



# MINUTES

## Extraordinary WTF Council Meeting IOC Headquarters / Lausanne, Switzerland June 7, 2013

### 1. Meeting called to order

Secretary General Jean-Marie Ayer reported 31 Council Members and 2 Auditors were present as below, announced the quorum, and called the meeting to order.

#### President

Chungwon Choue

#### Vice President

Phillip Walter Coles

Ivan Dibos

Ahmed Fouly

Kamaladdin

Heydarov

Dai Soon Lee

Sun Jae Park

#### Secretary General

Jean-Marie Ayer

#### Treasurer

Tae Eun Lee

#### Members

Mohamed Ahmad K. Al Sulaiti

Maria Rosario Borello Castillo

Jesus Castellanos Pueblas

Aicha Garad Ali

Driss El-Hilali

Sung Chon Hong

Issaka Ide

Milan Kwee

Kyu Seok Lee

Michel Madar

Mario Mandel Vaisman

Dai Won Moon

Carine Lahoud

Roger Piarulli

Seyer Mohammad Pouladgar

Metin Sahin

Pimol Srivikorn

Anatoly K. Terekhov

Miriam Baverel

Dae-Sung Moon

#### Ex-Officio members

Anathasios Pragalos

Ji Ho Choi

#### Auditors

Dalibor Krpan

Ali Sagirkaya

### 2. President's welcome speech

Dr. Chungwon Choue, WTF President and Chairman for the Extraordinary WTF Council meeting reported that Mr. Ki-Moon Ban, Secretary General of the United Nations, was granted an Honorary WTF 10<sup>th</sup> Dan in New York during the UN IOC Forum.

The Chairman then delivered his welcome speech:

*Dearest Friends and Colleagues,*

*I wish to welcome you all here in Lausanne, the Olympic Capital for this Extraordinary WTF Council*

*Meeting on the occasion of the 4<sup>th</sup> WTF World Para-Taekwondo Championships and the 2013 Swiss Open.*

*I would like to thank you all for taking time from your busy schedules to meet today and to celebrate these two special and growing events on the WTF calendar of events.*

*I find it very fitting that the IOC Headquarters is the setting as we meet to once again shape the future of our sport and our organization.*

*For so long have we worked to meet the standards of the Olympic Committee. As that achievement came within our grasp we move toward exceeding those standards and setting standards of our own.*

*Over the past years, our members have grown in number and the level of competitors and championships have grown significantly.*

*New divisions and disciplines have been added to our sport and technology has led the way toward greatest level of transparency and fairness that taekwondo has ever known.*

*And the London 2012 Olympic Games created a buzz among the Olympic family and around the world that taekwondo got it right...and we did.*

*But there is not time to let up. Rio is around the corner and there is much ground to gain. Even with as much success as we had in London, there is much more in which to excel and achieve.*

*I believe that it is clear that our way forward was the establishment of the WTF Grand Prix Series. It will give our athletes greater exposure and experience on the international competition scene. It will also allow the WTF to enhance the presentation of our sport and of our athletes. Now, we must ensure the successful inauguration of the event at the end of this year.*

*This is not to take away from any of our other events. Of course our main focus is that of the successful hosting and completion of the 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships in Puebla, Mexico.*

*This will be our first major test since the London Games and with nearly a year past since that wonderful experiences, the wave of enthusiasm from outside the taekwondo family has waned. We must create a new wave, and I am very confident we will do just that.*

*There are several other important measures to be considered on the agenda today. We will decide where the next various WTF championships will be held. We also will secure the standing procedures of several of our events. And finally, as our sport continues to expand in breadth and width, we must decide what the next new horizon will be.*

*Before we move onto the full agenda, there is a special recognition that must be made.*

### **3. Meritorious Achievement Award: Mr. Michael Fysentzidis**

Mr. Michael Fysentzidis, Secretary General of the Hellenic Taekwondo Federation was presented with a Meritorious Achievement Award in recognition of his election as Vice president of the International Olympic Academy and Dean of the Panathenaic Stadium.

