



Minutes

WT Council Meeting (via conference call)

20h00-21h00 | 5 October 2020 (local time Korea)

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1. Establish Quorum: Call Meeting to Order

At 20h00, Secretary General Hoss Rafaty announces that twenty-seven (27) Council Members and two (2) Auditors are present, thereby establishing a quorum in accordance with Article 8.6 of the WT Statutes. He also mentions that today's video conference will be recorded.

The meeting is called to order by the Chair of the Meeting, Dr. Chungwon Choue (WT President).

The Chair welcomes Council Members for joining the third virtual Council Meeting.

The Chair notes that the following members are absent with prior notice:

1. Mr. Kamaladdin Heydarov, Vice President
2. Mr. Issaka Ide, Vice President
3. Mr. Athanasios Pragalos, Vice President

and, following members are absent with no prior notice:

1. Mr. Kook Hyun Jung, Member
2. Mr. Juan Manuel Lopez Delgado, Member

2. President Report

A Chair opens the meeting with the Council members paying a tribute to the late WT Vice President Gen. Ahmed Fouly, who passed away on September 27th. A memorial video is played.

The Chair welcomes all the Council members. He expresses his wishes to all members for health and safety under the global Covid-19 pandemic.

The Chair notes that he has received a letter from Ms. Maria Rosario Borello and members of the Hall of Fame Committee that the committee wishes to include Gen. Fouly into the WT Hall of Fame, posthumously. Thus, he asks the Council to approve Gen. Fouly's induction as the sixth member of the inaugural Hall of Fame. It is seconded and unanimously approved by the Council. The Chair announces that Gen. Fouly has been included in the first WT Hall of Fame.

He also notes that he has received a letter on October 2nd from Ms. Nadia Sobhi, secretary general of Taekwondo Africa, that Mr. Issaka Ide serves as Acting President in accordance with the statutes of Taekwondo Africa; the Chair added that he trusts Mr. Ide is the right person to continue the legacy of Gen. Fouly. The Chair says that Mr. Ide is not here as he is undergoing medical treatment in Paris. The Chair notes that Mr. Ide will serve as the Vice President of World Taekwondo until the General Assembly in Wuxi in October 2021.

The Chair continues saying that Mr. Jiho Choi resigned as president of Taekwondo Pan Am on September 5th, subsequently stepping down from the position of WT Vice President. He wishes to thank Mr. Choi's leadership and contributions over the years such as inclusion of Poomsae and Para Taekwondo in the Pan American Games. The Chair notes that Mr. Helder Navarro is the Acting President of Taekwondo Pan Am, and in accordance with the WT Statutes, he will also serve Mr. Choi's remaining term as Vice President of WT, until the General Assembly in Wuxi in October 2021. The

Chair looks forward to his close collaboration and leadership in Pan Am, and ask Vice President Navarro to say a few words.

Mr. Navarro thanks all members for their support. He says that World Taekwondo Pan Am will work together to develop Taekwondo in Pan America under the spirit of transparency.

The Chair also announces the appointment of Mrs. Sarah Stevenson Jennings MBE as WT Council member. He mentions that Mrs. Stevenson needs no introduction with her accomplishments as an outstanding champion, and she is also chair of WT Taekwondo for All Committee. The Chair looks forward to her continued dedication and support over the coming years, and asks her to say a few words.

Mrs. Stevenson thanks everyone and says she is honored with the position. She says that she will do her best for development of Taekwondo, and will raise meaningful and inspirational voice for Taekwondo family.

The Chair moves on to Esports. He informs the Council that World Taekwondo and Refract Technologies have released a Poomsae education app to generate awareness and interest among the grassroots level on Poomsae. He remarks that WT was one of the first IFs to join the fast-expanding Global Esports Federation, and he has also been invited as chair of the GEF International Federations Advisory Council. The Chair continues to mention that Virtual Kyorugi which WT showcased to the IOC President in May 2019 is expected to be showcased at the first Global Esports Games this coming December.

He notes that while other IFs are just starting to develop their digital platforms, WT is already ahead of the curve, and he hopes that such digital innovations will expand Taekwondo's outreach on a truly global scale.

He adds that there is cause for optimism and improvement despite the ongoing pandemic. He notes that after this Council meeting, he will join the other Summer Olympic IF Presidents in a call with the IOC President. He expects to talk about a safe and simplified Taekwondo competitions at the Tokyo Olympic Games and the debut of Para Taekwondo at the Tokyo Paralympic Games. He has also decided to organise the ceremony for the inaugural Hall of Fame and 12 Best Olympic Champions in Wuxi next year, on the occasion of the 2021 World Taekwondo Championships.

He concludes his report by hoping that the world fully recovers in 2021.

The Chair moves on to Agenda Item 3, Approval of Minutes of the last Extraordinary Council meeting held on August 10th, 2020 and the Agenda of the General Assembly to be held on October 6th, 2020.

3. Approval

- Approval of the Minutes of Extraordinary Council Meeting on August 10th, 2020

The Chair asks Council to approve the minutes as WT did not receive any comments while it was distributed for review. This is seconded and approved by the Council.

