



-MEETING MINUTES-
WTF Council Meeting
Taipei City, Chinese Taipei
March 18, 2014

1. Establish Quorum: Call meeting to order

WTF Secretary General Jean-Marie Ayer announced that 25 of 31 Council Members were present at the meeting, including 25 with voting rights, thereby establishing a quorum in accordance with Article 8.6 of the WTF Statutes.

The attending WTF Council Members and Auditor were as follows:

Dr. Chungwon Choue, President
Mr. Dai Soon Lee, Honorary Vice President
Mr. Ivan Dibos, Vice President
Gen. Ahmed Fouly, Vice President
Dr. Sun Jae Park, Vice President

Dr. Jean-Marie Ayer, Secretary General

Mrs. Maria Rosario Borello Castillo, Member
Mr. Jesus Puebla Castellanos, Member
Mr. Driss El-Hilali, Member
Mr. Anthony Ferguson, Member
Mr. Issaka Ide, Member
Mr. Kook Hyun Jung, Member
Mr. Tae Kyung Kim, Member
Mr. Milan Kwee, Member
Mr. Kyu Seok Lee, Member
Mr. Juan Manuel Lopez Delgado, Member
Mr. Michel Madar, Member
Mr. Dai Won Moon, Member
Mr. Hazem Ahmad Awwad Naimat, Member
Mr. Roger Piarulli, Member
Mr. Metin Sahin, Member
Mr. Pimol Srivikorn, Member
Mr. Anatoly K. Terekhov, Member
Ms. Sarah Stevenson, Member
Mr. Ji Ho Choi, Member
Mr. Athanasios Pragalos, Member

Mr. Ali Sagirkaya, Auditor



2. President's welcome speech

Dr. Chungwon Choue, WTF President and Chairman for the WTF Council Meeting, called for a moment of silence in memory of the late Mr. Akbalik Seyithan, an athlete from Turkey who passed away in Luxor, Egypt during Luxor Open in February 2014.

The Chairman expressed gratitude and presented a plaque of appreciation to Dr. Dai Soon Lee, Honorary Vice President of the WTF, following his 14 years of service as President of the Asian Taekwondo Union.

The Chairman delivered his welcome speech:

My dear colleagues,

It is with tremendous pleasure that we meet here in Taipei on the occasions of the 10th WTF World Junior Taekwondo Championships and WTF Qualification Tournament for 2014 Nanjing Youth Olympic Games.

It's been already four-and-one-half months since we met in Bali to celebrate the inclusion of Taekwondo in the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games and the 40th Founding Anniversary of the WTF.

And there is more. In December, the first Grand Prix was held in Manchester. Only our top players were invited and they did not disappoint: They displayed outstanding skills. On the advice of broadcasters, black mats were used for the first time. You all saw it: It was a dazzling spectacle. This is the latest step taken by the WTF to make Taekwondo more media-friendly, more marketable and more is to come. At this first Grand Prix, let me say that Europe has become the benchmark new venue for the new taekwondo. Great job!

2013 is over, but the good times are not behind us: There are ever better days ahead in 2014.

Reaching out to more people through Taekwondo is the big task for the year. Concerted efforts to promote and develop Para-Taekwondo are part of this goal. We are on track: Para-Taekwondo was invited to the 2nd phase application process of Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games. I received many congratulatory letters from you regarding this, but I am not the one to be congratulated. You are the ones who achieved.

The IPC Governing Board will meet in Berlin on 6-7 October 2014 to decide the sports for the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics. It is my hope that we will organize the biggest ever Para-Taekwondo Championships in Russia this year as it will make it easier to join Paralympic Games.

The President welcomed all the Council Members to Taipei City, Chinese Taipei on occasion of the 10th WTF World Junior Taekwondo Championships and WTF



Qualification Tournament for 2014 Nanjing Youth Olympic Games.

Dearest Friends: We are moving forward. And we must move forward!

Based on the successful model of World Taekwondo Peace Corps, I have already suggested creating a World Sports Peace Corps. This initiative was greatly welcomed by Ban Ki-Moon, the Secretary General of the United Nations and many other leaders of international sports organizations.

