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-Minutes-
Extraordinary WTF Council Meeting
November 29, 2009 / 10:00 am
Egyptian Olympic Committee, Conference Hall
Cairo, Egypt

1. Roll call and meeting called to order

WTF Secretary General Jin Suk Yang reported that a total of 26 Council members and 2 Auditors were present at the meeting. In accordance with article 16.9 of the WTF Rules & Regulations, a quorum for the Extraordinary WTF Council meeting was constituted.

List of attending WTF Council members & Auditors:

Dr. Chungwon Choue, President	Mr. Coleman C.Y. Lee, Member
Mr. Phillip Walter Coles, Vice President	Mr. Zhao Lei, Member
Mr. Ivan Dibos, Vice President	Mr. Michel Madar, Member
Gen. Ahmed Fouly, Vice President	Mr. Mario Mandel Vaisman, Member
Dr. Sun Jae Park, Vice President	Mr. Dai Won Moon, Member
Mr. Jin Suk Yang, Secretary General	Mrs. Carine Lahoud Murr, Member
Mr. Tae Eun Lee, Treasurer	Mr. Fuzuli Musayev, Member
Mr. Mohamed A.K. Al-Sulaiti, Member	Mr. Roger Piarulli, Member
Mrs. Maria Rosario Borello Castillo, Member	Mr. Seyed Mohammad Pouladgar, Member
Mr. Jesus Castellanos Pueblas, Member	Mr. Metin Sahin, Member
Mr. Driss El-Hilali, Member	Mr. Anatoly K. Terekhov, Member
Mr. Sung Chon Hong, Member	Mr. Athanasios Pragalos, Ex-officio Member
Mr. Issaka Ide, Member	Mr. Dalibor Krpan, Auditor
	Mr. Ali Sagirkaya, Auditor

2. President's Welcoming speech

Dr. Chungwon Choue, WTF President and chairman of the meeting opened the meeting by congratulating all council members on their elections and appointments as members of the WTF Council. The Chairman also expressed his gratitude for the support and confidence that the council members had shown for him and his vision for taekwondo and that by working together with the council members this vision will be realized.

The Chairman went on to inform that there are many important issues to look into during the meeting since it is the first meeting of the WTF Council's new term and that he hoped for a constructive discussion among the new leadership.



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Before moving on the Chairman clarified that the financial support for the council members for this Extraordinary WTF Council meeting was in accordance with the WTF Rules & Regulations, which has already been notified in writing. However, financial support to council members will be made in the case of regular WTF Council meetings on the occasion of the WTF General Assembly.

The Chairman thanked the council for their understanding on this matter and moved on to next point on the meeting agenda.

3. Introduction of the newly elected and appointed WTF Council members

The Chairman reminded everyone that during the elections held at the General Assembly in Copenhagen, Denmark on October 13, 2009 President, three (3) Vice Presidents, fourteen (14) Council members and two (2) Auditors were elected. Since then an additional three (3) Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary General and seven (7) Council members including two (2) Athlete members were appointed in accordance with articles 11.6 & 11.7 of the WTF Rules & Regulations.

The Chairman went on to introduce and congratulate all the members of the WTF Council and presented them with certificates.

4. Approval of the minutes from the WTF Council meeting held in Copenhagen, Denmark on October 11, 2009

The Chairman moved for the approval of the Minutes of the WTF Council meeting held in Copenhagen, Denmark on October 11, 2009.

The motion was seconded and the Chairman declared that the Minutes of the WTF Council meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark were approved by the council.

5. Guidelines for the 2nd Quadrennial Reform Fund

The Chairman informed the council that after the 2004 Athens Olympic Games, the IOC had allocated funds to the WTF, and that at the WTF Council meeting held in Lausanne, Switzerland on March 10, 2005 the guidelines for usage of the IOC funds were resolved for the 177 Member National Associations and the four (4) Continental Unions that WTF consisted of at that time.

On these basic guidelines, equal amount of US\$ 20,000 for each of the 189 Member National Associations and US\$ 50,000 for each of the five (5) Continental Unions have been distributed for the 1st quadrennial period of 2005 to 2008, the Chairman explained.

The Chairman elaborated further that the allocated reform fund were aimed to encourage Member National Associations to participate in WTF promoted and sanctioned events.