- Approval of the Agenda of General Assembly to be held on October 6th, 2020

The Chair asks Council to approve the agenda for the General Assembly on October 6th, 2020. This is seconded and approved by the Council.

The Chair declares that the minutes and agenda are approved by the Council.

Decision: Minutes of Extraordinary Council Meeting held on August 10th, 2020, and Agenda of General Assembly to be held on October 6th, 2020 are approved by the Council.

4. WT 2019-2020 Annual Report

- a. Operation Report
- b. Finance Report
 - i. Statements of 2019 Financial Position
 - ii. Statements of 2019 Income
 - iii. Statements of 2020 Budget

The Chair asks Secretary General Hoss Rafaty to present the annual report.

Hoss Rafaty reports that all information contained in the 2019 annual report have been approved by the Council and General Assembly on September 30th, 2020 via e-voting and will be published on website soon. He informs that WT reached 210 Member National Associations with the affiliation of Faroe Islands, and that WT had 87 recognized events which was up 4.6% from 2018. In terms of the number of athletes, he reports that 46,159 athletes competed with increase by 7.9% from 2018, with a ratio of 53% males and 47% females. There were over 100 other events, including the 2019 GA and Council Meetings, the WT Conference, Committee Meetings, signing ceremonies and others.

He continues to report that WT realized US\$9.22 million in operating revenue, an increase of US\$0.23 million, and operating expenses totaled US\$10.83 million, which increased by US\$0.98 million from the previous year. He adds that WT had made a net loss of US\$0.80 million for 2019.

In terms of progress toward the strategic plan, he reports that WT continued to introduce governance refinements based on best practices identified by the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations, and the major reforms last year included the restructuring of WT Committees in Manchester, UK, and the enactment of Safeguarding and Anti-Discrimination Policies in Moscow, Russia. He adds that WT has accelerated the move toward online education and events this year because of the pandemic.

He lists a few governance improvements in 2019, such as implementing a streamlined Committee structure; introduction of terms of reference; creation of Finance Committee; enactment of Finance Rules; introduction of Monthly Managerial Accounting; publication of Meeting Calendar and records of General Assembly and Council Meeting agendas since 2011; enactment of Safeguarding Policy and Anti-Discrimination Policy; and approval of Strategic Framework.

He also remarks the heavy impact of the pandemic on 2020 Operations and Income. In 2019, WT had 87 recognized events, but in 2020, 15 recognized events took place until mid-March which means that all recognized events after mid-March were postponed or cancelled. He adds that WT had over 100,000 members in GMS registration in the end of 2019, but WT has around 56,000 members in GMS registration as of August 2020. He notes the drop in 2020 estimated income; in December 2019 WT estimated US\$11.4 million income, but in August

2020 WT estimates US\$7.1 million income.

He concludes his report by reporting for the impact on 2020 budget. He mentions that WT assumes the US\$7.1 million as revenues and US\$9.1 million as expenses and \$2 million as a net loss, but current expense estimate includes US\$2 million for pending events from October to December. Furthermore, WT received from the IOC an advance of US\$3.375 million, and together with balance sheet is enough to get WT through Tokyo.

c. Treasurer's Report

The Chair calls upon the Treasurer and chair of the Finance Committee, Mr. Pimol Srivikorn, to deliver his report.

Mr. Srivikorn reports that he has examined the financial statement of WT ending December 31, 2019 which were thoroughly prepared and verified by the authorized persons from the Finance Department of WT. He also remarks that in accordance with the Korean International Financial Reporting Standard, Nexia Samduk (Accounting Corporation) has audited the consolidated financial statements which comprise of the statement of financial position, the statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income, and statement of changes in equity. Therefore, he confirms that financial position of WT ending December 31, 2019 is in good standing, and the budget prepared for 2020 is appropriate and in line with the mission and development objectives of the WT for the year.

d. Auditor's Report

The Chair calls upon Mr. Ali Sagirkaya, who is one of the auditors and member of the Finance Committee, to deliver his report.

Mr. Sagirkaya reports that in accordance with his responsibilities as Auditor of WT, he has audited the financial statements for 2019 and budget for 2020. Based on the documents provided to him by WT and WT Treasurer and after evaluating the Nexia Samduk's Independent Auditors' Report, he concludes that the results of WT's operations for the year then ended 2019 are in conformity with general accounting principles in adoption of Korean International Financial Reporting Standards. He recommends acceptance of WT financial statements for 2019 and budget for 2020 in WT General Assembly.

The Chair thanks to Mr. Rafaty, Mr. Srivikorn and Mr. Sagirkaya for their reports which will be presented to the General Assembly to be held on October 6th.

5. E-Vote Result

a. Enactment

- i. World Para Taekwondo Standing Procedures for Grand Prix
- ii. World Para Taekwondo Club Certification Bylaw

The Chair invites Mr. Jeongkang Seo, senior director of Member Relations & Development department, to present the results of the e-vote.