This is just one thing that taekwondo can contribute to the world. For this, I need your support, I need your ideas and I need your cooperation.

Let me thank each and every one of you for your tireless efforts and strong support. And let me thank every one of you in advance for continued contribution as we surge ahead. Thank you!

3. Approval of the minutes of the WTF Extraordinary Council Meeting held in Bali, Indonesia on October 30, 2013

The minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Reports

a. 2015 Event Schedule

The Chairman gave the floor to the Secretary General for a report of the 2015 Event Schedule.

The Secretary General announced principles to be used to schedule WTF Promoted and Sanctioned competitions. These principles were discussed and agreed to during WTF Technical Committee Meeting held on January 13-15, 2014 in Muju, Republic of Korea. The principles are as follows:

- Januaries should be kept free of any competitions.
- G1 competitions should be spread over the full year.
- G2 competitions should be held during the first half of the year.
- World Taekwondo Championship should be held in May or June.
- Grand Prix should be held in July, September, October and December.

Following the Secretary General's report, the Chairman announced that the WTF and International Judo Federation (IJF) plan to sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) based on discussion held between the Chairman and Mr. Marius Vizer, the President of IJF. This discussion took place in Sochi, Russia, on occasion of the 2014 Winter Olympic Games. During the Sochi discussion, the two Presidents agreed to hold each federations' respective Grand Prixes (the WTF Grand Prix and the IJF



Grand Prix) together in the same city over the same period in order to jointly promote Taekwondo and Judo to the world. The first Joint-Taekwondo/Judo-Grand-Prix is expected to be in Russia in 2015. After the MoU is signed, the WTF will fix the date of the event with Russian Taekwondo Union. More details are to be discussed and decided in details in Muju on the occasion of Opening Ceremony of Taekwondowon.

The Chairman also informed the Council that, together with WTF Vice President Mr. Ivan Dibos, he had discussions with Mr. Wu Ching-kuo, President of International Boxing Association (AIBA). This discussion was about the possibility of boxing also participating in the Joint Grand-Prix together with taekwondo and judo at some time after the first Joint-Taekwondo/Judo-Grand-Prix. If successful, then three major combat sports—taekwondo, judo and boxing—will have Grand-Prixes at the same time in the same city.

b. PSS Development Status

The Chairman gave the floor to the Secretary General for a report on the status of PSS development.

During his report, Secretary General informed the council of the following:

- *The WTF is working together with the Swiss Institute of Technology (SIT) to create value for manufacturers by providing more specific PSS guidelines to work with. The SIT will work to standardize and calibrate hit levels and hit type, and to evaluate PSS reliability over time. The objectives are to improve safety and efficiency, to reduce weight, and to improve appearance.*
- *Electronic Head Gear tests were conducted with Daedo during the most recent US Open and Swedish Open, both held in February 2014. Also, another test is to be held with both Daedo and KP&P in March 2014 on the occasion of the Junior World Championships in Taipei, Chinese Taipei.*
- *For selection of PSS for 2015 and Olympic Games, the WTF will work with École polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL) which is an independent, professional, third-party organization that is highly regarded by members of the Olympic community. EPFL shall produce recommendations, which will be reviewed by the WTF Technical Committee. There will be no direct communication between EPFL and the manufacturers, and all communications regarding PSS will be made through Swiss timing. The EPFL tests and recommendation, the Swiss timing report and review on Incheon Asian Games and Nanjing YOG, and the WTF Technical Committee PSS Report, should all be completed by August this year.*

c. Para-Taekwondo Progress Report

The Chairman introduced Mr. Olof Hansson, Assistant Manager of Sports Department and Coordinator of Para-Taekwondo, and asked the council to give Mr.



Hansson a big applause for his devotement toward the inclusion of Para-taekwondo in Paralympic Games. The Chairman then asked Mr. Hansson to give a report on Para-taekwondo development.