The Chairman gave the floor to Secretary General Mr. Jin Suk Yang to briefly explain the guidelines for the 2nd Quadrennial Reform Fund.



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Secretary General Yang presented to the council members the guidelines for the 2nd Quadrennial Reform Fund. The Reform Fund for the 2nd quadrennial (2009-2012) were to be based on a graded system for Member National Associations, as follows:

- A class: US\$15,000 per year
- B class: US\$10,000 per year
- C class: US\$ 5,000 per year
- D class: none

Secretary General Yang pointed out that the classification of Member National Associations would be done very carefully and fair.

The Chairman thanked Secretary General Yang for his presentation and opened the floor for questions regarding the Guidelines for the 2nd Quadrennial Reform fund.

Since there were no comments or questions to the guidelines the Chairman moved that the council approve the Guidelines for the 2nd Quadrennial Reform Fund.

The motion was seconded and the Chairman declared that the WTF Council approved the Guidelines for the 2nd Quadrennial Reform Fund for the period 2009-2012.

The Chairman went on to appoint an Ad-Hoc committee to decide on the graded distribution system and class ranking of the 2nd Quadrennial Reform Fund.

The Ad-Hoc Committee of the 2nd Quadrennial Reform Fund as follows:

Mr. Phillip Walter Coles	Chairman
Mr. Roberto Beltran Ramonetti	Member
Mr. Roger Piarulli	Member
Mr. Ide Issaka	Member
Mr. Sung Chon Hong	Member

The findings of the Ad-Hoc Committee shall be reported at the next WTF Council meeting and General Assembly to be held in Tijuana Mexico in March 2010.

6. Proposal for the amendment to Byelaw of WTF World Ranking

The Chairman introduced Mr. Dai Won Moon, WTF Council member and Chairman of the Technical Committee, for a presentation on the proposed amendment to the byelaw of the WTF World Ranking.

Mr. Moon started by informing that the WTF World Ranking was applied during the 2009 WTF World Taekwondo Championships held in Copenhagen, Denmark. The proposed amendments to the byelaw suggests that the World Qualification Tournament for the Olympic Games be ranked as a G7 class tournament together with the WTF World Taekwondo Championships and that Continental Qualification Tournaments for the Olympic Games be ranked as a G5 class competitions along with WTF World Cup Team Championships, Continental Championships and Continental Multi-Games. Mr. Moon advised that giving the



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importance of the World and Continental Qualifying Tournaments, it should be logical to award appropriate grade to these events. Mr. Moon also pointed out that adding ranking points to the Olympic Qualifying tournaments would motivate the competitors to do their best in the finals after they already secured a spot for the Olympics.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Moon for his presentation and opened the floor for questions.

Mr. Michel Madar asked for the proposed byelaws to the WTF World Ranking to be posted on the WTF website.

The Chairman replied that the Byelaws would be posted immediately if they were passed by the WTF Council.

Mr. Pouladgar asked if the rules for team ranking have been decided or if this will be decided later on.

Mr. Moon replied that big nations in taekwondo would have a great advantage if there would be a team ranking system since they have many players at a top level, so to be fair individual ranking is to prefer.

The Chairman added since taekwondo officially became an Olympic sport, nations have been limited to having 4 competitors (2 male and 2 female) although there are 8 categories (4 male and 4 female), this was done to encourage more nations to participate. The Chairman stated that he believes that for the time being WTF should keep the individual ranking system.

Mrs. Maria Rosario Borello Castillo pointed out that in previous Olympic Qualification Tournaments several players did not want to fight after securing their place in the Olympics. Accordingly, Mrs. Borello Castillo believes that ranking points in the Qualifying tournaments is an excellent idea.

Dr. Sun Jae Park inquired if the French speaking and Spanish speaking championships will award ranking points towards the WTF World Ranking.

Mr. Moon explained that there are certain criteria and levels of the competitions that give ranking points towards the WTF World Ranking.

Dr. Sun Jae Park pointed out that until now these competitions have given ranking points towards the WTF World Ranking and asked if they will do so in the future as well.

Secretary General Yang informed that competitions have different levels that provide a different amount of points towards the WTF World Ranking.

Dr. Park asked for further clarification regarding what category French speaking and Spanish speaking and Arab championships and so on would be put in. Dr. Park also stated his belief that these competitions should not be included in the WTF World Ranking since that would be discriminating towards countries that can not participate in these competitions.

