800,000, and per weight category, \$100,000. So, the first place of each category will get \$70,000, second \$20,000, third \$10,000 in prize money, and they will have privileges. The top ranker from only this championships, not only one year, but three years of cumulated points, the top ranks will go to Tokyo Olympics direct, only one, each weight category one spot. And then list two of three players, our partner promise to have endorsement contracts, like advertising model to make our player a superstar, and then some small benefits. Top seater, seating number one and two, round trip air fair for coach and full accommodation will be provided, and seat three, four, five six, seven, eight, full accommodation, and wild card just a local transport.

And to make this thing happen, we have a partner from China. China is emerging big sports market these days. So, there is huge opportunity and huge market. Our main partner is a Shanghai investment company, Mr. Soon, and investment company, Mr. Soon, and their company experience with Chinese martial arts shaolin kung fu, they professionalized the way and had great success, and also the City of Oishi City in China and this city is developing new town, a tangible new town to enhance sports and recreation. So, they are investing most of the money. So, we'd like to invite you to their video presentation of this project. [Video Plays]

The Chair asks if there are any questions or comments.

Council Member Mr. Daiwon Moon asks for details about how revenues and costs will be shared with the local organizers, and how risks are to be shared.

Mr. Yang explains that the goal of WT is not to make money, and profit from WT's side is expected to go to increase prize money. The intended benefit for WT will be greater media attention and the generation of star athletes.

Mr. Yang explains that the exact details are to be finalized in negotiations with the local organizers.

The Chair explains that Mr. Yang is working with Mr. Li Qiang, President of the China Taekwondo Association, on creation of this project.

Mr. Yang then also introduces three events for G1 approval: Commonwealth Taekwondo Championships in Canada, the Un Young Kim Memorial Cup in Korea and the World Taekwondo Grand Slam, as previously introduced.

The Chair if there are any objections or questions. There are none. The Chair moves that the G1 status for the three events be approved. The motion is seconded and unanimously approved.

Decision: G1 status is given for the Commonwealth Taekwondo Championships in Candida, the Un Young Kim Memorial Cup in Korea, and the World Taekwondo Grand Slam in China.

The Chair then calls for a Break before moving on to the next item.

[BREAK]

The Chair reconvenes the meeting and calls the attention of the Council to the next item in the Meeting Book, progress reports.

8. Progress Report

8-1 GMS Progress Report

The Chair introduces Mr. Justin Tenbeth, GMS Project Manager.

Mr. Tenbeth informs the Council that over the past six months the GMS service provider was transitioned from Hangastar to Simply Compete, and now the focus is on building new features and functions. Currently, World Olympic Ranking is released through the GMS; Olympic, Para and Poomsae ranking will follow.

There is a public view feature so that the public can see who is registered for which events, including how many categories. So far in 2017 there have been registrations for 34 events with 18,000 athletes. The President's Cup in Athens had 2,200 athletes. And the Muju World Championships there is a record 180 countries. Over the past four days 3,500 accreditations were created for teams, 600 for volunteers, 550 for media, 400 for security, 400 for OC management, and 700 for guests.

Expected new features for the GMS include club and regional registration, and a project to connect the GMS to OVR providers in order to help the data transfer between event registration and results management. This will create a protocol for all OVR providers to follow to ensure that data is

uploaded into the system properly.

Also, ten new languages will be introduced so that members will find it easier to use the system, including Spanish, French, Korean, Arabic, Russian, German, Portuguese, Turkish, Italian, Mandarin, and Farsi. Other languages can be added upon request by MNAs.

Also expected is an event and travel functions, for registration of national teams' flight and travel details to making it easier for organizing committees to manage events.

And in the future a GMS app will be provided allowing for event registration and license renewal.

Education is ongoing, with trainings planned to take place here in Muju in French, Arabic and English; then in the Pan-Am region, and in Asia at the President's Cup in Tashkent.

The Chair asks the Council if there are any questions or comments. There are none. The Chair thanks Mr. Tenbeth for his report.

The Chair then call the attention of the Council to the next item in the Meeting Book, Host City Selection, noting that eight events are to be considered.

9. Host City Selection

The Chair introduces Mr. Jeongkang Seo, Director of the Events Department, to brief the Council on host city selections.

