



Minutes

World Taekwondo Extraordinary Council Meeting (via conference call)

20h00-22h00 | January 28, 2022 (local time Korea)

AGENDA

- 1. Establish Quorum: Call Meeting to Order**
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 - Approval of the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held via Video Conference on October 10, 2021
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Appendix 1: Minutes of the Council Meeting held on October 10, 2021

Appendix 2: Amendment Proposal

1. Establish Quorum: Call Meeting to Order

1. The meeting was called to order by the **CHAIR** of the Meeting, **Dr. Chungwon Choue**, WT President. The **CHAIR** welcomed Council Members for joining the first Extraordinary Council meeting of 2022. He then asked **Mr. Jeongkang Seo**, Director General, to announce the quorums.
2. **Mr. Jeongkang Seo** announced that twenty-six (26) Council Members and one (1) Auditor were present, thereby establishing a quorum in accordance with Article 8.6 of the WT Statutes.
3. The **CHAIR** noted that the following members are absent with prior notice:
 - **Mr. Athanasios Pragalos**, Vice President (By the request of Mr. Pragalos, Mr. Antonio Barbarino is present on behalf of Mr. Pragalos)
 - **Mr. Issaka Ide**, Vice President (By the request of Mr. Issaka Ide, Mr. Balla DIEYE is present on behalf of Mr. Ide)
 - **Mr. Pimol Srivikorn**, Treasurer
4. He added that the following members are absent without prior notice:
 - **Mr. John Kotsifas**, Vice President
 - **Mr. Yangwoo Park**, Vice President

2. President Report

5. The **CHAIR** mentioned that it is a momentous year as WT will do the best to restart operations like it was before the pandemic. He congratulated and thanked Vice President **Issaka Ide** and Council member **Ahmad Alzeyoudi** for hosting the African Para Taekwondo Championships and 9th Fujairah Open to kick off this year's busy calendar.
6. He shared the story that one of the promising refugees living in the Azraq refugee camp in Jordan, Wael Al Farraj, will be participating in the Fujairah Open, and Wael was one of the Olympic Scholarship holders for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, meaning that traveling is not easy for him due to his refugee status. He noted that Wael could only travel within Jordan for competitions, and this would be a historic milestone for all. He appreciated the authorities in UAE and Jordan for creating a pathway for Wael and other refugee athletes in the future to compete.
7. He informed that the Council will vote on the host cities of the 2022 World Taekwondo Championships, and the 2023 World Taekwondo Cadet Championships. He noted that Wuxi was supposed to organize the World Championships in 2021; however, it was postponed to this year, and Wuxi has informed WT that it is difficult to host this year. He said that WT looks forward to China hosting the World Championships at a later time. He added that the annual Ordinary Council Meeting and General Assembly will then take place in Sofia, Bulgaria, on the occasion of the World Taekwondo Junior and World Taekwondo Cadet championships in early August. He said that it would be great to see everyone in Sofia for the Championships and meetings.
8. He stated that the IOC Session will confirm the initial sports programs of the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games on February 3rd. He mentioned that as long as WT continues working hard together for a well-governed World Taekwondo and deliver fair and exciting competitions, there is no reason why Taekwondo cannot remain as an Olympic sport.

