



## Minutes

### of the World Taekwondo Ordinary Council Meeting

Qamria Room, La Badira Hotel | Hammamet, Tunisia  
14h00 ~ 18h00 | April 4 2018

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## 1. Establish quorum & Opening of the Meeting

Secretary General Hoss Rafaty announced that 25 Council Members and 2 Auditors were present, thereby establishing a quorum in accordance with Article 8.6 of the WT Statutes.

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

The Chair noted that the following members were absent with prior notice:

1. Mr. Kamaladdin Heydarov, Vice President
2. Mr. Kyu Seok Lee, Vice President
3. Mr. Sakis Pragalos, Vice President
4. Mr. John Kotsifas, Vice President
5. Mr. Anatoly K. Terekhov, Council Member
6. H.H Sheikha Jameela bint Mohammed Al Qasimi, Council Member

## 2. President's Report

The Chair began his report with recognition of successful Grand Prix Final in Abidjan which was the first ever of its kind held in Africa. He congratulated Gen. Ahmed Fouly, President of World Taekwondo Africa, on winning of the Continental Union of the year 2017 at the Gala Awards.

The Chair reported that the inaugural Grand Slam Champions Series were completed with success in Wuxi, China. He mentioned that unprecedented prize money was one of the key factors of the success.

The Chair reported on the successful joint demonstration performances of WT-ITF at the Pyeongchang Winter Olympic Games Opening Ceremony. He added that another historic demonstration performance was held in Pyeongyang, DPRK on 1-2 April. A highlight video was played. He added that WT and ITF demonstration teams were invited by the Vatican for a joint demonstration following proposal of Monsignor Sanchez, representative of the Vatican, who visited Casa Italia in Pyeongchang.

The Chair also shared the progress of humanitarian activities, including the opening of the taekwondo academy at the Azraq Refugee Camp. He thanked Mr. Hazem Naimat for his contributions. He remarked that his appointment as a member of Olympic Refugee Foundation demonstrated the recognition of the IOC on the efforts and contributions of World Taekwondo. He continued saying that this great project will continue in Djibouti, Ethiopia and Colombia in the near future.

The Chair went on stressing that WT would now more focus on development of its member national associations and youth.

The Chair concluded his report and awarded an appreciation plaque to Prof. Jinbang Yang who had recently retired as WT Director General.

## 3. Approval of the Minutes

The Chair called attention to the Meeting Book, which was previously circulated to all Council Members and which contained documents to be considered during the meeting.

The Chair asked the council if there were any comments or questions on the minutes to the Council Meeting held

on October 21, 2017 in London, UK, which appeared as Appendix I of the Meeting Book.

There were no comments or questions.

The Chair called for approval of the Minutes. This was seconded, and unanimously approved.

**Decision:** Minutes of the October 21, 2017 Extraordinary Council Meeting held in London were approved by the Council.

#### **4. WT 2017 Annual Report**

The Chair called attention to the WT 2017 Annual Report comprising of Operation Report, Auditor's Report and Financial Report which were all appeared at the Meeting Book while the independent auditor's report was sent to members separately.

The Chair asked the council if there were any comments or questions.

There were no comments or questions.

The Chair called for approval of the WT 2017 Annual Report. This was seconded and unanimously approved.

The Chair remarked that the report would be presented to the General Assembly for its ratification.

**Decision:** WT 2017 Annual Report was approved by Council and was to be put before the General Assembly for final approval.

#### **5. Amendments**

##### **a. World Taekwondo Statutes**

The Chair introduced Mr. Corbin Min, Senior Director of Member Relations, Development and Legal Affairs.

Mr. Min gave a presentation on showing the details of each proposed Statute amendment, which appeared on page 12 of the Meeting Book. This included a comprehensive change of terms of all mentions in the Statutes from "World Taekwondo Federation" to "World Taekwondo", and from "WTF" to "WT", which reflected the federation's new trade name; an amendment to Article 34 (Enforcement), to clarify that the French, Korean and Spanish-language updates to the statues would be made available within one month following each year's General Assembly; a change in terminology from "Full Member" MNA to "Level I" MNA, and "Demoted" MNA to "Level II" MNA, which includes changes to Articles 14 (Member National Associations) and 16 (MNA Rights and Responsibilities); a clarification on the procedures to suspend MNAs under Article 14.3(E); and a simplification of Media and Commercial Rights under Article 26 (Media Rights).

