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WTF COUNCIL MEETING
April 28, 2011
Diamond Hall (2F) / Hotel Hyundai
Gyeongju, Korea

1. Roll Call & Meeting called to order

WTF Secretary General Jin Suk Yang reported that a total of 28 Council members and 2 Auditors were present at the meeting and that in accordance with article 8.6 of the WTF Statutes, a quorum for the meeting was constituted.

List of Attending WTF Council members & Auditors:

Dr. Chungwon Choue, President

Mr. Phillip Walter Coles, Vice President

Mr. Ivan Dibos, Vice President

Gen. Ahmed Fouly, Vice President

Mr. Dai Soon Lee, Vice President

Mr. Sun Jae Park, Vice President

Mr. Kamaladdin Heydarov, Vice Preseident

Mr. Jin Suk Jang, Secretary General

Mr. Tae Eun Lee, Treasurer

Mrs. Maria Rosario Borello Castillo, Member

Mr. Jesus Castellanos Pueblas, Member

Mr. Driss El-Hilali, Member

Mr. Sung Chon Hong, Member

Mr. Issaka Ide, Member

Mr. Tae Kyung Kim, Member

Mr. Kyu Seok Lee, Member

Mr. Zhao Lei, Member

Mr. Michel Madar, Member

Mr. Mario Mandel Vaisman, Member

Mr. Dai Won Moon, Member

Mr. Fuzuli Musayev, Member

Mr. Roger Piarulli, Member

Syed Mohammad Pouladgar, Member

Mr. Metin Sahin, Member

Mr. Anatoly K. Terekhov, Member

Ms. Myriam Baverel, Member

Mr. Athanasios Pragalos, Member

Mr. Ji Ho Choi, Member

Mr. Ali Sagirkaya, Auditor

Mr. Dalibor Krpan, Auditor



2. President's welcome speech

Dr. Chungwon Choue, WTF President and Chairman of the WTF Council Meeting, before starting his welcome speech, requested a moment of silence for those lost in the earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan.

The Chairman went on to deliver his welcome speech, as follows:

Dearest council members,

I am so pleased to see all of you here in Gyeongju, Korea for this WTF Council meeting on the occasion of the 2011 WTF World Taekwondo Championships.

I know that many of you traveled far and wide to be with us today, and I am happy you did. Having these World Championships and Council Meeting in the birthplace of Taekwondo adds a sense of rejuvenation for our mission.

Taekwondo is a sport that is ever-progressing. Its transformation has been one of astonishing growth. As of right now we have as many member nations as the United Nations, and more will be up for your consideration during this meeting.

This year we are gearing up for the 2012 London Olympic Games. The venues for the World and Continental Qualification Tournaments are set and preparations for each are under way. Some minor finishing touches need to be done in those preparations, and we have some of that to do here.

As Taekwondo and the WTF continue to evolve, we are charged with pointing the way as to which direction to go. Today, we will continue our efforts to further our mission as we look to perfect our statutes, competition rules, and Poomsae competition rules. We will also hear and vote on amendments to the byelaw of the WTF World ranking system and the regulations on the administration of Poomsae International Referees.

The officiating is paramount to the credibility of our sport. I will continue to do my utmost to promote fair and transparent cultivation and selection of only the top international referees for our WTF sanctioned events.

There are many more decisions that we will face today and in the future. Your ideas and input are important and I am looking forward to a fruitful meeting today.



There is so much that is ahead of us. London is right around the corner. The decision for the sport program for the 2020 Olympics and beyond is in just 2 years. Also, we are still aiming to be added the Paralympics and to get onto the Commonwealth Games program as early as 2018. All of these are within our grasps and we must put our all into accomplishing our goals.

There is so much that is ahead of us and as we have always said, “together we can do it better!”

Thank you.

3. Approval of the minutes of the Extraordinary WTF Council meeting held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan on October 6, 2010

The Chairman moved that the Minutes of the Extraordinary WTF Council meeting held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan on October 6, 2010 on the occasion of the 5th WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships be approved by the Council.

The motion was seconded and approved by the Council and the Chairman declared that the Minutes of the Extraordinary WTF Council meeting in Tashkent, Uzbekistan had been approved.

4. Proposal for amendment to the WTF Statutes

The Chairman reminded that at last year’s Extraordinary General Assembly an overall amendment to the WTF Statutes was passed. Since then there has been some unexpected misunderstandings and the amendments proposed at the meeting were further clarifications.

For a better understanding on the proposed amendments the Statutes, the Chairman gave the floor to Mr. Corbin Min, Chairperson of the Juridical Committee.