In his report, Mr. Hansson informed the Council of the following:

- *Para-taekwondo progress over the last few years.* WTF has been working on Para-taekwondo since 2006, and the WTF has held four editions of World Para-Taekwondo Championships for limb deficiency athletes beginning in 2009.
- *There was a previous application by the WTF to the IPC for the 2016 Paralympic program.* This application was made in 2010, but unfortunately was not successful. In particular, at that time the application required athletes from at least 25 countries and from at least three continental unions, which the WTF had not satisfied in its events.
- *There has been rapid development overseen by the Para-taekwondo Committee since June 2013.* A milestone was the 4th Para-Taekwondo Championships in Lausanne, Switzerland. On this occasion, a Para-Taekwondo development task force meeting was held. This task force issued several recommendations for the expansion of Para-Taekwondo. In particular, in order to include athletes of all disabilities, the WTF was recommended to develop both of Kyorugi and Poomsae competitions.
- *The WTF became an IPC Recognized IF on 16 October 2013* and initiated classification research. Also, the WTF has now signed MoUs with all international organization of sports for disabled (IOSA's).
- *Classification rules were finalized in February 2014.* These rules were based on classification research that began in June 2013, and continued in January in Moscow. The rules are presented in the Council Meeting Agenda book together with amendments to Competition Rules in Kyorugi and Poomsae. Classification research will continue. Also, thanks to an MoU with IWAS, Para-taekwondo is now demonstration sport at the 10th IWAS Junior Games to be held in August 2014.
- *The WTF submitted an application for the 2020 Paralympic Program on January 17, 2014.* The application included a letter of intent for both Kyorugi and Poomsae. The WTF also held meetings with IPC Sport Science Committee in Sochi. The committee praised the classification research done by the WTF so far.
- *On 5 March, IPC Governing Board put Para-taekwondo Kyorugi on the short list of sports for inclusion in the 2020 Paralympics.* A second stage application will be received on 24 March and is to be submitted on 25 July. The IPC will review Para-taekwondo and Para-badminton also the 22 other sports currently on the IPC program. The WTF is to present its bid to the IPC on June 4-6 or 10-13.
- *The IPC Governing Board will meet in Berlin on October 6-7 for a final decision.*



In particular, the IPC will look for certain items in the Second-stage application. In terms of global reach, quadrennial competition program, and classification initiatives, the WTF is currently strong. Details of the Program Proposal for 2020 will be discussed, as well as budget specifications. Especially, the IPC will focus on participation of African MNAs, and accordingly the WTF needs to promote this.

- *Going forward*, the WTF will inform National Paralympic Committees of the WTF MNAs in their country about what WTF has done and what we are going to do for the development and promotion of Para-Taekwondo. The WTF will also work to increase interactions with IPC Governing Board Members. During the current Taipei Council Meeting and General Assembly, the Para-taekwondo Committee will ask to receive a letter of intent for participation in 5th Para-Taekwondo Championships to be signed by representatives of each MNA. This will give the WTF an idea of how many athletes and countries will be participating, which will be critical for the upcoming presentation to the IPC on June 4-6 or 10-13. The WTF also has launched an initiative called the WTF Para-Taekwondo Solidarity Project, under which wealthier MNAs have an opportunity to sponsor at less fortune MNAs and help them attend the world championships.
- *Finally, the 5th WTF World Para-Taekwondo Championships will be in Moscow on 21-22 June 2014.* IPC classification procedure needs to take place two days prior to the competitions for all Kyorugi classes for Limb deficiency athletes. In general, it will take 15-20 minutes to test one athlete. All athletes should register with Global Athlete License. Classification of Intellectually Disabled athletes will be done locally through MNAs and INAS members. It is crucial that 32 nations to participate in Kyorugi.

The Chairman also emphasized that at least 32 countries should participate. Especially, the Chairman stressed that ETU, AFTU and ATU should give their full support for the 5th WTF World Para-Taekwondo Championships in Moscow.

