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EXTRAORDINARY WTF COUNCIL MEETING
New City Garden Hotel / Suzhou, China
June 9, 2012

1. Roll Call & Meeting called to order

WTF Secretary General Jean-Marie Ayer reported that a total of 22 Council members and 1 Auditor 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. Ivan Dibos, Vice President
Gen. Ahmed Fouly, Vice President
Mr. Dai Soon Lee, Vice President
Mr. Sun Jae Park, Vice President

Dr. Jean-Marie Ayer, 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. Milan Kwee, Member
Mr. Michel Madar, Member
Mr. Mario Mandel Vaisman, Member
Mr. Dai Won Moon, Member
Mr. Fuzuli Musayev, Member
Mr. Roger Piarulli, Member
Mr. Seyed Mohammad Pouladgar, Member
Mr. Metin Sahin, Member
Mr. Anatoly K. Terekhov, Member
Mr. Athanasios Pragalos, Member

Mr. Ali Sagirkaya, Auditor

2. President's welcome speech

Dr. Chungwon Choue, WTF President and chairman of the Extraordinary WTF Council meeting delivered his welcome speech.

Dearest Colleagues and friends,

I would like to welcome you all here in Suzhou for this very Extraordinary WTF Council Meeting.

I know that it isn't easy to find places in your busy schedules to meet and I thank you for making the time. I promise you that we are here to do more than admire this beautiful city.

In the past 8 years, we have made incredible moves forward in our sport and our organization. We have increased transparency of our operations and fair-play in our competitions. We have taken away the irregularities that hurt us in governing our sport in the past. But we have to continue to move forward in a greater way than before. This starts here today...together.

First, I would like to announce that our office in Lausanne is no longer a liaison office. It is now the WTF International Headquarters and the Seoul office is the WTF Seoul Headquarters. Most administrative operations will remain in Seoul, but International Communication, Marketing, and Public Relations, and the Global Membership System will all be done from the International Headquarters.

As said in Sharm El Sheikh, we are a globalized sport, but our organization needs to become more universalized. Nothing says that we are universal than being able to state the size of our family. This is why the success of the Global Membership System is so important to the development of our sport and our organization.

Not only do we need to know how many are in our family, we need to know what is happening in our family. It is for this reason that I am calling on our Continental Unions to submit official reports to the WTF twice a year on all matters. The CUs should be gathering information from each of their MNAs who should also be reporting to them regularly. It is difficult to get the message out of our good deeds or give assistance where it is needed if we don't know anything.

Our members are diverse. They come from various cultural backgrounds, as well as economic backgrounds. We cannot pretend that everyone is equal and should get the equal amount of assistance. We need to give the help to those that need it most. We need to get back to a tiered system for Development funds, Membership fees, and hosting fees for members that want their international opens or tournaments sanctioned by the WTF. It will give those from the less fortunate countries the chance to develop their programs and give them more experience in competing at international events.

There are two major international events that we need to give our attention. The first is the Intercontinental Tournament between Europe and Asia that will be held in Moscow later this year. This will start a new trend to give our nations more international competition

experience and help to foster intercontinental development.

We also need to focus on the Swiss Open on November 9th, this year. This is a perfect opportunity to display our sport to a truly Olympic audience in its home city. We need to be certain that our top athletes from around the world are present on November 9th and with your full support.

As you will hear later, we are putting together our strategic 4 year plan. It has been based on reports from committees, advisors, and the brainstorming sessions of this Council. Some of the more exciting considerations are that of creating a WTF World Club Championships, adding another weight category to the Olympic Games, changing the weight categories of the World Championships to that of the Olympics, and having annual World Championships rather than every two years.

We will be putting together Ad Hoc Committees to explore new competition rules and regulations for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, as well as new formats for all of our World Competitions. Furthermore, we will again put every effort to get taekwondo onto the Paralympic Program as well.

While our future is robust and exciting, we also need to celebrate our past. Next year marks the 40th anniversary of the WTF. We have heard of a lot of the preparations already, but each of you should also do your best to promote this incredible milestone. Also during the festivities will be the WTF President's Cup World University Taekwondo Team Championships. This event will also be sanctioned by FISU, the International University Sports Federation.

