



# WTF Council Meeting

May 10, 2015  
Chelyabinsk, Russia



## **-MEETING MINUTES-**

of the WTF Council Meeting

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### **1. Establish Quorum: Call Meeting to Order**

WTF President Chungwon Choue announced that 26 Council Members and 2 Auditors were present at the meeting, 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

Mr. Ahmed Fouly, Vice President

Mr. Hoss Rafaty, Secretary General

Mr. Mohamed A.K. AL-SULAITI, Member

Mrs. Maria Rosario Borello Castillo, Member

Mr. Jesus CASTELLANOS PUEBLAS, Member

Mr. Driss El-Hilali, Member

Mr. Anthony Ferguson, Member

Mrs. Aicha Garad Ali, 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. Michel Madar, Member

Mr. Dai Won Moon, Member

Mr. Hazem Ahmad Awwad Naimat, Member  
Mr. Roger Piarulli, Member  
Mr. Metin Sahin, Member  
Mr. Arman Chilmanov, Athlete Member  
Mr. Jonathan Nnaji  
Mr. Sung Chon Hong, Member  
Mr. Athanasios Pragalos, Member  
Mr. Ji Ho Choi, Member

Mr. Ali Sagirkaya, Auditor  
Mr. Dalibor Krpan, Auditor

The Chairman noted Council Members who were absent with prior notice as follow:

Dr. Sunjae Park  
Mr. Phil Coles  
Mr. Kamaladdin Heydarov  
Mr. Pimol Srivikorn  
Ms. Carine Lahoud  
Mr. Juan Manuel Lopez  
Ms. Sarah Stevenson

## **2. President's welcome speech**

The Chairman announced the appointment of three WTF officials as below.

Mr. Hoss Rafaty, WTF Secretary General  
Prof. Jin Bang Yang, Director General of WTF Seoul Headquarters  
Mr. Roger Piarulli, Director General of WTF Lausanne Headquarters

The three new officials delivered short speeches to the Council.

President began the meeting with his welcoming remarks.

First, the President expressed his happiness with inclusion of taekwondo in Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games by the decision of IPC Governing Board meeting held on January 31, 2015 in Abu Dhabi, UAE. He mentioned that the decision not only gave hopes and dreams to all para-taekwondo athletes but demonstrated the value of taekwondo as a universal sport. He gave special thanks to the para-taekwondo committee led by Mr. Koos Engelbrecht.

President continued saying that the ITF accepted an invitation to send its demonstration team to the 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships including 18 members from the People's Democratic Republic of Korea. He mentioned that it is a remarkable achievement of the WTF's continuous open-door policy with the motto of "One Taekwondo".

President added that the WTF signed a global partnership agreement with Booyoung Group with a record deal of US\$10m over 6 years.

President also emphasized that the WTF needs to pay more attention to development through sport. It was mentioned that he discussed with UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon at UN Headquarters on April 15 on the important roles of sport for human society and on the creation of Sport Peace Corp Foundation to help make sport a vehicle to deliver the hopes and dreams to those in need, especially in the war-torn areas.

### **3. Approval of the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held in Bangkok, Thailand on January 16, 2015**

The Chairman motioned for approval of the minutes of the WTF Council Meeting held on January 16, 2015 in Bangkok, Thailand. The minutes were included in the Agenda and Documents of this Council Meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

#### **4. Amendment proposals**

##### **a. Poomsae Competition Rules & Interpretation**

Based on feedback received to the circulated Agenda and Documents, on the Chairman's motion, the Council agreed that this will be discussed in coming extraordinary council meeting to be held in Mexico City in December 2015

##### **b. Standing Procedures for Taekwondo Competition at Olympic Games**

The Chairman gave the floor Prof. Jin Bang Yang for a presentation on proposed amendments to the Standing Procedures for Taekwondo Competition at Olympic Games.

Prof. Yang reported shortly a summary of the amendments to the Standing Procedures for Taekwondo Competition at Olympic Games in line with the Qualification System for Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

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

##### **c. Rules on Organization and Operation of International Taekwondo Championships**

The Chairman gave the floor Prof. Jin Bang Yang for a presentation on proposed amendments to the Rules on Organization and Operation of International Taekwondo Championships.

Prof. Yang presented a summary of the amendments to the Rules on Organization and Operation of International Taekwondo Championships.

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

d. The Regulations on the Administration of the International Kyorugi Referees

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

e. WTF Statutes

The Chairman introduced the Senior Director of Legal Department, Mr. Corbin Min, to give a presentation on proposed amendments to the WTF Statutes.

Mr. Min presented a summary of the amendments to the Statutes. Mr. Min explained that based on feedback received after the circulation of the proposed amendments, a recommendation was made to move items related to the operation of para-taekwondo into a separate bylaw, saying this would allow faster adaption of para-taekwondo to changing circumstances.

The Chairman moved that the proposed amendments, including the creation of para-taekwondo bylaw, be approved by the Council. The motion was seconded and was unanimously approved by the Council as proposed by Mr. Min.