To help secure participation, a WTF Para-Taekwondo Solidarity Project was initiated. MNAs or individuals wanting to help fund the project can contribute a minimum of USD5,000. The money will be used to help fund MNA participation. For this contribution a plaque of appreciation will be presented during 5th Para-Taekwondo Championships Opening Ceremony, and mentions will be given in a WTF Press releases and the 2015 WTF Magazine article. Also, the WTF Development Fund can be used to support MNA participation.

Also, because both IWAS and INAS have recognized the WTF Para-Taekwondo Championships, their logos will be used during the championships. Also, an application has been made for the right to use the IPC Logo during the Open Ceremony.

- *Regarding the schedule of competition of international organizations for disabled*, Mr. Hansson informed the council that Para-Taekwondo will be included as a demonstration event in the 10th IWAS Junior World Games, to be held on 2-8



August 2014 in Stoke Mandeville, Great Britain. The plan is to have Para-Taekwondo competitions in the evening combined with daytime training sessions open to everyone over 2-3 days. Also Para-taekwondo is included in 2015 INAS Global Games on September 2015 in Guayaquil, Ecuador as a demonstration event. And the 2015 CPISRA World Games on 7-16 August in Nottingham, Great Britain will have Para-taekwondo Poomsae for athletes with Cerebral Palsy. There is also a possibility for Para-taekwondo Kyorugi for Limb deficiency athletes to be included in this event and the Para-taekwondo Committee is working on a suggestion for WTF Para-taekwondo ranking related to this event.

- *Regarding Deaf-Taekwondo*, the Deaflympics are separate from the Paralympics. Taekwondo Kyorugi has been included in Deaflympics since 2009 and Poomsae was included in 2013. The WTF has an MoU with ICSD for promotion and development of Taekwondo for deaf athletes. Hopefully there will be a 1st WTF World Deaf-Taekwondo Championship in 2014.
- *Finally, Mr. Hansson gave thanks* to the outstanding effort of people working on Para-taekwondo. In particular: Mr. Koos Engelbrecht(Chairman) and Mr. Gabriel Fiffe(Member), Dr. David O'Sullivan(Member), Ms. Terrie Moore(Member), Prof. Fernando Akilian(Member) and Joan Steele-Mills(CPISRA Head of Classification).

After the report, Mr. Ji Ho Choi's asked about the current status of Para-taekwondo. Mr. Hansson explained that, according to records from WTF World Para-Taekwondo Championships and Continental Para-Taekwondo Championships, there are 188 athletes from 44 countries. But there has never been an event with over 25 countries at one time.

Mr. Ji Ho Choi then suggested educating MNAs about the importance of Paralympics as many from Pan America have not been willing to include Para-Taekwondo athletes because of financial problems.

The Chairman also agreed with Mr. Choi's opinion and also added the strong positive impression the Chairman had during his first visit to Guatemala in 2005, where Mrs. Maria Borello has been working on the inclusion of disabled athletes. The Chairman again urged Council to encourage and support MNAs to participate in coming 5th WTF World Para-Taekwondo Championships.

Mr. Michel Madar commented that a survey of how many countries and athletes will participate should be conducted. Mr. Hansson explained that for this process a letter of intent will be distributed during the Council Meeting and General Assembly.

Mr. Roger Piarully and the Chairman asked Mr. Hansson to emphasize and encourage bringing more Para-taekwondo athletes for the coming championships.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Hansson and moved on to the next item on the Agenda.



5. Amendment proposals

a. WTF Competition Rules

The Chairman introduced Mr. Jin Bang Yang, Chairman of Technical & Development Committee, to give a presentation on proposed amendments to the WTF Competition Rules and Interpretations.

The Chairman of Technical & Development Committee delivered his presentation on the amendments, which were also included in the Council Meeting Agenda Book.

Mr. Yang noted that the objective of several amendments is to secure 'PSS and IVR' at the core of Taekwondo competitions, to allow for the inclusion of electronic headgear, and to encourage contestants to demonstrate more active technical engagements and less passive patterns of competition.

Mr. Yang also asked to have a discussion of the proposed amendments to superiority criteria during the 4th round. The Chairman asked for opinions from the Council on this matter. According to the opinions of the majority of the Council, it was finalized that if the number of hits registered by PSS during the 4th round, the accumulated numbers of 'Kyong-go' during all 4 rounds will be counted for superiority criteria.

