



-MEETING MINUTES-

WTF Council Meeting

Fuerte de Loreto, Exhibition Center / Puebla, Mexico

July 13, 2013 / 10:00 AM

1. Meeting called to Order

WTF Secretary General Jean-Marie Ayer called the meeting to order and announced that, with 28 Council Members and 2 Auditors present, the meeting satisfied the quorum requirements of Article 8.6 of the Statutes.

- Dr. Chungwon Choue, President
- Mr. Phillip Walter Coles, Vice President
- Mr. Ivan Dibos, Vice President
- Mr. Ahmed Fouly, Vice President
- Mr. Dai Soon Lee, Vice President
- Mr. Sun Jae Park, Vice President
- Mr. Jean Marie-Ayer, Secretary General
- Mr. Tae Eun Lee, Treasurer
- Mr. Mohamed Ahmad K. Al Sulaiti, Member
- Mrs. Miriam Baverel, Member
- Mrs. Maria Rosario Borello Castillo, Member
- Mr. Michel Madar, Member
- Seyed Mohammad Pouladgar, Member
- Mr. Jesus Castellanos Pueblas, Member
- Mr. Driss El-Hilali, Member
- Mr. Issake Ide, Member
- Mr. Tae Kyung Kim, Member
- Mr. Sung Chon Hong, Member
- Mrs. Carine Lahoud, Member
- Mr. Kyu Seok Lee, Member
- Mr. Dai Won Moon, Member
- Mr. Roger Piarulli, Member
- Mr. Metin Sahin, Member
- Mr. Anatoly K. Terekhov, Member
- Mr. Milan Kwee, Member
- Mr. Mario Mandel Vaisman, Member
- Mr. Athanasios Pragalos, Ex-Officio Member
- Mr. Ji Ho Choi, Ex-Officio Member
- Mr. Dalibor Krpan, Auditor
- Mr. Ali Sagirkaya, Auditor



2. President's welcome speech

Dr. Chungwon Choue, WTF President and Chairman opened the Council Meeting by welcoming all Council Members to Puebla on occasion of 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships and wishing all the best for the upcoming election.

The Chairman thanked all Council Members who had served since 2009 until that day and gave the following speech.

Welcome Colleagues here in Puebla on the occasion of the 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships.

Over the past 4 years, this council has accomplished and developed our sport, perhaps more than any other council in history. We have revolutionized our sport and expanded our membership wider than anyone could have ever imagined. We also secured our position on the Olympic Programme for the 2020 Olympic Games.

From 2009 to the present has been one of the most important period in our 40 year history. The success of the London Olympic Games launched us toward new horizons. We impressed the world with the presentation of our sport with no controversy, impressive medal distribution, and history-making matches as nations won their first or only Olympic medals in taekwondo.

All of this has been accomplished because of you and your leadership. We achieved all of this because we came together, we knew what had to be done, and we did it.

Our mission is to be as fair and transparent as possible, both in competition and in governance. This election has been the fairest and most democratic that we have ever known. This is why many of us have been taken back by recent incidents that have taken place.

As many of you know, emails have been circulating regarding the WTF elections. Mr. Dibos, WTF Vice President and Chairman of the Election Committee will discuss this matter later, but I wish to express my regret and disappointment in this action. This is NOT an email that anyone at the WTF had knowledge of before it was forwarded to us from our members. Nor is it anything that we support. I am very saddened that anyone would take this action and I would like to express my deep regret that a member of our family would do such a thing.

It is not easy being president. You are the leader. You are the one who everyone looks to to find the way forward. You are the one who everyone talks about, criticizes, smiles at, shakes hands with, and you are the one who is the symbol, the representative, of everyone. It is not easy. In fact, it is very lonely.

But, that loneliness goes away when we are together at council and general assembly meetings. The loneliness ends when I receive your phone calls, your letters, and your emails. I truly feel like I am with friends.



Presidents of other sports often remark how they admire how close our council and members are to each other. They admire how much we enjoy each other. I am so very proud of that.

So, thank you for being there for me. Thank you for being there for each other.

With that said, I want to thank you all again for being here in Mexico for this time together to decide the future of our sport and to celebrate our amazing athletes.

Thank you.

The Chairman then presented all Council Members and auditors plaques and medals in appreciation for their past four-year service.

3. Approval of the minutes of the Extraordinary WTF Council meeting held in Lausanne, Switzerland, June 7, 2013

The Chairman moved that the Minutes of the Extraordinary WTF Council meeting held in Lausanne, Switzerland, which appeared in the Council Meeting agenda, be approved by the Council.