The Chairman asked Mr. Moon to take this input from the council under consideration.



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Mr. Moon thanked for the input from the council.

Secretary General Yang stipulated that WTF will not sanction any possible discriminatory competition based on religion, language or race.

The Chairman thanked the council for their input on this matter and stated that it will be finalized at the next WTF Council meeting to be held in Tijuana, Mexico.

7. Status of national Taekwondo governing body in Australia

The Chairman gave the floor to Secretary General Yang to explain the circumstances regarding surrounding a national governing body for taekwondo in Australia.

Secretary General Yang informed the council that on October 29, 2007 the WTF was informed by the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) that Taekwondo Australia (TA) had violated the rules and regulations of AOC and therefore no longer recognized by the AOC. Since then AOC has realized that they need a temporary body for taekwondo to handle qualifications and selections for the Olympics and other WTF promoted events. This task was given to the Oceania Taekwondo Union (OTU) by the AOC. OTU went on to form Sports Taekwondo Australia (STA) to facilitate the need of team selections in Australia with the approval of the AOC. The AOC asked the WTF to prolong this interim arrangement until the end of October 2009 so that Australian athletes could participate in the WTF World Taekwondo Championships. At the WTF Council meeting this matter came up for discussion and it was decided that the matter would be finalized at the WTF Council meeting in Cairo, Egypt.

Secretary General Yang went on to inform that since then TA has constantly been trying to get WTF recognition. During this process some of TA's endeavors have embarrassed both the WTF and the international image of the WTF.

Secretary General Yang also pointed out that during this internal conflict WTF has tried not to get involved hoping that the situation would be resolved internally in Australia. However, since TA started making inaccurate accusations towards the WTF and the President as well as towards our Vice President, Mr. Phillip Walter Coles, WTF had no choice but to get involved in this situation.

Secretary General Yang went on to inform the council that TA went so as to present this matter to the Court of Arbitration of Sport (CAS). Secretary General Yang stated that all documents regarding this case have been thoroughly examined and matter of concern is that AOC seems to be strongly influenced by politicians concerning this matter. It is obvious that TA has through politicians been trying to affect the decision of the AOC, who now are once again recognizing TA as its member and recommending WTF to accept TA as its member.

Secretary General Yang stated that WTF has done all that can be done to find a resolution between the two parties in Australia. However, the two parties have been too far away from each other for a resolution to be reached.



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Secretary General Yang explained that, on the basis of all information available and STA's co-operation with WTF and its successful participation in all WTF sanctioned events, STA would become a full member of the WTF. This is an administrative decision that would like to have the council's blessing.

Mr. Ivan Dibos informed that he was approached by representatives from TA the morning of the council meeting that asked for Mr. Dibos' support for the WTF Council since they already have the support of the Australian government. To this Mr. Dibos replied that supporting them with the aid of the Australian government would be to go against the Olympic Charter and that he would do no such thing.

The Chairman thanked Secretary General Yang for his presentation of the case and Mr. Dibos for his input and gave the word to Mr. Seyed Mohammad Pouladgar.

Mr. Pouladgar added that he also had been approached by TA and informed that TA is recommended by AOC as a member of the WTF. Mr. Pouladgar pointed out that if AOC recommends TA, the WTF need to have a very good reason not to follow this recommendation since there might be a risk that AOC will take the case further if TA is not approved as a member of the WTF.

Secretary General Yang explained that as an International Federation the WTF can not allow to be influenced by any government and we have the responsibility to make the decisions that are best for our sport.

Dr. Sun Jae Park suggested that an Ad-Hoc committee be appointed to thoroughly go through this matter.

The Chairman explained that this has been an ongoing struggle for several years and that he wanted this matter finalized today.

Mr. Dibos pointed out that the information provided in the agenda raises questions regarding the AOC since they first recommend STA and then change their mind and recommend TA as a governing organization for the sport of taekwondo in Australia. Mr. Dibos also referred to a letter that was handed to him this morning signed by a member of parliament in Australia recommending TA as a member of the WTF and that this letter might have led to that AOC has changed their mind. In addition, in accordance with article 4.6 of the WTF Rules & Regulations WTF has handled this matter correctly. With this in mind Mr. Dibos expressed his full support for the decision of the WTF, the President and Secretary General Yang.