During the discussion it was also stressed that the Commission doctor should be supported to ensure more than sufficient medical coverage for all rings. Also, that team doctors should receive more monitoring to ensure they are qualified in the proper areas and have the necessary language skills.

The Chairman moved that the proposed amendments to be approved by the Council. The motion was seconded and was unanimously approved by the Council. The Chairman announced that the amendments would be put on the agenda for the General Assembly on 19 March 2014.

b. WTF World Ranking Bylaws

The Chairman gave the floor to the Secretary General for a presentation on proposed amendments to the WTF World Ranking Bylaws.

The Secretary General presented a brief summary of the amendments to the WTF World Ranking Bylaws, which also appeared in the Council Meeting Agenda Book.

The Chairman moved that the proposed amendments to be approved by the Council. The motion was seconded and was unanimously approved by the Council as proposed. The Chairman informed that it would be put on the agenda for the General Assembly on 19 March 2014.

c. WTF Standing Procedures for WTF World Grand-Prix Series



The Chairman gave the floor the Secretary General for a presentation on proposed amendments to the WTF Standing Procedures for WTF World Grand-Prix Series.

The Secretary General reported shortly a summary of the amendments to the WTF Standing Procedures for WTF World Grand-Prix Series, which also appeared in the Council Meeting Agenda Book.

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. The Chairman informed that it would be put on the agenda for the General Assembly on 19 March 2014.

d. WTF Statutes

The Chairman introduced Mr. Corbin Min, WTF Deputy Secretary General, Legal Affairs, to deliver a presentation on proposed amendments to the WTF Statutes.

Mr. Min delivered a presentation on the proposed amendments as appearing in the Council Meeting Agenda Book. In particular:

- Article 6.2 amended to clarify procedure for replacement of elected officials
- Article 6.7(i) amended to expand requirements for candidates for WTF President
- Article 9.4 amended to clarify President Succession in unexpected situation
- Article 14.3(E) amended to give more procedure for suspension membership
- Article 14.4 amended to give more procedure for revocation of suspension membership
- Article 1.2, 2.3(E), 3.2, 3.4, 7.2(ii), 15.1(ii), 16.1(ii), 16.4, 21.1(x), 22.1(xi) and 22.2 amended to reflect recent developments in Para-Taekwondo

At Mr. Dai Won Moon's suggestion, the Chairman instructed the DSG of WTF Legal Affairs to add one criterion by age to Article 9.4(ii) that the eldest Vice President shall be deemed a Senior Vice President among Vice Presidents with same consecutive period in office.

The Chairman moved that the Council approved the amendment proposal for WTF Statutes. The motion was seconded and was unanimously approved by the Council as amended during discussions. The Chairman announced that the amendments would be put on the agenda for the General Assembly on 19 March 2014.

e. WTF Poomsae Competition Rules

The Chairman gave the floor to Mr. Hansson for a presentation on proposed amendments to the WTF Poomsae Competition rules, as appearing in the Council Meeting Agenda Book.

Mr. Hansson gave a short summary of the proposed amendments. 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. The Chairman



informed that it would be put on the agenda for the General Assembly on 19 March 2014.

f. Standing procedures for WTF World Para- Taekwondo Championships

The Chairman gave the floor to Mr. Hansson for a presentation on proposed amendments to the Standing procedures for WTF World Para-Taekwondo championships.

Mr. Hansson presented a brief summary of the amendments as appearing in the Council Meeting Agenda Book.

At Mrs. Maria Borello's suggestion, the Chairman instructed the Para-Taekwondo Committee to develop more conclusive weight category for the future of Para-Taekwondo.

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. The Chairman informed that it would be put on the agenda for the General Assembly on 19 March 2014.

6. Enactment proposal

a. WTF Para-Taekwondo and Deaf-Taekwondo Classification Rules and Regulations

The Chairman introduced Mr. Gabriel Fiffe, member of Para-taekwondo Committee, to deliver a presentation on proposed enactments to the WTF Para-Taekwondo and Deaf-Taekwondo Classification rules and regulations.