This Council Meeting is about what paths to take in the future and it is a transition. We must finalize all of this brainstorming and planning. It is time to go from saying to doing. We will debate, we will discuss, and then together, we must do!

Taekwondo and the WTF are our lives. We are in it together, and our members, our family is depending on us to lead them, keep their Olympic dreams alive, and create new dreams and hope for those that are waiting for them.

Thank you for being here today. Thank you for taking on what this difficult. And thank you for being a part of this wonderful, wonderful family.

Thank you

3. Approval of the minutes of the WTF Council meeting held in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt on April 2, 2012

The Chairman moved that the Minutes of the WTF Council Meeting held in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt be approved by the Council.

The motion was seconded and approved by the Council.

4. New Membership

The Chairman informed that Botswana Olympic Taekwondo Association has fulfilled all of the requirements and documentation for application to be considered for full membership to the World Taekwondo Federation.

The Chairman moved that the Council approve of Botswana Olympic Taekwondo Association's membership application.

The motion was seconded and approved by the Council.

The Chairman announced that Botswana Olympic Taekwondo Association's membership application were approved by the Council and that the membership application be put on the agenda for the next General Assembly to be held in Puebla, Mexico in 2013.

5. Update on major events

Mr. Jeongkang Seo, Director of the WTF Sport Division, presented a report on the upcoming WTF promoted championships. Mr. Seo also suggested that the Council decide upon the dates for the 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships.

After a discussion among the Council members the Chairman moved that the 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships in Puebla, Mexico be held May 13-19, 2013.

The motion was seconded and approved by the Council.

6. Change of Host City for the 7th WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships

Mr. Seo explained that the Organizing National Association for the 7th WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships, the Colombian Taekwondo Federation, requested that the host city of the Championships be moved from Medellin to Tunja, Colombia. The City of Tunja has already submitted necessary support letters to fund the event and is also know at

the safest city in Colombia.

The Chairman moved that Tunja, Colombia be approved as the host city for the 7th WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships.

The motion was seconded and approved by the Council.

7. Update on the 2012 London Olympic Games

This item was taken out of the agenda since Mr. Andrew Link, Taekwondo Manager of the London Olympic Games, was not able to attend the meeting.

8. Consideration of Recommendations from the WTF Council Brainstorming Session, Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt

Dr. Sun Jae Park, WTF Vice President, whom chaired the brainstorming session, held in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt delivered a short presentation on the findings from the session.

9. Report on Special Meetings

Mr. Stephen Donnell, Special Assistant to the WTF President, reported on meetings held during the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC) meeting in Moscow, Russia and meetings with the WTF Special Advisors.

10. Presentation of four year strategy plan for the WTF

Dr. Jean-Marie Ayer, WTF Secretary General, delivered a presentation on a strategic plan for the future of Taekwondo. Secretary General Ayer explained that a strategic plan is necessary to make all aspects of the sport progress in a coordinated way. The plan will be prepared in steps during the coming months and progress will be reported to the Council.

11. Report on the WTF Academy

Mr. Jin Suk Yang, Chairman of the World Taekwondo Federation Academy, delivered a report to the Council on the future work and tasks of the WTF Academy pointing out that the academy will work hard for the betterment of taekwondo through training and education.

12. Next Council Meeting

The Chairman announced that the next Extraordinary WTF Council Meeting will be held in Santa Cruz, Aruba or Tunja, Colombia. Further information will be sent out in due course.

13. Introduction of JTA and Afternoon Session

Secretary General Ayer introduced Mr. Jon Tibbs of Jon Tibbs Associates (JTA), a well know international sports promoting company. JTA will work closely together with the WTF to promote Taekwondo as an Olympic sport.

Mr. Tibbs shortly explained what would be discussed during the afternoon's work session.

14. Closing of the Meeting

The Chairman thanked the Council members for their attendance at this fruitful meeting.