Mr. Min clarified that the first proposed amendment in the Agenda concerning article 15.1 had after much discussion been dropped to be redrafted and later on be passed by e-vote. Mr. Min went on to explain the proposed amendments to article 7.4 and the addition of article 16.10 stating that a MNA president shall be a citizen of the nation or territory that the MNA



represents. Mr. Min delivered further explanations on the amendments to article 14.3 concerning associate membership and articles 7.2, 8.2 and 32.1 clarifying the responsibilities of the Council and General Assembly. Another proposed amendment was to article 27 of the WTF Statutes concerning Committees.

Mr. Min went on to explain how the Continental Union (CU) election cycles will be effected by the Statutes passed in Uzbekistan. Mr. Min referred to article 20.6 stating that CU elections shall be held within 6 months after the election of the WTF President. Accordingly, all CUs have to hold an election within 6 months after the next election of WTF President. The next WTF President election will be in 2013.

Secretary General Yang clarified that if a CU were to hold an election in 2011, they would have to hold another election within 6 months after the next WTF President election.

Mr. Min confirmed that Secretary General Yang was correct in his clarification.

Mr. Ji Ho Choi asked if this meant that no CU elections can be held until after the next WTF President election.

Mr. Min stated that CU elections can be held before the next WTF President election. However, another CU election would then have to be held within 6 months after the WTF President election.

The Chairman moved that the Council approve the proposed amendments to the WTF Statutes.

The motion was seconded and approved by the Council and the Chairman declared that the council had approved the amendments and that it would be put forward for the deliberation of the General Assembly on April 30, 2011.

5. Proposal for amendment to the WTF Competition Rules

The Chairman explained that the purpose of this amendment proposal was to better explain the articles without any significant change.

For a more detailed explanation on the proposed amendments the Chairman gave the floor to Mr. Philippe Bouedo, Chairperson of the Games Committee and Mr. Chakir Chelbat,



Chairperson of the Referee Committee.

Mr. Bouedo explained that the proposed amendments were aimed to clarify the rules and make them more specific and create consistency between English and Korean versions of the Rules, without any major changes. In addition, Mr. Bouedo pointed out that Article 4, concerning athletes who are multi nationality holders, will be changed to be in conformity with the IOC charter which demands a three year waiting period when an athlete wants to start competing for another country. With this Mr. Bouedo introduced Mr. Chelbat for further explanations.

Mr. Chelbat stated that the amendments were proposed to make the Rules clear and simple with a better consistency between English and Korean. The proposed amendments included that the weigh-in now only counts one decimal instead of two and that in the case of using three (3) judges, valid points shall be those scored by two (2) or more judges while valid points shall be those scored by at least three (3) or more judges in case of using four (4) judges.

The Chairman moved that the Council approve the proposed amendments to the WTF Competition Rules.

The motion was seconded and approved by the Council and the Chairman declared that the council had approved the amendments and that it would be put forward for the deliberation of the General Assembly on April 30, 2011.

6. Proposal for amendment to the WTF Poomsae Competition Rules

The Chairman introduced Mr. Sung Chon Hong, Chairperson of the Poomsae Committee for a presentation of the proposed amendments to the WTF Poomsae Competition Rules.

Mr. Hong stated that there were only three changes to the Poomsae Competition Rules proposed. The first being the scoring criteria, the second concerning the contestant division names that would be changed to age divisions and the introduction of freestyle poomsae competitions.

Mr. Sahin asked if the freestyle poomsae competitions would be performed to music.

Mr. Hong replied that this had been considered by the Poomsae Committee.



Mr. Pouladgar asked why the proposed amendments to article 3.2 allowed the judges to all face the same way. With this set up all angles would not be covered by the judges and it would hurt the transparency and fairness of the judging.

Mr. Hong explained that in order to hold competitions in smaller venues the rules will be amended so that the judges can be sitting in one line. This will also make it possible for smaller countries to host poomsae competitions.

Mr. Pouladgar stated that a country applying to host a WTF Championship need to be in conformity with the WTF standards and requests, not the other way around.

Secretary General Yang expressed that the rationale behind this amendment was to be able to be flexible.

Mr. Pouladgar pointed out that there is a technical problem with having all the judges in one line, since mistakes made by the athletes when his back is to the judges will not be noticed and this is not fair for the athletes. Positioning judges on 2 sides of the competition area is a fairer and more transparent system.

Mr. Hong went on to explain the amendments of the next Agenda item 7, Proposal for amendments to the Regulations of Poomsae International Referees.

Mr. Daiwon Moon thanked the Poomsae Committee for their hard work and expressed his appreciation of the inclusion of freestyle poomsae. Further, in addition to Mr. Pouladgar's comment Mr. Moon pointed out that the height of the judges tables should be at the same height as the competition area. Mr. Moon went on to express his concern for the proposed introduction of an elimination tournament system since he believed that a point system was to be preferred.