The Chair asked the council if there were any comments on proposed amendments to the Statutes, which had been circulated previously and which also appeared in the meeting book.

There were no comments. The Chair called for approval of the proposed amendments to the Statutes. This was seconded and unanimously approved.

**Decision:** Proposed amendments to the Statutes were approved by the Council and were to be put before the General Assembly for final approval.

b. Competition Rules

The Chair introduced Mr. Jinbang Yang, World Taekwondo Technical Committee Chair. Mr. Yang gave a presentation on the proposed changes to the Competition Rules, which appeared on Page 16 of the Meeting Book.

Mr. Yang explained that the competition rules have been carefully reviewed by Technical Committee, reflecting feedbacks from athletes, coaches and other stakeholders and also tested at Grand Slam for successful competitions of Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

Mr. Yang said that the proposal on amendment was the result of the technical committee meeting held on February 28 – March 2, 2018.

The major changes proposed included Amendment to article 6, new format of team standing is introduced which put more weight on winning medals; an amendment to article 7, a five-minute round added as a one of duration of contest; amendment to article 8, participation of head of team meeting becomes mandatory. Also, in article 9, new concept of weigh-in was introduced to protect health of athletes; in article 12, part of valid point system was changed to make competition more dynamic (4 points for a valid turning kick to trunk and 5 points for a valid turning kick to the head); in article 14, new penalties (one foot out) were introduced; in article 15, new name of 4th round was introduced as well as new criteria for superiority; in article 16, new kind of decision was introduced to make two types of "win by disqualification"; in article 18, more specific procedures to deal with concussion case were added; in article 20, qualification of technical delegates for WT promoted championships was changed; in article 21, scope of requesting video replay was expanded for fairer competition.

The Chair thanked Mr. Yang and then asked the Council Members if there were any questions or comments.

The Chair called for approval of the proposed amendments to the Competition Rules. This was seconded and unanimously approved.

**Decision:** Proposed amendments to the Competition Rules were approved by the Council and were to be put before the General Assembly for final approval.

c. Medical Code

The Chair introduced Dr. Daehyun Jeong, World Taekwondo Chairperson of Medical Committee. Dr. Jeong presented the proposed amendments to the Medical Code, which appeared on Page 34 of the Meeting Book.

The proposed amendment included medical guidelines for international competitions (article 3); roles and responsibilities at international competitions (article 4); addition of new rules (organization of competition medical commission, automated consent for participating in injury surveillance and other clinical studies, tailored medical guidelines and rules for different types of WT competitions); modification of Appendices (definitions, complete review of management protocol of loss of consciousness or head trauma in competition, requirement for medical service and medical resources).

The Chair thanked Dr. Jeong and then asked the Council Members if there are any questions or comments. There were none.

The Chair called for approval of the proposed amendments to the Medical Code. This was seconded and unanimously approved.

**Decision:** Proposed amendments to the Medical Code were approved by the Council.

d. Para Taekwondo Rules

The Chair introduced Mr. Chakir Chelbat, World Taekwondo Chairperson of Para Taekwondo Technical & Referee Committee. Mr. Chelbat presented the proposed amendments to several Para-taekwondo Rules. Those rules were:

- Para World Ranking Bylaw: Seeding (article 4); change in sport class and weight division (article 6)
- Para Taekwondo Competition Rules: Competition area (article 3.1); contest time (article 7.1); weigh-in (article 10.3 and 10.7) and changes in line with Competition Rules
- Para Taekwondo Bylaw: Organizing structure, Para Taekwondo committees, Para taekwondo officials, appointment of Para taekwondo officials and effectuation
- Standing Procedure for Paralympic Games: Head of team meeting and drawing (article 2); competition method (article 6);

The Chair thanked Mr. Chelbat and then asked the Council Members if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

The Chair called for approval of the proposed amendments to the Para Taekwondo Rules. This was seconded and unanimously approved.