Mrs. Maria Rosario Borello Castillo expressed her support for the administrative decision of the WTF and added that the most important thing now was to put an end to all rumors against WTF as an International Federation.

Mr. Sung Chon Hong pointed out that we have to be careful in our decision since TA is the organization recommended by AOC.

Secretary General Yang assured that WTF have been very thorough in its work leading up to this conclusion and that any decision on this matter will whichever way it goes raise controversy.

Mr. Hong asked for further clarification by Mr. Phillip Walter Coles.



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Mr. Coles explained that TA was expelled from the AOC and the WTF. To be able to support Australian athletes STA was formed. Mr. Coles went on to inform of a letter sent to the WTF stating that TA's membership to AOC is subject to TA's affiliation with WTF. Mr. Coles also pointed out that if STA would become a member of the WTF all taekwondo people in Australia would be welcome to join and create a new governing body for taekwondo in Australia. Mr. Coles went on to remark on the letter from the Australian government, which could lead to AOC's suspension from the IOC. On a further notice, TA has on their website proclaimed that if they were readmitted they would get rid of Mr. Coles as soon as possible. Mr. Coles vowed that if TA is readmitted as a member of the WTF he would end his own involvement with the WTF. This is due to the fact that Mr. Coles and his family have suffered personally from this situation.

Mr. Hong inquired further if STA would be recognized as a member of the WTF would it also be recognized by the AOC.

Mr. Dibos added that the letter sent from AOC to the WTF recommending TA for membership to the WTF is only signed by the secretary general of the AOC and not by the president as it should be in accordance with the Olympic Charter. Mr. Dibos pointed out that this clearly shows that there is a discrepancy in the leadership of the AOC. Mr. Dibos advised that the decision on this matter is now up to the WTF and no one else.

Mr. Michel Madar expressed his confidence in the recommendations from Secretary General Yang and the President.

Mr. Driss El-Hilali also expressed his support for the recommendation of the WTF.

The Chairman ended the discussion and thanked everyone for their participation and declared that it is an administrative decision to sanction STA as a full member of WTF.

8. Selection of the host site and dates for the 20th WTF World Taekwondo Championships & the 13th WTF Women's World Taekwondo Championships in 2011

The Chairman informed the council members that following the WTF World Taekwondo Championships held in Copenhagen, Denmark in October 2009, the next WTF World Taekwondo Championships will be held in 2011. Korea has solely applied to host the championships and the Chairman introduced Mr. Jin Bang Yang, Secretary General of the Korea Taekwondo Association (KTA), for a presentation of the organization of the championships.

While the team from Korea was setting up for the presentation Mr. Yang introduced the members of the delegation and pointed out that KTA applied to host the WTF World Taekwondo Championships in 2011 in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of KTA.

The Korean delegation besides Mr. Jin Bang Yang consisted of Mr. Choi, Chairman of Gyeongju City Council, and representatives from the Kyeongsan Buk Do Provincial Government and Gyeongju City Government.



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Mr. Jin Bang Yang informed the council member of the historical background of Gyeongju as an old capital of the Shilla dynasty. The city has several times hosted major sporting events. The selected venue would fulfill all requirements for the WTF World Taekwondo Championships. Transportation from Incheon or the nearby airports will be provided by the Organizing Committee. The Organizing Committee will also provide a special invitation program for 20 national teams from underprivileged countries as well as training camps. The KTA has the support from government and city and will try to make these the best World Championships ever.

Secretary General Yang referred to page 14 of the Agenda where the budget of the Championships could be found and pointed out that a contribution to the WTF of US\$ 200,000 would be made.

The Chairman added that living expenses in Korea are a lot cheaper than in Denmark where the previous championships were held.

The presentation was finalized by a shot video presentation of the city of Gyeongju and the 2011 WTF World Taekwondo Championships.

Mr. Ali Sagirkaya inquired regarding the live broadcasting rights and advised that the Organizing Committee should make sure to accommodate the requests of TV live broadcasting.

Secretary General Yang replied that this is a matter that will be worked out by between the WTF and the Organizing Committee and referred the matter to Mr. Michel Madar.