Mr. Hong argued that an elimination system was to prefer in regards to competition management.

Secretary General Yang stated that the Poomsae Competition Rules were still being developed and that discussions like these are good and that the suggested amendments should be redrafted to be amended at a later date.

The Chairman announced that this matter would be finalized at the next meeting to be put forward to an e-vote among the WTF Member National Associations.



7. Proposal for amendment to the Regulations on Administration of Poomsae International Referees

This point was discussed jointly with the amendments to the Poomsae Competition Rules.

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

The Chairman explained that the main point of the amendment proposal was to be more specific and transparent in determining the grade of WTF-sanctioned international tournaments. The Chairman then gave the floor to Mr. Jeongkang Seo, Manager of the WTF Sport Division for a further clarification of the proposed amendment.

Mr. Seo explained that the proposed amendments concerning clarifications of how to grade events and evaluate tournaments as well as how the seeding of athletes will be done.

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

The motion was seconded and approved by the Council and the Chairman announced that the amendments to the Byelaw of the WTF World Ranking had been approved by the Council.

9. Agenda of the General Assembly

The Chairman moved that the Council approve the Agenda of the 22nd WTF General Assembly to be held on April 30, 2011 on the occasion of the 2011 WTF World Taekwondo Championships in Gyeongju, Korea.

The motion was seconded and the Agenda of the 22nd WTF General Assembly was approved by the Council.

10. Selection of the host site and dates for the 21st WTF Men's World Taekwondo Championships & the 14th WTF Women's World Taekwondo Championships

The Chairman explained that the selection of the next WTF World Taekwondo Championships and the 7th WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships was scheduled for this WTF Council meeting. However, when the deadline of application to host the championships passed on March 30, 2011 no applications to host the championships had been submitted. Since then some MNAs have expressed their interest in hosting the championships. The terms and conditions will be discussed with the MNAs in question.

-NOTE- These matters will be on the Agenda for the Extraordinary WTF Council meeting to be held in Vladivostok, Russia.



11. Update on the 7th WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships

This point was addressed under Agenda item 10.

12. New memberships

The Chairman announced that the National Taekwondo Associations of Cook Islands, Rwanda, Tuvalu, Guadeloupe and Martinique have applied for membership to the WTF and that all administrative procedures have been completed for the approval of the Council and General Assembly. In the case of Guadeloupe and Martinique, associate membership will be granted in accordance with article 14.3 (D) of the WTF Statutes.

The Chairman moved that the Council approve the membership applications of Cook Islands, Rwanda, Tuvalu, Guadeloupe and Martinique.

The motion was seconded and approved by the Council.

The Chairman declared that Cook Islands, Rwanda and Tuvalu had been approved by the Council for full membership and Guadeloupe and Martinique had been granted associate membership to the World Taekwondo Federation. The matter would now be put forward for the consideration and deliberation of the 22nd WTF General Assembly.

13. Other matters

a. Ad hoc Committee on Protector and Scoring System (PSS)

The Chairman gave the floor to Mr. Ivan Dibos, WTF Vice President, and Chairman of the Ad hoc Committee on PSS for a report.

Mr. Dibos reported that the Ad hoc committee has been working hard to ensure that PSS plays a key role in making taekwondo more transparent and exciting. The members of the committee have been dispatched to several competitions and tournaments to evaluate the PSS systems used. In December 2010 the committee finalized a technical report recommending LaJust as PSS supplier for London 2012 Olympic Games. Although the two WTF recognized PSS have strengths and weaknesses the ad hoc committee recommended LaJust based on the fact that it has been used in all WTF promoted championships since May 2009, which also means that a majority of athletes are familiar with the LaJust PSS. The ad hoc committee had also received a lot of positive feedback concerning the Daedo PSS. The committee has been monitoring and analyzing the systems to make sure that there is another option if necessary. Although, LaJust has reported that the problem with their PSS was solved easily and swiftly and the committee strongly recommended that the use of LaJust at the 2011 WTF World Taekwondo Championships must be subject to a successful field test. The evaluation of the field test held on April 5, 2011 showed that the problem had been solved. In addition, the committee recommended that a PSS evaluation group be formed for the 2011 WTF World Taekwondo Championships, inviting experts on top of ad hoc committee members to make



an evaluation of LaJust to see if this system is stable enough to be used at the London 2012 Olympic Games. Further, the ad hoc committee has suspended its recommendation of LaJust as the supplier of PSS for the London 2012 Olympic Games until the evaluation group completes its analysis. Mr. Dibos finished his report by stating that the recommendations made by the committee and the actions taken by the WTF have been proper and that the committee will keep on monitoring the performance and improvement of PSS.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Dibos for his report and informed that a PSS evaluation group would work during the World Taekwondo Championships to see if LaJust PSS is stable enough to be used in the London 2012 Olympic Games.

b. Determination of tiers for new members

The Chairman stated that the tiers for the five new members that were approved today including three MNAs that have previously been accepted shall be decided on the guidelines resolved by the WTF Council meeting held on March 10, 2005.