9. He also stressed that the IOC will announce the winners of the IOC Women and Sport Awards for 2021 on February 3rd, and World Taekwondo nominated a 17-year-old Zimbabwean girl, Natsiraishe Maritsa for the award last year. He was happy to inform that Natsiraishe will be announced as the winner of the IOC Women and Sport Award for Africa next Thursday. He continued that it is a fantastic achievement, and WT is committed to advancing gender equality and equity through Taekwondo, and this achievement is a great platform to develop more initiatives for girls and women.
10. He mentioned that the IOC Executive Board will finalize the qualification system for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games on March 30th, and that WT will make several improvements to make Taekwondo more exciting and dynamic to compete in and to watch. He stated the Technical Committee will soon be proposing rule changes for this purpose.
11. He commented that Goyang will host the World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships on April 21st to 24th, and over the past two years during the pandemic, online Poomsae was actively promoted to the masses to help the Taekwondo community. He also said that for the first time, WT could reach out directly to the grassroots to promote Taekwondo, and he wished the combination of the World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships, and online Poomsae challenge series will help the global community even further.
12. He noted that World Taekwondo will launch the World Taekwondo Children's Championships which is a new initiative to engage with the youth through participation in sports. He added that WT will also be more active in Virtual Taekwondo which is a part of World Taekwondo's growing list of contributions to the UN Sustainable Development Goals and Olympic Agenda 2020.
13. He informed that WT has responded to the 4th ASOIF Governance Review this month, and WT is expected to maintain A2 status this year, but the goal is to be A1. He added that WT has to raise standards to the highest level. He asked that all Committees meet virtually on a regular basis to discuss how WT could further enhance operations and raise World Taekwondo's standards.
14. He mentioned that Kukkiwon has nominated Mr. Chun-jae Park as its representative in the WT Council in accordance with the Statutes. WT will invite Mr. Park to the next meeting. He hoped that Mr. Park creates a bridge between WT and Kukkiwon for the sake of mutual interest.
15. He concluded his report by mentioning that he decided to form an internal ad-hoc committee to set the long-term strategy of WT in working with Kukkiwon, and this committee will focus on developing the fundamental frame for partnership with Kukkiwon. He added that one representative per continental union and the President of four Member National Associations will be included, and these four MNAs are Morocco, Italy, Korea and Canada; the meeting will be called soon, and Director General Seo will contact all for details.

3. Approval of the Minutes

- a. *Approval of the minutes of the Council Meeting held on October 10, 2021*
16. The **CHAIR** asked the Council to approve the minutes, noting that there were no comments when the minutes were distributed in advance. This was seconded and approved by the Council.
17. The **CHAIR** declared that the minutes were approved by the Council.
 - ***Decision: Minutes of Council Meeting held on October 10, 2021 are approved by the Council.***

4. Amendment

a. WT Competition Rules and Interpretation

18. The **CHAIR** gave the floor to **Mr. Songchul Kim**, Chair of Technical Commission to present the amendment proposal.
19. **Mr. Songchul Kim** presented the proposals for amendments which are article 7 (Duration of Contest), 14 (Prohibited acts and penalties), 15 (Golden points & superiority), 16 (Decisions), and 21 (Instant video replay). He concluded his report by informing that this amendment will also need ratification of the General Assembly, and the new rules will apply from March, starting with Open Championships.
20. The **CHAIR** asked the Council for comments if any.
21. **Mr. Mohamed Shaaban**, Council Member commented that the application of new rules from March is too soon to adapt.
22. **Mr. Songchul Kim** answered that it will be considered.
23. **Mr. Kyu Seok Lee**, Vice President, suggested that competition technical terminology should be in Korean.
24. The **CHAIR** asked **Mr. Songchul Kim** to discuss with Technical Committee on the comments from **Mr. Kyu Seok Lee**.
25. He asked Council to approve the amendment proposal. This is approved by the Council.
26. He declared that the amendment to Competition Rules & Interpretation is approved and will be presented to General Assembly for ratification.
 - ***Decision: Competition Rules & Interpretation is approved by the Council and is presented to the General Assembly for its ratification.***

5. Approval

a. Restoration of membership - Paraguay

27. The **CHAIR** asked **Director General Seo** to present the proposal of the restoration of Paraguay's membership.
28. **Mr. Jeongkang Seo** remarked that suspension of membership can be lifted by the decision of the Council on the recommendation of MRD Commission in accordance with the Article 8.6.5 of WT Statutes. He then briefed the issues of Paraguay since 2017 until now. He reported the assessment and recommendation of the MRD Commission which will help rebuild Taekwondo in Paraguay in close cooperation with PATU.
29. The **CHAIR** asked Council to approve the proposal. This is approved by the Council.
30. The **CHAIR** declared that the membership of Confederacion Paraguaya de Taekwondo is reinstated.
 - ***Decision: The membership of Confederacion Paraguaya de Taekwondo is reinstated.***