This motion was seconded and approved by the Council.

4. Amendment proposals

a. WTF Competition Rules

The **Chairman** introduced Mr. Dai Won Moon, **Chairman of Technical & Development Committee** to give a presentation on proposed amendments to the Competition Rules.

The **Chairman of Technical & Development Committee** noted that the proposed changes were in the Council Meeting agenda.

Chairman Moon introduced Mr. Chakir Chelbat, **Chairman of Referee Committee** to present amendment proposed to WTF Competition Rules.

The **Chairman of Referee Committee** noted that the proposed amendment was sent to all long time ago, and he made a quick presentation on certain items:

- Introduction of octagonal shaped mat as an option in Article 3
- To specify technical requirements of the WTF in the rules with more detailed descriptions in Article 4
- Choice of nationality shall be made at the age of 17 given that 17 is the year when an athlete can compete in senior competitions in Article 4
- The terms of KO and Sudden Death are too strong and need to be replaced with



softer expressions (proposed by the WTF Council) in Article 16. Besides, there are few incidents of K.O in sport taekwondo. There are three options proposed for review of the WTF Council. In addition, it can be considered that the term of KO is completely removed and Referee Stops Contest (RSC) replaces KO.

- Need a text to introduce the cases of Knock Down. Better clarifications of the cases of Knock Down in Article 17. It is proposed that the term of Knock down should be reviewed and changed given that taekwondo has few incidents of knock down. Council may empower Technical Committee to find alternative terminology.

Chairman Chakir said this amendment would make it clear for the referees, players and coaches to keep consistency high. Accordingly he proposed that the President and WTF Council Members accept and approve this amendment of WTF Competition Rules.

After the presentation, **Mr. Kyu Seok Lee** suggested the current 8 “Kyong-go” were too many and proposed to reduce 4 “Kyong-go” instead of 8 “Kyong-go” to make matches smooth. Also he added that the terminology of movements should be standardized.

Mr. Ji Ho Choi suggested that Octagonal-shape be used for World Taekwondo Championships and WTF official events from that time.

The **Chairman of Referee Committee** said there were two options, Square-shape and Octagonal-shape. It would be good to use Octagonal-shape for WTF Promoted Championships like World Championships and World Cup, Olympic Games. However, many MNAs already had Square-shape of rings.

The **Chairman of Technical & Development Committee** commented that the WTF had experiences to use 8 “Kyong-go” for disqualification and this had been working very well.

Ms. Myriam Baverel mentioned that the referees were able to make matches very fair with 8 “Kyong-go”. She raised her concern that with 4 “Kyong-go”, only one mistake by a referee would be seriously affect a competition.

Mr. Ali Sagirkaya reminded that fairness was very critical in Taekwondo, however the referees would be more powerful if we changed to 4 “Kyong-go” The center referee might decide the result of the games.

The **Chairman of Referee Committee** suggested all matters be reconsidered after giving the Referee Committee a change to make several tests thoroughly and make a report through the several competitions in different Continental Unions.

The **Council agreed to** leave these matters to the Technical & Development Committee to review more thoroughly.

The **Chairman** moved that the proposed amendments to the Competition Rules to be approved by the Council. The motion was seconded and was unanimously approved by the Council as proposed.



b. WTF Poomsae Competition Rules

Mr. Sung Chon Hong, **Chairman of Poomsae Committee**, gave a brief summary of the proposed amendments of the Poomsae Competition Rules, as they appeared in the agenda.

The Chairman moved that the proposed amendments be approved by the Council. The motion was seconded and was unanimously approved by the Council as proposed.

c. Rules on Organization and Operation of International Taekwondo Championships

Mr. Philippe Bouedo, **Chairman of Game Committee**, gave a brief summary of the proposed amendments to the Rules on Organization and Operation of International Taekwondo Championships, as they appeared in the agenda.

The **Chairman** moved that the proposed amendments be approved by the Council. The motion was seconded and was unanimously approved by the Council.

d. WTF World Ranking Bylaws

Mr. Jeongkang Seo, **WTF Sport Director** presented a brief summary of the amendments to the WTF World Ranking Bylaws.