Mr. Hansson and Mr. Fiffe delivered their presentation.

The Chairman moved that the enactments be approved.

The motions was seconded and approved by the Council without dissent.

7. Selection of the host MNAs

a. 5th WTF World Para-Taekwondo Championships 2014

The Council unanimously approved to grant Russia Taekwondo Union the right to host the 5th WTF World Para-Taekwondo Championships 2014 on 21-22 June.

b. 1st WTF World Deaf-Taekwondo Championships 2014



The Council unanimously approved to grant USA Taekwondo INC. the right to host the 1st WTF World Deaf-Taekwondo Championships 2014 on 15-16 November.

c. 2014 WTF World Taekwondo Grand Prix

The Council unanimously approved to grant the following Member National Associations and cities the right to host 2014 WTF World Taekwondo Grand Prix:

- 2014 Grand Prix Series 1 in Suzhou, China on 4-6 July
- 2014 Grand Prix Series 2 in Astana, Kazakhstan on 29-31 August
- 2014 Grand Prix Series 3 in Manchester, Great Britain on 24-26 October
- 2014 Grand Prix Series Final in Queretaro, Mexico on 13-14 December

8. New Membership

The Chairman informed the Council that Mauritania has gone through all the administrative procedures for full membership an approval of the Council and General Assembly.

The Chairman moved that Mauritania be accepted as a full member. The motion was unanimously approved by the Council.

The Chairman announced Mauritania would be a full member after ratification of the General Assembly on 19 March 2014. With this, the total number of WTF member national associations will be 206.

In accordance with the guidelines resolved by WTF Council in 2005, Mauritania will fall into the Tier 3 category.

9. Other matters

a. Reinstated Taekwondo Federation of India's WTF Membership

The Chairman informed the Council that the Taekwondo Federation of India (TFI) has been reinstated following the IOC decision to reinstate the Indian Olympic Association at IOC Executive Board meeting on 11 February 2014 in Sochi, Russia.

The Chairman noted that during the period of the TFI's suspension, 11 Indian athletes participated in the 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships Puebla under the WTF flag, and therefore the WTF recommend that the Council confirm that TFI's full membership be reinstated.

The Chairman moved that India be accepted as a full member reinstated. The motion was unanimously approved by the Council.



b. Membership issue in Belgium

The Chairman informed the Council that an Ad-Hoc Committee on Belgium Matters made up of with three Council Members would, together with the WTF Secretary General, meet in Taipei with delegates from two taekwondo organizations of Belgium to look into the situation of Taekwondo in that country.

The Secretary General shortly explained the situation about the two taekwondo organizations, UNBTU (Union Nationale Belge de Taekwondo) and BTUBT (Belgische Taekwondo Unie- Union Belge Taekwondo).

The Chairman urged the Secretary General to finalize WTF Membership issue in Belgium.

c. WTF Medical Committee's report

Dr. Paul Viscogliosi, Chairman of WTF Medical Committee, delivered a presentation on the incident happened in Luxor Open.

d. GMS Updates

Mr. Justin Tenbeth, Project Manager and Mr. Javier E. Altamirano, Operations and Marketing Manager for the WTF Global Membership System, delivered a report to update the Council on the development of the GMS.

10. Agenda and documents of the 25th General Assembly

The Chairman moved that the agenda and documents of the 25th General Assembly to be held on 19 March 2014 Council Meeting be accepted by the Council.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Council.

11. Next WTF Council Meeting

The next Extraordinary Council Meeting is to be held in Bhutan in October, 2014.

The Chairman also suggested changing the system under which the WTF provides Council Members with a set amount of airfare subsidy. Instead of full airfare reimbursement, a set amount plus up to four nights accommodation costs will be remitted to the bank account of the council members after the Championships on the occasion of an ordinary Council Meeting.

The Chairman moved this suggestion be passed by the Council. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Council.



12. **Closing of the Meeting**

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

The Extraordinary Council Meeting was adjourned.