The following tiers had been decided for the new members in accordance with the guidelines previously by the WTF Council:

<i>-Oman Taekwondo Committee:</i>	Tier 1
<i>-Macau Taekwondo Association:</i>	Tier 1
<i>-Burundi Taekwondo Federation:</i>	Tier 3
<i>-Cook Islands Taekwondo Federation:</i>	Tier 2
<i>-Rwanda Taekwondo Federation:</i>	Tier 3
<i>-Tuvalu Taekwondo Association:</i>	Tier 3
<i>-Ligue Taekwondo Guadeloupe:</i>	Tier 3
<i>-Ligue Martinique Taekwondo:</i>	Tier 3

c. Sanctions on Chinese Taipei Taekwondo Association

The Chairman informed that during the Taekwondo competitions of the Asian Games held in Guangzhou, China last November, an incident occurred involving the Chinese Taipei Taekwondo team, an Ad hoc Sanction Committee was convened in the WTF Headquarters for deliberation on the matter. The Chairman gave the floor to Mr. Corbin Min, Juridical Committee Chairman, for a further explanation.

Mr. Min explained that a competitor from the Chinese Taipei delegation to the Asian Games was disqualified for wearing illegal equipment. The disqualification resulted in a sit down protest which became widely broadcast and reported in newspapers. Mr. Min went on to explain that a WTF Ad hoc Sanctions committee was formed in December, 2010 to investigate the matter. The committee compiled evidence and statements and held a hearing, including all involved parties, and the committee's findings were that the athlete had been wearing illegal equipment. Mr. Min informed that this matter is still ongoing but is expected to be dismissed.



d. The 3rd World Youth Taekwondo Camp

The Chairman gave the floor to Mr. Dai Soon Lee, WTF Vice President, for a presentation on the 3rd World Youth Taekwondo Camp.

Mr. Lee informed that the 3rd World Youth Taekwondo Camp will be held August 1-6, 2011 in Muju and Seoul, Korea. The Camp is jointly organized by the World Taekwondo Federation and the Taekwondo Promotion Foundation to provide young people throughout the world with high level taekwondo training and education on taekwondo spirit as well as Olympic values and ideals. The program will be divided into three categories; taekwondo training, special lectures and global exchange. To attain the highest quality of the camp professors and former Olympic and world champions are invited as instructors during the camp. Mr. Lee finished his presentation with a video from last year's World Youth Taekwondo Camp.

14. Next WTF Council meeting

The Chairman announced that the next WTF Council meeting would be held on the occasion of the 9th WTF World Junior Taekwondo Championships to be held in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt on May 3-7, 2012.

-NOTE- On June 3, 2011 Dr. Chungwon Choue, WTF President, called for an Extraordinary WTF Council meeting to be held on July 28, 2011 in Vladivostok, Russia on the occasion of the 6th WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships.

15. Closing of the meeting

The Chairman delivered his closing speech, as follows:

Friends,

I would like to thank you all for being here today. It has been a productive meeting and we have taken yet another step in excellence of this outstanding sport of taekwondo.

Taekwondo has something special to offer the world. Being one of the fastest growing sports, we have the great capability to offer hope and change lives.

This year, our theme is "World Peace through Taekwondo." As you will hear in the General Assembly, great works are already being done in Guatemala, Thailand, and Canada in providing hope and dreams through taekwondo training to youth with special needs. As leaders of the WTF, I encourage all of you to follow these model programs in your nations or continents also. Taekwondo can make a difference in this world and the difference has to begin with us!

We still have the General Assembly in two days, a great opening ceremony, and with 149 nations registered we have the largest, most dynamic World Championships in our history.



Also, this afternoon we will have a brainstorming session to come up with new ideas in which we can further improve.

As I said in my opening address, there is so much that is ahead of us and there are a lot of people depending on our efforts. The hopes and dreams of so many hang in the balance of the work that we are commissioned to do. This and only this must be the reason for the roles we serve. Any other reason cheats our taekwondo family of all they aspire to be.

I hope everyone will enjoy your time here in Gyeongju. It is a city of full of history and ancient culture, beautiful scenery, and fresh clean air.

Until we meet again, be well and have a great time!

Thank you!