#### **► Medical report**

(Off agenda item presented with the Council's permission)

Dr. Paul Viscoglioshi, chairman of Anti-Doping & Medical Committee, delivered an update on results of injuries during the Olympic Games in London in Taekwondo. According to this IOC Medical Committee research, Taekwondo was the 12<sup>th</sup> place with 13 injuries, making Taekwondo a light risk sport.

#### **4. Approval of the minutes of the Extraordinary WTF Council meeting held in Santa Cruz, Aruba, November 22, 2012**

The Chairman moved that the minutes of the November 22, 2012 Extraordinary Council Meeting (Appendix 1 of the Agenda) be adopted. The motion was seconded and approved by the Council without dissent.

#### **5. Progress report**

##### **a. Rio 2016 Olympic Games**

Mr. Jeongkang Seo, Sports Director of WTF made report briefly.

Competition Schedule – August 17-20, last part of the games as London

Taekwondo Venue – located in Olympic Park along with basketball, judo, fencing, wrestling and handball. Taekwondo will share the same room with fencing with two days for transition. Also it will be convenient for athletes, only 1.5km way from the village to Taekwondo venue. Seating capacity of our venue is 10 thousand.

This year we will have a referee seminar in Brazil aiming at producing more technical officials we can help organizing the Taekwondo competitions for Rio. In August this year, we will start with IOC for development of new qualification system for Rio Olympics and it will be finalized February next year.

##### **b. WTF World Grand-Prix Series**

Dr. Jean-Marie Ayer gave a progress report on WTF World Grand-Prix Series.

Together with AISTS in Lausanne, the WTF is working out the rules and regulations for the project, including, standing procedures, organization review of level of different competitions and commercial aspect of WTF World Grand-Prix Series. With cooperation of British Taekwondo based on their early interest in first event of the end of this year, we will have the first stage of WTF World Grand-Prix.

Mr. Adrian Tranter, president of British Taekwondo with reported on the 2013 WTF World Grand-Prix Series in Manchester with Mr. Ian Leafe, Event Manager and Mr. Steve Flynn, Operations Director.

Several key objectives: There is a platform for great athletes to excel, new standards of event delivery, global exposure, commercial development and continued growth for the sport.

“To excite and motivate, a global stage will be created for athletes to perform and deliver a world class experience. The WTF will set a new standard of event delivery, including an intimate crowd atmosphere with information, interviews and interactions. An objective is to create unique show to attract TV. For global exposure of Grand Prix, we need to create the stories and give storylines to Media. There is already production team covered European opens having partnership with BBC. We want to develop long term partnership with national and international broadcast so that everybody can see the Grand Prix. We also need to exploit new technologies, new media. We want to have Taekwondo on the multi platforms like TV screens, Phones and IPods. Also we also need to provide instant timing, scoring and results will and unique and valuable content with social media platform like Youtube and Facebook really engaging new taekwondo fan base. Successful global exposure will lead to commercial development for the WTF create long term partnerships, central & local government support, forging domestic & global partnerships and providing branding and activation opportunities”

## **6. Amendment proposals**

Agenda Items

- a. WTF World Ranking Bylaws
- b. Olympic Standing Procedures
- c. Election Bylaws

The proposed amendments to the World Ranking Bylaws and Olympic Standing Procedure were presented by Mr. Jeongkang Seo, Sports Director of WTF. The proposed amendments to the Election Bylaws were explained by Mr. Corbin Min, Deputy Secretary General of Legal Affairs Division of WTF.

The Chairman thanked the presenters, and moved that the amendments be adopted. The motion was seconded and approved by the Council without dissent.

## **7. Enactment proposals**

Agenda Items:

- a. WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Standing Procedures
- b. WTF Para-Taekwondo Championships Bylaws

The proposed enactments of to the Grand Prix Standing Procedures and Paralympics Bylaws were presented by Mr. Jeongkang Seo.

After Mr. Seo's presentation on Agenda item no.7 Enactment Proposals, Mr. Seyed Mohammad POULADGAR added proposals as below:

Part 1. "For the Olympic Qualification, we had the quite a few events like the Continental Qualification and World Qualification. And now we will add the Grand-Prix event as well to the other events in the World. This will create more events but a lot of countries I believe that would not be able to participate in all these events. The expenditure for the athletes, for majority of counties, will be too much to participate in all these events. My proposal is that we should replace the Continental Qualification into Grand-Prix and we give some people from as we give from the Grand-Prix to get qualification to go the Olympic also from the World Qualification."