Mr. Seyed Mohammad Pouladgar pointed out that there had been some problems with the WTF World Taekwondo Championships in Copenhagen, Denmark such as awarding ceremonies and athletes with long waiting times in warm-up and waiting area. Mr. Pouladgar suggested that a committee would check everything before a championships to make sure that the Organizing Committee will live up to the promises it has made.

The Chairman informed the council that the Organizing Committee in Korea has long experience of arranging championships.

Mr. Pouladgar added that in 2001 the Organizing Committee changed the length of the Championships from five days to seven days which caused a lot of problems for the participating nations.

Mr. Dai Won Moon expressed his support for the Korean Organizing Committee since he believes that they can deliver more than we expect for the pride of Korean Taekwondo.

Secretary General Yang informed that the Host City Agreement will be revised and become more detailed. Also an inspection procedure will be added to prevent problems in the future.

Mr. Phillip Walter Coles expressed his concern that taekwondo really needs to become more professional in arranging and organizing championships since there are voices within media



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and the IOC for taekwondo's removal from the Olympic program. For example presentation of countries and athletes needs to be done more professionally. Mr. Coles also suggested that an evaluation committee be put together to make taekwondo more television friendly.

Mr. Michel Madar added that taekwondo should go to television and not the other way around.

The Chairman moved for Gyeongju, Korea to be approved by the council to host the 2011 WTF World Taekwondo Championships. The motion was seconded and carried.

The Chairman declared that the WTF Council selected Gyeongju, Korea to host the 2011 WTF World Taekwondo Championships.

9. Selection of the host site and dates for the 2nd WTF World Para-Taekwondo Championships in 2010

The Chairman informed the council that after the successful 1st WTF Para-Taekwondo Championships held in Baku, Azerbaijan with participation of 37 athletes from 16 countries, an official report was sent to the International Paralympic Committee (IPC). The WTF has also submitted a prescribed document to the IPC, a "Declaration of Intent for Inclusion in the 2016 Sports Program", on November 6, 2009 at the request of IPC. IPC has since then confirmed receipt of the document and sent the WTF an application form for "IPC-recognized IF". The application form will be sent back to IPC as soon as it is prepared.

The Chairman explained that the Russian Taekwondo Union has declared their intent to host the 2nd WTF World Para-Taekwondo Championships in St. Petersburg, Russia on May 9-10, 2010.

The Chairman introduced Mr. Anatoly K. Terekhov, WTF Council member, to further explain Russia Taekwondo Union's organization for the 2nd WTF World Para-Taekwondo Championships.

Mr. Terekhov explained to the council that on May 11-15, 2010 the European Taekwondo Championships will be held in St. Petersburg and that the Russian Taekwondo Union would like to host the 2nd WTF Para-Taekwondo Championships at the same time. The Russian Olympic Committee, the Russian Minister of Sport and the administration of the City of St. Petersburg has in a letter guaranteed that these events will be hosted on top level. The Championships budget comes mainly from the Russian Taekwondo Union. However, there are some additional sponsors who are ready to help.

The Chairman declared that the 2nd WTF World Para-Taekwondo Championships will be held in St. Petersburg, Russia on May 9-10, 2010.

The Chairman announced the news that Sir Philip Craven, President of the International Paralympic Committee, was re-elected for the next four year term. Sir Philip Craven has always been very positive towards taekwondo and the WTF which is important if taekwondo want to make it into the Paralympics.



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The Chairman took this opportunity to congratulate Mr. Metin Sahin's hard work with FISU which has led to that taekwondo now will be a compulsory sport for the 2017 Universiade. In addition, Taekwondo has been selected for the official program of the 2013 Mediterranean Games. Taekwondo will also be in the program for the 2011 Masters Games in Torino.

The Chairman pointed out that taekwondo is now on the program for all the major multi-sport events in the world except the Commonwealth Games were Mr. Phillip Walter Coles is working to get taekwondo on the official program.

10. Taekwondo Competition of the 2010 Youth Olympic Games

The Chairman explained that the Taekwondo competitions of the 1st Youth Olympic Games will be held in Singapore over five days from August 15-19, 2010. A total of 100 athletes will participate in the Taekwondo competition and that 30 male and 30 female athletes' quota will be selected at the WTF Taekwondo Qualification Tournament for the 2010 Youth Olympic Games to be held in Tijuana, Mexico on March 3-4, 2010.