## 5. Enactment proposal

a. WTF Trademark Bylaw

The Chairman introduced Mr. Corbin Min, to give a presentation on enactment proposals to the WTF Trademark Bylaw.

Mr. Min presented a summary of enactment proposal for the new bylaw.

According to Council's recommendation, Continental Unions' rights to use the WTF Trademark will reviewed to be added to the WTF Trademark Bylaw.

The Chairman moved that the proposed bylaw be approved by the Council. The motion was seconded and enactment of the bylaw was approved by the Council.

b. Poomsae World Ranking By-Laws

On the Chairman's motion, the Council agreed that this will be discussed in coming extraordinary Council meeting in Mexico City in December 2015.

## **6. Selection of the Host MNAs**

a. 2016 WTF World Junior Taekwondo Championships

The Chairman informed that Mexican Taekwondo Federation applied to host the 2016 WTF World Junior Taekwondo Championships. The Chairman gave the floor to the delegates from Mexican Taekwondo Federation.

Mr. Gabriel Ramos and Ms. Victoria Dávalos Orta delivered a bid presentation.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Gabriel Ramos and Ms. Ms. Victoria Dávalos Orta for their presentation.

Since there was only one applicant, the Chairman moved that the Council grant to Mexican Taekwondo Federation the right to host the 2016 WTF World Junior Taekwondo Championships. The motion was seconded and was unanimously approved by the Council.

The Chairman declared that Mexican Taekwondo Federation would host the 2016 WTF World Junior Taekwondo Championships.

b. 2016 WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships

Following the resolution made at the Council Meeting in Bhutan last year, the WTF will organize all WTF-promoted championships biannually beginning from the year of 2016, except Grand Prix Vietnam was originally selected to host the 10th WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships in 2015 but later withdrew from hosting due to financial reasons. Therefore, there will no World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships in 2015, and the 10<sup>th</sup> World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships will be held in every even year from 2016.

The Chairman informed that the Peruvian Sport Taekwondo Federation had applied to host the 2016 WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships. The Chairman gave the floor to the delegates from Peruvian Sport Taekwondo Federation.

Mr. Joao Tanaka, the president of the Peruvian Sport Taekwondo Federation delivered a bid presentation.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Joao Tanaka for his presentation.



Since there was only one applicant, the Chairman moved that the Council approved granting Peruvian Sport Taekwondo Federation the right to host the 2016 WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships. The motion was seconded and was unanimously approved by the Council.

The Chairman declared that Peruvian Sport Taekwondo Federation would host the 2016 WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships.

c. 2017 WTF World Taekwondo Championships

The Chairman informed the Council that there were two candidate MNAs for hosting the 2017 WTF World Taekwondo Championships: the Korea Taekwondo Association proposing Muju as the host city; and the Turkish Taekwondo Federation proposing Samsun as the host city.

The Chairman gave the floor to the WTF Auditor Dr. Dalibor Krpan, for explanation of the host MNA selection guidelines.

The Chairman appointed WTF Auditor Dr. Dalibor Krpan and Council Member and Juridical Committee Chair Mr. Anthony Ferguson for vote counting.

The Chairman went on to invite bidding MNAs for bid presentation. In alphabetical order, the Chairman first invited the Korea Taekwondo Association delegates to the floor while he asked Mr. Metin Sahin and Mr. Ali Sagirkaya to leave the meeting room in accordance with the host MNA selection guidelines.

Mr. Ha-jin Song, Governor of Jeonbuk Province, Mr. Yeon-taek Lee, Chair of bid committee, and Ms. Yeon-ji Kim, international relations manager of Jeonbuk Province, delivered the presentation of Korea's bid to the Council.

Mr. Yeon-taek Lee made on-site additional offers to their bid: all WTF Council members & Auditors would receive business class flights, five-star hotel accommodation and private vehicle and interpreter; all athletes and MNA officials would receive benefits such as 40% discount on flight with Asiana Airlines, room rate of forty (40) US dollars per night, free lunch and dinner and free transportation; In addition, for the national associations of developing countries, recommended by Continental Union, full expenses for participation of athletes and officials together with taekwondo equipment support would be provided within one (1) million US dollars fund; Lastly, for the development of WTF, five (5) hundred thousand US dollars would be contributed to the WTF as the hosting fee. He explained that overall budget of six (6) million US dollars would be secured for successful organization of the championships.

The Chairman thanked the delegates for the presentation on Korea's application and moved on by introducing the Turkish Taekwondo Federation for their bid presentation while he asked Dr. Daisoon Lee, Prof. Kyu Seok Lee and Prof. Kook Hyun Jung to leave the room in accordance with the host MNA selection guidelines.

Mr. Ali Sagirkaya as the Secretary General of the Turkish Taekwondo Federation and Dr. Metin Sahin as the President of the Turkish Taekwondo Federation delivered the presentation of Turkey's application to the Council.