**Decision:** Proposed amendments to the Para Taekwondo Rules were approved by the Council.

e. Standing Procedures for WT Grand Slam Champions Series

f. Standing Procedures for WT Grand-Prix Series

The Chair introduces Mr. Jinbang Yang, World Taekwondo Technical Committee Chair. Mr. Yang first played the highlight video of the last Grand Slam and then presented the proposed amendments to the Standing Procedure for WT Grand Slam Champions Series, which appeared on Page 92 of the Meeting Book and includes formation of the series (article 4); qualification for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games (article 6). Mr. Yang also presented the Standing Procedures for WT Grand-Prix Series which appeared on Page 99 of the Meeting Book which included the addition of Grand Prix in 2018 (article 2).

The Chair thanked Mr. Yang and then asked the Council Members if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

The Chair called for approval of the proposed amendments to the Standing Procedure for WT Grand Slam Champions Series and Standing Procedures for WT Grand-Prix Series. This was seconded and unanimously approved.

**Decision:** Proposed amendments to Standing Procedure for WT Grand Slam Champions Series and Standing Procedures for WT Grand-Prix Series were both approved by the Council.

g. GMS Bylaws

The Chair explained that the GMS bylaw would not be presented for approval this time, as the amendment proposal had to be reviewed and reformatted to be presented again at the next council meeting.

#### h. Poomsae Competition Rules

The Chair called for approval of the revocation of the current Poomsae Competition Rules which were passed at the General Assembly on June 23, 2017 based on the recommendation of Poomsae Committee who asked for more time for educational and technical systems to be updated. In its place, the Chair called for approval of enforcing the former rule passed at March 19, 2014 until Poomsae Committee was ready with a revised amendment.

This was seconded and unanimously approved.

**Decision:** Revocation of the current Poomsae Competition Rules, and replacing them with the former rules passed on March 19, 2014 was approved by the Council and was to be put before the General Assembly for final approval.

### 6. For Enactment | Approval

#### a. World Team Ranking Bylaws

The Chair stressed the importance of inclusion of the Mixed Team Taekwondo Event in the 2024 Paris Olympic Games, and called Mr. Jinbang Yang, WT Technical Committee Chair, to deliver a presentation on the enactment of World Team Ranking Bylaw to regulate and standardize the competition format.

Mr. Yang gave a presentation on the enactment of Team Ranking Bylaw.

The Chair thanked Mr. Yang and then asked the Council Members if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

The Chair called for approval of the proposed enactment of World Team Ranking Bylaw. This was seconded and unanimously approved.

**Decision:** Proposed enactment of World Team Ranking Bylaws was approved by the Council.

#### b. 2018 Development Program Guidelines

The Chair called Mr. Corbin Min, Senior Director of Member Relations, Development and Legal Affairs, to the floor to deliver a presentation on the guidelines on 2018 WT development program guidelines, which appeared in Page 103 of the Meeting Book.

Mr. Min delivered a presentation covering the guidelines, describing the programs (equipment aid, participation aid and individual athlete scholarship), requirements and timelines.

The Chair thanked Mr. Min and then asked the Council Members if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

The Chair called for approval of the proposed 2018 Development Program Guidelines. This was seconded and unanimously approved.

**Decision:** Proposed 2018 Development Program Guidelines were approved by the Council.

c. Composition of the Korea registered board

The Chair reminded the Council Members that the WT is in the process of revising its registration in Korea as a legal entity registered under Korean law. He remarked that it is mandatory to change the board members to meet the requirements set by the Korean law. He proposed the formation of the board as follows.

- Dr. Chungwon Choue, Chair
- Mr. Yong Won Jun, Member (Chairman of WT Advisory Committee)
- Mr. Dai Soon Lee, Member (Former Vice President of WT)
- Mr. Myung Ho Seung, Member (Chairman of Donghwa Group and Hankook Ilbo)
- Mr. Jung Lok Kim, Member (Board Member of Taekwondo Promotion Foundation)
- Mr. Jung Seok Chae, Member (WT Legal Advisor)
- Mr. Sung Chul Hwang, Auditor (Partner of Samhwa Accounting Corporation)
- Mr. Kuk Hyun Jung, Auditor (WT Council member)

The Chair asked the Council Members if there are any questions or comments. There were none.

The Chair called for approval of the proposed changes to World Taekwondo registered board. This was seconded and unanimously approved.