11. Progress report on the WTF World Taekwondo Qualification Tournament for the 2010 Youth Olympic Games & the 8th WTF World Junior Taekwondo Championships

The Chairman introduced the delegation from Mexico lead by Mr. Juan Manuel Lopez Delgado, President of the Mexican Taekwondo Federation, to deliver a progress report on the preparations for the WTF World Taekwondo Qualification Tournament for the 2010 Youth Olympic Games & the 8th WTF World Junior Taekwondo Championships.

A video presentation of the events to be held in Tijuana, Mexico was shown to the council.

Mr. Juan Manuel Lopez Delgado announced to the WTF Council that the Organizing Committee for the WTF World Taekwondo Qualification Tournament for the 2010 Youth Olympic Games & the 8th WTF World Junior Taekwondo Championships are ready to host these important events.

Mr. Lopez Delgado went on to introduce Mr. Jorge Almada of the Organizing Committee to further explain the preparation for the tournament.

Mr. Almada informed that the slogan for the championships is "one sport a thousand dreams" to mark the importance of taekwondo in the world. The Organizing Committee has been working closely with the Mexican Sports Commission and the government of the state of California as a team to make this a successful event. The Qualification Tournament for the Youth Olympic Games will take place on March 3-4, 2010 and the WTF World Junior Taekwondo Championships on March 6-9, 2010 in the multiple uses gymnasium of the government of the state.

Mr. Almada went on to inform of the services that would be provided to participants, which included transportation from and to the airports of Tijuana and San Diego to the hotels and transportation from the hotels to the venue. Medical service will be available 24 hours a day



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in the hotels, training venue and the competition facility and water and fruit will be provided to all participants.

Mr. Almada continued with showing pictures from the competition venue which is one of the newest and biggest facilities in Mexico and has recently hosted the National Taekwondo Championships 2009. All the hotels are within 15 minutes from the venue.

Mr. Almada went on to explain that price for accommodation ranges from US\$ 70-120 and that the Grand Hotel Tijuana is the Headquarters Hotel for the championships. Information for visa requirements can already be found on the Organizing Committee's webpage, www.tkd-mexico2010.com.

The Chairman thanked the delegation from the Organizing Committee in Mexico and raised the question of security in Tijuana before opening up the floor for questions.

Mr. Lopez Delgado assured that they would have security working during the events.

Mr. Dai Won Moon added that previous international events held in Tijuana has not experienced any problems with security and advised not to worry.

12. Other matters

– Presentation of WTF Expansion / Membership Project Committee

The Chairman introduced Mr. Hoss Rafty for a presentation on the work of the WTF Expansion / Membership Project Committee.

Mr. Rafty informed that the idea for the project came in 2007, a committee for the expansion and membership project was created in 2008 and in 2009, with the expanded Lausanne office, the project moved its base there and now has four MBA students as interns.

Mr. Rafty went on to introduce Mr. Justin Tenbeth to take over the report on the research of the project and the outcome.

Mr. Tenbeth proceeded to inform the council of the survey on the Global Membership System (GMS) that was sent to all 189 member national associations of the WTF. In addition to the survey Mr. Tenbeth conducted in depth interviews with 12 national federations. Mr. Tenbeth pointed out that for the system to work it is essential that dojang managers should accept the project. However, there are several countries willing to be starting the GMS program. Iran, Egypt, Indonesia and Mexico have all shown interest in the program. With this short summary Mr. Tenbeth passed to Mr. Rafty for further information on the companies that have been contacted to provide a membership system for the WTF.

Mr. Rafty explained that initially four different companies were contacted, but in the end there were only two companies that could possibly meet the requirements of the WTF, Hangastar and IMG. Hangastar could provide the required systems for taekwondo immediately while IMG would have to develop some of the systems needed for taekwondo.



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Both companies agreed to do upgrading of the systems at no cost. Mr. Rafty pointed out that the WTF Expansion Committee consists of twelve (12) members and out of twelve members eight (8) recommended Hangastar on the background that it is fully customized for taekwondo, one (1) recommended IMG and three (3) made no recommendation. Mr. Rafty went on to inform that Hangastar is more flexible towards the demands of the WTF and the overall cost is manageable.