The Chairman thanked the delegates for the presentation on Turkey's application and asked all Council members to be seated.

The Chairman called for a secret ballot vote and gave the floor to Dr. Krpan to preside over the voting process.

The 21 ballots were distributed, collected and counted by Dr. Krpan and Mr. Ferguson, and the result of the vote was given to the Chairman.

The Chairman declared that Muju, Korea was selected by the WTF Council to host the 2017 WTF World Taekwondo Championships.

## 7. Other matters

- a. Move of WTF Seoul office and Registration of WTF Lausanne office as a branch

The Chairman informed the Council that the WTF's Seoul Headquarters would move from Seongnam City to downtown Seoul, not far from Seoul City Hall.

The Chairman moved the Council to approve the registration of WTF Lausanne office as a Swiss Branch of the WTF in Lausanne. The motion was seconded and the proposal was approved by the Council.

The Chairman then moved that the Council approve as proxy holders of WTF Lausanne Branch Office the WTF President, the Director General of Lausanne Branch Office, and the Director of Lausanne Branch Office; who are Dr. Chungwon Choue, Mr. Roger Piarulli and Ms. Kyunghye Park. The motion was seconded and the proposal was approved by the Council.

### *b. Expansion Committee Recommendations (added to the Agenda)*

Before moving onto the next agenda, the Chairman invited WTF Secretary General Mr. Hoss Rafaty to report on the Expansion Committee Meeting held on May 9, 2015.

Secretary General Rafaty explained that the name of Expansion Committee would be changed to Executive Committee upon the President's instruction as the WTF has been expanded enough. Secretary

General Rafaty then invited Mr. Corbin Min, WTF Senior Director of Legal Department, to present recommendations made by the Expansion Committee.

Senior Director Min reported four recommendations from the Expansion Committee Meeting as follows:

- i. Make the GMS and Global Athletes License mandatory for all MNAs and at all G-ranked events: when the details are worked out by the CU, the Expansion Committee will coordinate with the WTF how to implements these rules.
- ii. MNA Ranking Survey:  
The Expansion Committee recommended the following plan for implementation of the MNA Ranking Survey:
  - CUs will completely review and give feedback on the first draft of survey.
  - After this, WTF departments and relevant committees will be given the chance to review and comment in detail for each one of the questions until the end of this year.
  - In December 2015 the final version of survey will be presented to the Council for final approval.
  - Pilot study will be conducted with 50-60 MNAs in the first quarter of 2016 and the result of the pilot study will be ready in time for the 11th World Junior Taekwondo Championships next year.
  - The full survey will be implemented to all MNAs following Rio 2016 Olympic Games next year.
- iii. GMS and GAL Guideline  
The Expansion Committee recommended changes to the WTF GAL Guidelines and Interpretations. The text of the proposed updated guidelines was presented. Key changes included the

following:

- Confirmation that MNAs either of Residency or Citizenships may issues GALs (but only the MNA of Citizenship can issue a GAL for a National Team member.)
- Athletes must hold a valid license before weigh-in at an event.
- It is the obligation of the MNA and Athlete to ensure that the details on the GAL card are accurate/correct. If the details are not correct, the GAL will be invalid.
- GALs are not transferable; ranking points are transferrable from one GAL to another
- An athlete/official must be a member of an MNA to receive a Global License; an MNA cannot refuse to issue a Global License without good cause.

The Expansion Committee recommended that the GMS system be made mandatory for all G level events, and that explorations be made by the Continental Unions and the GMS team on how the GMS can be made mandatory for all members.

iv. President's Remuneration

Taking note of the allocation for the WTF President authorized by the Council before the election of the current President; and taking note of the current President's full-time commitment to the federation; and taking note of the remuneration received by those playing similar roles in other Olympic IFs: the Expansion Committee recommended the WTF President begin to receive remuneration as early as June 2015. The amount and conditions of the remuneration should be determined by the Secretariat in consideration of the allocation previously authorized (adjusted for inflation) and in consideration of level of remuneration received by those playing a similar role (as full-time, top executive) in other Olympic Federations.

A motion was made to approve the Expansion Committee recommendations. The motion was seconded and the proposals were approved by the Council.

#### **8. Agenda and documents of the 26<sup>th</sup> General Assembly**

The Chairman moved that the agenda and documents of the 26th General Assembly to be held on May 11, 2015 be accepted by the Council. The Chairman reminded the Council that the proposals regarding Poomsae Competition Rules & Interpretation and Poomsae World Ranking Bylaw will not be put on the agenda of the 26th General Assembly. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Council.

#### **9. Next Council Meeting**

The Chairman announced that an Extraordinary Council Meeting is to be held in Mexico City, Mexico on December 7, 2015 in conjunction with the 2015 WTF World Grand-Prix Final and 2015 WTF Gala Awards Dinner.

#### **10. Closing of the Meeting**

The Chairman declared the WTF Council Meeting closed and thanked the Council for their attendance. He wished all Council Members joyful stay in Chelyabinsk.