Part 2. "I also propose that if there I in the future some like kind of opportunity for the clubs like club championships to enable that at least club championship to participate in Grand-Prix. This will bring at the moment Taekwondo mainly is funded by government. If the clubs are involved, we get other business people and other business opportunity on this involved. So if we will give this opportunity to the clubs, I think it will generate more funding of sports and open the funding opportunities more and I also proposed for the World Taekwondo Federation will be nice, our club association or international club union to be part of the WTF movements"

Mr. Seo said that these proposals would be considered by the appropriate committees.

The Chairman thanked the presenter, and moved that the enactments be approved. The motion was seconded and approved by the Council without dissent.

## **8. Selection of the host MNAs**

### **a. 2013 WTF World Cup Taekwondo Team Championships**

There were three bidding cities, Abidjan of Cote d'Ivoire, Libreville of Gabon and Tunis of Tunisia.

The voting processed without presentations. Among 31 votes, Cote d'Ivoire got 26, Gabon 1, Tunisia 1 and 3 invalid votes. The Council approved to grant Federation Ivoirienne de Taekwondo and Abidjan the right to host 2013 WTF World Cup Taekwondo Team Championships.

### **b. 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Grand Prix**

Manchester is only one bidding city for 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Grand Prix in December. The Council unanimously approved to grant British Taekwondo and Manchester the right to host WTF World Taekwondo Grand Prix.

### **c. 9th in 2014 WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships**

Aguascalientes City is only one bidding city for 9th in 2014 WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships. The Council unanimously approved to grant Federacion Mexicana de Taekwondo and Aguascalientes City the right to host 9th in 2014 WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships.

### **d. 1st WTF World Cadet Taekwondo Championships in 2014**

Baku is only one bidding city for 1st WTF World Cadet Taekwondo Championships in 2014. The Council unanimously approved to grant Azerbaijan Taekwondo Federation and Baku the right to host 1st WTF World Cadet Taekwondo Championships in 2014.

### **e. 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships**

Three cities, Rio de Janeiro of Brazil, Chelyabinsk City of Russia and Hochiminh City of Vietnam presented bids for 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships.

Regarding the bid proposal of Russian Taekwondo Union, Mr. Sung Chon Hong asked to clarify the payment for all members of Executive committee of WTF and all referees on the host city application form. The presenters confirmed that payment of flight, accommodation, food and transportation of all WTF Council and all referees will be covered by OC. This will be clearly added to host city documents. In addition, they confirmed that for small countries, 3000 US Dollars will be given to each region for athletes. Also they informed that 1000 RUB is same as 35 US Dollars.

The Chairman excused Mr. Anatoly Konstantinovich Terekhov from the meeting room so that a secret ballot vote could be conducted.

After the presentations, the Council voted to grant Russian Taekwondo Union and Chelyabinsk City the right to host 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships with the result as below:

Among 30 votes, 20 for Russia, 5 for Brazil, and 5 for Vietnam

## **f. 10th in 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships**

Hochiminh City is only one bidding city for 10th in 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships. The Council unanimously approved to grant Vietnam Taekwondo Federation and Hochiminh City the right to host 10th in 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships.

## **9. Report on the Marketing Guidelines**

Secretary General Ayer introduced Mr. Christophe Troendle working Marketing for Grand Prix and in general of Lausanne Office to Council.

Mr. Troendle explained that we need to start branding Taekwondo and WTF for our competition by being simple and keeping consistency to be known well and attract sponsors and Medias. He reported marketing team was working on the structure of product, WTGB, brand architecture and starting to approach potential sponsors by making a package of our product. Also he was working on new host city agreements trying to level up of two points focusing on properties to commercialize.

Dr. Dalibor Krpan proposed to add a way to make people practice Taekwondo to touch them because Taekwondo was not just only a sport also martial art. So it could be activities for a lot of people and able to be familiar for every one like tennis.