Mr. Rafty finished the presentation with the recommendations of the WTF Expansion / Membership Project Committee as follows:

1. Start small with four pilot countries. Those countries alone can generate over US\$ 3 Million for the WTF. The pilot countries would also help to get any bugs out of the system and learn to work with the Global Membership System.
2. As soon as the Global Membership System has been approved the planning has to start immediately with creating all procedures and contracts so that the project can be started in the beginning of 2010.
3. In 2011 an additional 20-30 countries should be added to the project.

Mr. Rafty took the opportunity to thank all countries that had participated in the survey and especially Iran that has agreed to be a pilot country for the Global Membership System (GMS).

The Chairman thanked Mr. Rafty and Mr. Tenbeth for their presentation and opened up for questions from the WTF Council members.

Mr. Phillip Walter Coles pointed out that he withdrew from the committee since he had a conflict of interests.

Mr. Michel Madar inquired if the event management in the GMS included a competition management system and if the Electronic Body Protector (EBP) system could be interacted with the GMS and if the system would be available in several languages.

Mr. Rafty replied that a competition management system was included and that EBP could be interacted with the system and that English would be the official language of the system.

Mr. Madar asked if Video Conference could be put into the system and of the impression of the companies that could provide the GMS.

Mr. Rafty replied that at the moment we do not have the capability to incorporate Video Conference in the system but it is something that can be updated in the future at no cost for the WTF. Mr. Rafty also pointed out that both companies come very highly recommended.

Mr. Madar inquired about the cost of the GMS since it means a big transfer of money to the WTF.

Mr. Rafty informed that the committee already had created three cost tier groups, no cost,



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mediocre cost and full cost.

Secretary General Yang added that the system is not going to generate any expenses for the WTF.

The Chairman declared that in accordance article 21 of the WTF Rules and Regulations “President’s Emergency Measures”, for a more effective operation of the WTF the Committees will be reorganized as prescribed:

1. Technical Committee for Referee
2. Technical Committee for Games
3. Technical Committee for Education
4. Technical Committee for Poomsae
5. Women’s Committee
6. TV and New Media Committee
7. Marketing Committee
8. Athletes and Coaches Committee
9. Paralympic Committee
10. Ethic Committee
11. Youth and Collegiate Committee
12. Anti-Doping and Medical Committee
13. Juridical Committee
14. Environment Committee
15. Scientific Research Committee
16. Pro-Taekwondo Event Committee
17. Expansion Committee

The Chairman instructed that the re-organization of the committees would be put into operation in advance and that their findings will be reported at the next WTF Council meeting and General Assembly to be held in Tijuana, Mexico in March, 2010.

The Chairman gave the floor to Mr. Ivan Dibos for a brief report from the meeting of the Ad-Hoc Committee for Electronic Body Protectors (EBP) held November 27-28, 2009.

Mr. Dibos informed that the Ad-Hoc Committee for EBP has put together a document with their recommendations and the problems that arouse during their work and forwarded it to Secretary General Yang. Mr. Dibos explained that the work of the committee is moving forward and that they have recommended the EBP and the instant video replay system to be used during the 2012 London Olympics. Mr. Dibos also mentioned that the committee aims to have one or two more brands approved by the WTF as this would lead to that cost would go down while the quality would improve.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Dibos and moved on.



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13. Next WTF Council Meeting

The Chairman announced that the next WTF Council Meeting will be held in Tijuana, Mexico on March 2, 2010 on the occasion of the WTF World Taekwondo Qualification Tournament for the 2010 Youth Olympic Games & the 8th WTF World Junior Taekwondo Championships.

14. Closing of the Meeting

The Chairman started his closing remarks by stressing that the council had gathered today for the Extraordinary WTF Council Meeting as one family united by the taekwondo spirit with the common goal to create a more prosperous future for taekwondo as a global sport.

The Chairman mentioned that there might be a discussion within the IOC to select 25 core sports, out of the current 26, for the Olympic Program for 2020. The Chairman urged the WTF Council members to work together to ensure progress in the sport of taekwondo and bring it to a new level of global competence and promised that from now on there will be a great change in the working of the WTF.

The Chairman asked for the support of the council and stated that regardless of what function or role you have in the WTF, we should unite as one to survive in the ever more competitive world of sports.

With the words “Together as one, nothing will be impossible”, the Chairman ended his speech and the Extraordinary WTF Council Meeting in Cairo, Egypt.