The Chairman moved that the proposed amendments be approved by the Council. The motion was seconded and was unanimously approved by the Council.

e. WTF Statutes

Mr. Corbin Min, **Deputy Secretary General of WTF Legal Affairs**, gave a brief presentation of the proposed amendments appeared in the Council Meeting agenda. In particular as:

- I Global Taekwondo Support Foundation added to Article 2
- The citizenship requirement in Article 7.4(i) created a burden on members that were otherwise in compliance with the Statutes.
- To simplify member compliance, increase member rights, and give a wider range of recognition options in Article 14. Also, in line with the amendments to Article 16.1.
- Based on ASOIF recommendation / model language to help safeguard the autonomy of members in Article 16
- In furtherance of MOUs signed between the WTF and two member organizations of the International Paralympic Committee: INAS and CPISRA in Article 16 and 18
- Focusing the Technical Committee to Kyorugi Competitions; to update descriptions of certain other committees. In furtherance of the MOUs signed between the WTF and two member organizations of the International Paralympic Committee: INAs ad CPISRA in Article 27

Seyed Mohammad Pouladgar asked that the nationality of proxies for a General Assembly should be considered seriously, saying that especially, it would be more critical in case of the



elections.

The **Deputy Secretary General of WTF Legal Affairs** answered that in case the coach or medical team didn't have same nationality as their MNA; it would be efficient for MNA to dispatching them to General Assembly as proxy if they have a proven relationship with an MNA.

The Chairman moved that the proposed amendments of the Statutes be approved by the Council. The motion was seconded and was unanimously approved by the Council.

5. New Membership Kosovo

The **Chairman** announced that Kosovo would remain as Provisional Member of the WTF until the MNA fulfills additional requirements.

The **Deputy Secretary General of WTF Legal Affairs** explained that Full Membership is granted with recognition of a National Olympic Committee by the IOC and Associate Membership is given for territories not self-governing. Kosovo didn't fit in either category, however it was getting recognized internationally very fast. Accordingly, WTF would let Kosovo remain as a Provisional Member until its NOC is recognized by the IOC.

6. Other Matters

a. Status of WTF Academy

The **Chairman of WTF Academy**, Mr. Jin Suk Yang introduced the WTF Academy to the Council. He stressed that WTF Academy was organization for development of Taekwondo. Recently, Poomsae and Kyorugi Coach Seminars were held with 193 participants. With that experience, he said he would prepare more qualified coach seminar.

The **Chairman** said detailed information about WTF Academy would be reviewed after the Council term started and thanked the **Chairman of WTF Academy**.

b. Introduction of Global Taekwondo Support Foundation (GTSF) / Taekwondo Day

To celebrate 40th Anniversary of foundation of the WTF, the **Chairman** announced the foundation of the Global Taekwondo Support Foundation based in Korea.

c. Election Matters

The **Chairman** noted that a letter of withdrawal from Mr. Moon Jong Hong for presidential candidacy was sent to the WTF Office on July 11, 2013.

The President asked the Chairman of Election Committee Mr. Ivan Dibos to read a letter from Election Committee regarding an anonymous email containing the list of particular



candidates that was sent to MNAs to aim at chaos. Chairman Dibos read the letters:

<Letter from Election Committee>

July 11, 2013

*Members of the World Taekwondo Federation Council,
Presidents of Continental Unions and Member National Associations*

Re: Recent Emails of Candidate Lists

Dear Friends,

I write to you concerning certain emails that have recently been circulated. These emails are sent anonymously, and contain lists of preferred candidates.

Be cautious of these emails. They are sent anonymously, and are inappropriate and suspicious. These emails have not been approved by any credible source. The Elections Committee discourages such communications, and advises any members who may be involved in such activities to refrain from doing so.

Sincerely,

*Ivan Dibos, Chairman
WTF Elections Committee*

cc.

*Michel Madar, Member, WTF Elections Committee
Milan Kwee, Member, WTF Elections Committee
William Kaltschmitt, Chairman, WTF Ethics Committee*

Next, **Chairman** suggested a change of the order of the agenda to move the election from originally scheduled beginning of the 24th General Assembly to the end of the General Assembly. The Council agreed and so agenda #4 “general election” was moved to the end of the General Assembly.

The Chairman reminded the Council that, in accordance with the WTF Statutes, the Continental Unions should have their elections within 6 months after the WTF Officials Elections. He asked the Secretary General to update on this.

According to the **Secretary General**, AFTU will hold an election on September 9, ETU on August 20, PATU between September 21 and 23, OTU and ATU within 6 months as well.

The **Chairman** asked PATU and ATU to send the confirmation letter to the WTF Office as soon as possible.



7. Next Council Meeting

The **Chairman** said the next Council Meeting would be held in March, 2014 in New Taipei City in occasion of 10th WTF World Junior Taekwondo Championships and WTF World Qualification Tournament for Nanjing 2014 Youth Olympic Games.

8. Closing of the Meeting

The Chairman thanked all Council Members present and declared the meeting was closed.

The Council Meeting was adjourned.