6. Selection of Host Cities

a. 2022 World Taekwondo Championships

31. The **CHAIR** addressed that among nine (9) initial bidding countries, three candidates have been shortlisted as they met the requirements, and these are Baku, Azerbaijan, Beirut, Lebanon and Cancun, Mexico in alphabetical order. He then gave a floor to **Mr. Jeongkang Seo** to manage the selection process.
32. **Mr. Jeongkang Seo** made some announcements before inviting bidding MNAs for presentation: To ensure that only voters cast a vote, attendees who don't have the right to vote will be asked to leave the meeting room and stay at the waiting room of zoom platform during the vote, then WT operator will let them in and out between the meeting room and waiting room.
33. He continued that the voters should access the meeting with only one device during the vote, and accessing with more than two devices, such as phone and laptop, will not be accepted and the operator might turn off one of the devices in order to ensure a fair procedure. He also commented that the Council members from any of these bidding MNAs will be asked to leave the meeting room during presentation of the other bidding MNAs, and WT operator will let them in and out between the meeting room and waiting room.
34. He informed that WT will invite delegates from Baku, Azerbaijan in alphabetical order, and **Mr. Juan Manuel Lopez Delgado**, Vice President and a Mexican national, was requested to leave the meeting room and stay at the waiting room of zoom platform. **Mr. Juan Manuel Lopez Delgado** left.
35. Delegates from Baku, Azerbaijan were invited and presented their presentation. After the presentation, **Mr. Jeongkang Seo** thanked the delegates and asked to leave the meeting room. Delegates from Baku, Azerbaijan left.
36. Delegates from Beirut, Lebanon were invited and presented their presentation. After the presentation, **Mr. Jeongkang Seo** thanked the delegates and asked to leave the meeting room. Delegates from Beirut, Lebanon left.
37. **Mr. Juan Manel Lopez Delgado** and delegates from Cancun, Mexico were invited. Delegates from Cancun, Mexico presented their presentation. After the presentation, **Mr. Jeongkang Seo** thanked the delegates and asked to let all candidates in the meeting room. Delegates from Baku, Azerbaijan and Beirut, Lebanon were invited again.
38. The **CHAIR** asked if there are any questions.
39. **Mr. Kyu Seok Lee**, Vice President asked the price of the accommodation, and availability of using credit card in Baku, Azerbaijan. Delegates from Baku, Azerbaijan responded that the price will be suitable for all and will inform as soon as the details are confirmed. They also mentioned that it is available to use credit card.
40. **Mr. Mohamed Shaaban** asked distance from hotel to venue in Cancun, Mexico. Delegates from Cancun, Mexico responded that it is all walking distance.
41. **Mr. Jingbang Yang**, Council Member asked the temperature in Cancun, Mexico when the Championships will take place. Delegates from Cancun, Mexico answered that it will be around 25-28 degrees, which is the best weather for the event.
42. **Mr. Maher Magableh** asked safety issue in Cancun, Mexico. Delegates from Cancun, Mexico mentioned that as Cancun is a main tourist city, where they have a strong safety condition. He also said that as the Championships is supported by the government, the government will support for strong safety implementation.