Mr. Ji Ho Choi recommended finding a way to use strong points that we had a variety of age groups and strong base of membership.

## **10. Report on the 2013-2016 Development Fund Program**

Mr. Corbin Min informed the Council that for the equipment and participation categories, no more than \$10,000 may be allocated per an individual MNA per year. Additional guidelines are being prepared based on the experience of the Secretariat in processing applications. It was also reported that a proposed amendment to the WTF Statutes will allow demoted members to be able to apply for funding from the WTF, in order to help them overcome their demoted status.

## **11. Other Matters**

### **a. Status of Taekwondowon in Muju, Korea**

Mr. Seung Ho Kim from Taekwondo Promotion Foundation made a presentation about Taekwondowon by explaining opening schedule, emblem and characters, vision & goals, facility of competition venue, information of lodging and food and transportation and so on.

Mr. Kim Wan Joo, the governor of the Jeollabukdo province of South Korea, introduced Jeollabukdo.

### **b. Introduction of the 5th World Youth Taekwondo Camp**

Mr. Kim Seung Ho introduced 5th World Youth Taekwondo Camp will be on July 22-28 in Muju, Korea.

The chairman mentioned that this year OCA(Olympic Committee of Asia) is also hosting Asia Taekwondo Youth Camp in Bangkok, Thailand.

### **c. Kosovo**

Council accepted Kosovo as a provisional member and it will be finalized in the 24<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in Puebla, Mexico.

### **d. Presentation on the International Paralympic Committee**

Mr. Tae Eun Lee delivered a report on recommendations of Taskforce Team for Para-Taekwondo based on a meeting held on June 5, 2013 in Lausanne.

- WTF should expend efforts to develop Para Taekwondo at least of all disabilities.
- Para Taekwondo established as a division with the administration of the WTF. This division should work in partnership with relevant international organization as well as divisions in the WTF.
- Taskforce meeting will be arranged in 2013 with member of WTF Para Taekwondo family with a representative of Anti-doping & Medical Committee, WTF Poomsae Committee as well as a classification expert from relevant partner organization which established classification, competition rules and regulations for Para Taekwondo Competitions.
- WTF applied to International Paralympic Committee to become a recognized IF and finally Taskforce recommended that WTF should apply for inclusion of Para Taekwondo in the 2020 Para Olympic Games.
- The other recommendation delivered to the president of WTF.

Mr. Michael Sirota, member of the taskforce, delivered a report on the Paralympic movement and International Paralympic Committee. Also he suggested some strategies to become an official Para Olympic Sports for 2020.

### **e. Creation of the ad hoc Committee for Para-Taekwondo inclusion in Multisport Games**

Because of time constraints, this item was passed until a later Council Meeting.

### **f. Introduction of Global Taekwondo Support Foundation (GTSF) / Taekwondo Day**

Because of time constraints, this item was passed this agenda to next Council Meeting.

### **g. Report on Expansion Committee**

Mr. Corbin Min delivered a report on a couple of recommendation from Expansion Committee Meeting held on May 16-18, 2013 in Baku, Azerbaijan.

- Each Continental Union can nominate events to be sanctioned by the WTF. Oceania Taekwondo Union can recommend 3 events and the other unions can 4 events.
- Election of the Athletes Committee, each MNA can nominate and support one athlete committee candidate. Qualification for the candidates will be said by the WTF in conjunction with sport division. Candidates will gather for two-day session for training education session and opportunities to know each other well and the end of the day the candidates will select themselves five committee members, one from each continental union using electronic voting system.

### **h. Status of WTF Academy**

Because of time constraints, this item was passed this agenda to next Council Meeting.

**i. Use of an electronic-voting system for the election of 24th General Assembly in Puebla, Mexico**

Mr. Gilbert Modoux introduced the electronic-voting system to be used during the 24<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in Puebla, Mexico, on the Occasion of the 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships. The Council members received training on the use of the system.

**12. Next Council Meeting**

The Chairman announced that the next Council Meeting will be held on July 13, 2013, in Puebla, Mexico, on the Occasion of the 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships.

**13. Closing of the Meeting**