Mr. Seo explains that Rome is seeking a Grand Prix in 2019, but a condition of its NOC is that it should be a long-term arrangement, not just for one year. Therefore the proposal is to add one more Grand Prix in 2018 in addition to the three GP series and GP final.

Mr. Seo asks for the Council to approval an additional GP Series in 2018.

The Chair asks the Council for the approval. The motion is seconded and unanimously approved.

Decision: A fourth Grand Prix Series is approved for 2018.

Mr. Seo then explains that there are four MNA to give presentations. There is only one competitive bid: for the 2018 Grand Prix Final, between Fujairah, UAE, and Sofia, Bulgaria.

Mr. Seo then briefs the Council on the proposed host city selections, followed by Council approvals. The following are the decisions are unanimously made by the Council:

Decisions:

9-1: The 2018 WTF World Taekwondo Junior Championships are awarded to the sole bidder, Hammamet, Tunisia.

9-2: 2018 Grand Prix Final and Team Championships, following presentations by the two bidders Fujairah, UAE, and Sofia, Bulgaria, is awarded to awarded to Fujairah, UAE.

9-3 The 2019 WTF World Taekwondo Grand Prix One is awarded to the sole bidder Rome, Italy.

9-4 The 2019 WTF World Taekwondo Grand Prix Three is awarded to the sole bidder, Sofia, Bulgaria.

9-5 The 2020 World Taekwondo Grand Prix Final and World Team Championships are awarded to the sole bidder, Tunisia.

The winning host cities are presented with certificates of award. The Chair then calls the attention of the Council to the next item in the Meeting Book, other matters.

10. Other Matters

10.1 Executive Meeting Report

The Chair introduces WT Secretary General Hoss Rafaty.

Mr. Rafaty explains that, as is standard practice, the WT Executive Meeting was held in the day before the Council Meeting, to put together recommendations for the Council.

a. Professional Taekwondo Event Project: Mr. Rafaty explains that the Executive Meeting was also briefed by Director General Yang on the professional taekwondo event project.

Recommendation: Considering the importance of the development of events that have more media appeal and to lay a stronger foundation for professional taekwondo, and in reference to the presentation given earlier in the meeting by Director General Yang, the Executive Meeting recommends that the Council grant the WT President the widest discretion possible to authorize the Director General to negotiate on behalf of WT for the successful launching of this event.

b. Council Guidelines: Mr. Rafaty then briefed the Council on the proposed Council Member Guidelines which had been handed out to the Council Members and which had been discussed by the Executive meeting, including expectations for committee work as well as travel guidelines.

Recommendation: The Executive meeting recommends that the Council give preliminary approval to the guidelines, with a final version to be produced following the WT elections to take place on June 24.

The Chair asks if there are any questions or comments. There are none.

Mr. Rafaty then asks for the Council to approve the Executive Committee recommendations. The motion is seconded, and unanimously approved.

Decision: the Council unanimously approves the recommendations of the Executive Committee.

Elections Preparations

The Chair then invites Corbin Min, Senior Director of Membership, Development and Legal Affairs, to brief the Council on election preparations.

Mr. Min briefs the council on the election logistics, including transportation to and from the election venues, and the timeline between the WT GA, the WT elections, and the five CU elections, followed by the welcome reception hosted by the regional governor.

Mr. Min then discusses the exact process procedures for the elections, as laid out in the Election Bylaws and as approved by the Ad-Hoc Elections Committee.

Mr. Min then goes over the election ballots, explaining its format in detail including a reminder of the new continental quota system, and goes over the voting process in detail including how the optical mark reader will be used to conduct counting on the floor of the GA.

The Chair asks if there are any questions or comments. There are none.

The Chair thanks Mr. Min.

11. Next Council Meeting

The Chair points out that, because of the elections on the next day, it was not appropriate to begin planning of the next Council Meeting.

12. Closing of the Meeting

End of Document

World Taekwondo

4th Fl. | Kolon Bldg. | 15 Hyoja-ro | Jongno-gu | Seoul | Korea | 110-040

Phone +82-2-3420-1440 | Fax +82-2-553-4728

member@wtf.org | www.worldtaekwondo.org

<https://www.facebook.com/WorldTaekwondo1>

<https://twitter.com/worldtaekwondo1>

<https://www.instagram.com/worldtaekwondo.pr/>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/worldtaekwondo>

October 2017