43. **Mr. Angelo Cito**, Council Member, asked Covid-19 situation and restriction in Cancun, Mexico. Delegates from Cancun, Mexico mentioned that there is no restriction during the pandemic, and it is safe to host event since there is no plan to reinforce the lockdown.
44. **Mr. Kyu Seok Lee** asked price of the accommodation, and availability of using credit card in Cancun, Mexico. Delegates from Cancun, Mexico said that they do accept for credit card and have different ranges of hotel price.
45. **Ms. Anna Vassallo**, Council Member, asked any other ways to come to Cancun, not through United States of America in order to avoid the restrictions of Covid-19. Delegates from Cancun, Mexico mentioned that there are many international direct flights coming from Europe to Cancun.
46. **Mr. Jean Marie Ayer**, Council Member, asked all delegates for securing budget for the Championships. Delegates from Cancun, Mexico commented that the Championships is a project of the government so that the budget is already allocated by law. Delegates from Baku, Azerbaijan mentioned that they introduced hosting Championships to the government last year, and their budget is already secured. Delegates from Beirut, Lebanon confirmed that they never had issue of budget as they have done many events so far.
47. **Ms. Aicha Garad Ali** asked to add issuing invitation letters for landing visa at the airport.
48. **Mr. Jeongkang Seo** proceeded the voting. He asked **Mr. Juan Manuel Lopez Delgado** and attendees who don't have the voting right to leave the meeting room until the voting is completed. **Mr. Juan Manuel Lopez Delgado** and attendees, who don't have voting right left.
49. **Mr. Jeongkang Seo** informed that the subject matter of the vote is: Host City of 2022 World Taekwondo Championships. He mentioned that all are requested to select voting choice and click submit button given 30 seconds of time to cast the vote. After 30 seconds, the vote is closed. **Bidders, Mr. Juan Manuel Lopez Delgado**, and others were invited for announcement of the result.
50. The **CHAIR** announced the result: total eligible votes are 24, and total casted votes are 23. He informed that Baku, Azerbaijan received 4 votes, Beirut, Lebanon received 7 votes, and Cancun, Mexico received 12 votes.
51. The **CHAIR** declared that 2022 World Taekwondo Championships are awarded to Cancun, Mexico. He asked delegates from Cancun, Mexico to give some words.
52. Delegates from Cancun, Mexico mentioned that they were happy to work with WT to host the 2022 World Taekwondo Championships. He added that they will work hard to successfully host the Championships.

- Decision: Cancun, Mexico is selected as the host y of 2022 World Taekwondo Championships.

b. 2023 World Taekwondo Cadet Championships

53. The **CHAIR** proceeded to select the host city of the 2023 World Cadet Taekwondo Championships. He mentioned that two candidate cities qualified for selection, and it is the city of Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina and the city of Queretaro, Mexico. He then gave a floor again to **Mr. Jeongkang Seo** to manage the selection process.
54. **Mr. Jeongkang Seo** mentioned that WT will first invite delegates from Sarajevo, Bosnia &

Herzegovina in alphabetical order. **Mr. Juan Manuel Lopez Delgado**, Vice President and a Mexican national, is kindly requested to leave the meeting room and he left.

55. Delegates from Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina were invited and presented their presentation. After the presentation, **Mr. Jeongkang Seo** thanked the delegates from Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina, and requested to leave the room. Delegates from Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina left.
56. Delegates from Queretaro, Mexico and **Mr. Juan Manuel Lopez Delgado** returned and delegates from Queretaro, Mexico presented their presentation. After the presentation, **Mr. Jeongkang Seo** thanked the delegates from Queretaro, Mexico and asked delegates from Queretaro, Mexico, **Mr. Juan Manuel Lopez Delgado**, and attendees having no right to vote to leave the meeting room until the voting is completed.
57. **Mr. Juan Manuel Lopez Delgado** and attendees having no right to vote left.
58. **Mr. Jeongkang Seo** informed that the subject matter of the vote is: Host City of 2023 World Taekwondo Cadet Championships. He noted that given 30 seconds of time to cast the vote, please select voting choice and click submit button. After 30 seconds, the vote is closed.
59. **Bidders and Mr. Juan Manuel Lopez Delgado** were invited for announcement of the result.
60. The **CHAIR** announced that total eligible votes are 24, and total casted votes are 24. He informed that Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina received 22 votes, Queretaro, Mexico received 1 vote, and there is 1 abstention.
61. The **CHAIR** declared that 2023 World Taekwondo Cadet Championships are awarded to Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina. He asked delegates from Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina to give some words.
62. Delegates from Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina thanked all the Council members. They remarked that they will make sure there is no visa issue for all participating athletes and will make the best Cadet Championships.

- Decision: Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina is selected as the host of 2023 World Taekwondo Cadet Championships.

7. Other Matters

63. As there are no items to be discussed and questions from the Council members, the **CHAIR** moved on next agenda.

8. Next Council Meeting

64. The **CHAIR** remarked that next Council meeting will likely to be held on the occasion of the Goyang 2022 World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships through hybrid format, and more details of the next meeting will be provided in due course.

9. Closing of Meeting

65. The **CHAIR** thanked the Council members for the productive first meeting of 2022. He expressed his gratitude to all members for their engagement.
66. He adjourned the Extraordinary Council Meeting of World Taekwondo.