Mr. Seo reports that the Council e-vote was conducted from September 17 to 22, 2020 and that 2 enactment, 12 amendment proposals and 2 other items were all approved by Council

by majority. He addresses that enactment of World Para Taekwondo Standing Procedures for Grand Prix is in order to give Para Taekwondo athletes aiming for the Paralympic Games the same opportunities as their Olympic counterpart to perform in the Grand Prix to inspire and excite the World. He also mentions WT Anti-Doping Rules is enacted in full compliance with 2021 WADA Code.

In terms of amendments, he remarks that WT Statutes, Finance Rules, Competition Rules & Interpretation, Ranking Bylaw, Rules on Administration of International Classifiers, Athlete Classification Rules, Para Taekwondo Ranking Bylaw, Regulations on the Administration of the International Kyorugi Referees, Regulation on the Administration of the WT International Coaches, Regulation on the Administration of the WT Educators and Regulation on the Administration of the WT Technical Delegates were all approved by the Council and the latest rules and the old rules will be both posted on WT website.

The Chair thanks Mr. Seo and notes that as discussed about the ranking points for Kyorugi in the previous Council Meeting, The Para Taekwondo Committee proposed to freeze ranking points from January 2020 as WT has not been able to organise events due to the pandemic but ranking points are getting deducted. In addition, he wants every CU to create a Disputes Resolution Committee that will work with WT, and mentions that the CUs need to manage this process but consult with WT before making the final decision. He adds that in case the issue cannot be resolved, then WT will step in to take over.

6. Discussion

- a. Cancun 2020 Grand Prix Final
- b. Wuxi 2020 Grand Slam

Firstly, he extends his appreciation to the host cities for doing their best to organise the events in these challenging times. He mentions that in the case of Cancun, there is no mandatory quarantine, and the city government offered to organise the Grand Prix Final in a bubble and conduct free testing. He notes that the risk of infection is high in Mexico and there is also a lack of equal playing field with countries that cannot travel. For Wuxi, he remarks that the city government is willing to provide financial aid to the participating teams, but there is a mandatory 28-day stay in China, and the same issue of equal playing field applies as well. Therefore, he proposes to postpone the two events to 2021, which means that the WT calendar for 2020 is officially closed.

The Chair opens the floor to Council for any opinions.

Mr. Anthony Ferguson remarks that safeguarding athletes is key priority to the organization therefore he agrees to postpone.

Mr. Angelo Cito agrees to postpone for the safety and health of athletes.

The Chair asks Council if it agrees to postpone these two events to 2021. It was seconded and approved by the Council.

Decision: 2020 Grand Prix Final and 2020 Grand Slam have been postponed to 2021.

7. Other Matters

The Chair congratulates Mr. Anatoly Terekhov and Mr. Srivikorn for their re-election as presidents of their respective Member National Associations.

The Chair addresses that WT is in discussion with Goyang City to establish the WT headquarters and then introduces the Mayor of Goyang City, Mr. Jae-jun Lee to share the progress.

Mayor Lee remarks that he is very happy to meet all Council members of the World Taekwondo. He mentions that Goyang City has successfully held major international sports events, and is one of the best Sports cities in Korea where more than 50 domestic and international sports events are annually held. He also notes that it is a global business city only 30 minutes away by car from Incheon International Airport, which directly connects 185 cities in 55 countries. Goyang City will host the 2022 World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships.

Mayor Lee continues to remark that the Championships will be held as a competition in the spirit of peace and harmony by inviting Taekwondo demonstration teams and athletes of North Korea and other developing countries. He thanks WT for the relocation of the WT headquarters, and notes that Goyang City will take the lead in fostering global Taekwondo as a center for international exchanges and support for Taekwondo people.

He adds that Goyang City is currently working on securing the site and budget for the relocation of the WT headquarters and expects to announce further details soon. He concludes his remarks by asking for the support, interest, and cooperation for the successful hosting of the Championships and the relocation of the headquarters.

The Chair asks Council for any other comments.

Mr. Ferguson commends GMS that it has served an important role in managing online educations and activities. He then adds concern about financial situation of all stakeholders of WT. The Chair thanks Mr. Ferguson for his remarks.

8. Next Council Meeting

The Chair informs that the next meeting is expected to be held in the final week of April 2021, and that the WT is still discussing with the IOC on whether WT could organise the April 2021 Extraordinary Council meeting at the Olympic House in Lausanne. He adds that WT plans to organise the meeting in a hybrid format – those who can travel will have the meeting in the Olympic House while those who cannot travel can attend the meeting online.

The Chair notes that WT will inform the Council once a decision has been made with the IOC and if it is not possible for us to go to the Olympic House, WT plans to organise the meeting virtually like this meeting.

9. Closing of the Meeting

The Chair thanks all Council members and welcomes the new Vice Presidents and Member.

He is still saddened by the loss of Gen. Ahmed and the absence of members due to health reasons. He emphasized to the Council Members to take care of their health.

Once again, he expresses his gratitude to all members for their engagement and declares that the virtual Ordinary Council meeting of World Taekwondo is adjourned.