The Chair then asked for approval of the change of the registered postal address of WT.

- Old: 4th Fl., Joyang Bldg., 113 Samsung-dong, Kangnam-gu, Seoul, Korea
- New: 5th Fl., Kolon Bldg., 15 Hyoja-ro, Jongno-gu, Seoul, Korea

This was seconded and unanimously approved.

**Decision:** Proposed composition of Korea registered board and change of the official postal address of WT were approved by the Council to be put before the General Assembly for final approval.

## 7. Selection of Host Cities

### a. 2020 World Taekwondo Junior Championships

The Chair introduced Mr. Wonjae Lee, Director of Event Department to proceed to selection of the host cities . Mr. Lee introduced the overall bid process and remarked that there was only candidate for 2020 World Taekwondo Junior Championships, which was Sofia, Bulgaria. He invited Mr. Slavi Binev, President of Bulgaria Taekwondo Federation to give a bid presentation for 2020 WT Junior Championships. Mr. Binev delivered the presentation.

The Chair asked the Council if there were any questions or concerns. There were none. The Chair thanked Mr. Binev for his presentation.

The Chair called for approval of selection of Sofia, Bulgaria as the host city of 2020 World Taekwondo Junior Championships. It was seconded and unanimously approved by the Council.

### b. 2019 World Para Taekwondo Championships

The Chair reported that Turkish Taekwondo Federation has proposed to host 2019 World Para Taekwondo Championships in Istanbul, Turkey, for which WT had been unable to find a host so far. The Chair asked the Council if there were any questions or concerns.

The Chair called for approval of selection of Istanbul, Turkey as the host city of 2019 World Para Taekwondo Championships. It was seconded and unanimously approved by the Council.

Awarding ceremony was followed.

**Decision:** Selection of Sofia, Bulgaria as the host of 2020 WT World Junior Championships / Selection of Istanbul, Turkey as the host of 2019 World Para Taekwondo Championships



## 8. Reports

### a. Executive Meeting

The Chair called Secretary General Mr. Hoss Rafaty to report on the outcome of recent Executive Meetings.

Mr. Rafaty reported that Executive Meetings were held on January 10, 2018 in WT's Seoul office and on January 12, 2018 in Wuxi, China on the occasion of the Grand Slam, and earlier this day (April 4, 2018). He summarized the outcomes from those meetings.

- Executive Meeting supports the decision of the council not to change the timeslot with wrestling for Tokyo 2020.
- Executive Meeting agreed with the plans for 2018 and 2019 development program and development definition.
- Executive Meeting recommended that the best efforts to be made to fully satisfy the good governance requirements published by the IOC.
- Executive Meeting recommended continuing support for the Wuxi Grand Slam project to the full extent possible.

The Chair asked the Council if there were any questions. There were none. The Chair thanked Mr. Rafaty.

### b. THF and Taekwondo Cares Update

The Chair gave a floor to Mr. Roger Piarulli, Executive Director of THF for update report on THF and Taekwondo Cares. Mr. Piarulli made a presentation including:

- Awarding an honorary black belt to UNHCR High Commissioner Filippo Grandi
- Appointment of WT President Dr. Choue as a member of Olympic Refuge Foundation
- Progress of activities at refugee camps in Jordan, Turkey and Rwanda
- Opening of WT taekwondo academy building in Azraq camp in Jordan
- First event black belt holder among refugee children in Azraq camp in Jordan
- Plans for more projects in Djibouti, Ethiopia and Colombia
- Promotion campaign in Malaysia
- Hope school projects by Taekwondo Cares in Rwanda

The Chair asked the Council if there were any questions. There were none. The Chair thanked Mr. Piarulli.

## 9. Other Matters

### a. E-Vote Results

The Chair called Secretary General Mr. Hoss Rafaty for report on the e-vote which was carried out after the last General Assembly and Council Meeting.

Mr. Rafaty made a report on the e-vote results.

The Chair asked the Council if there were any questions or comments. There were none. The Chair thanked Mr. Rafaty.

b. Normalization of Belgium Taekwondo

The Chair called Mr. Corbin Min, Senior Director of Member Relations, Development and Legal Affairs to give an update on the issue of Belgium Taekwondo.

Mr. Min reported that Belgium Taekwondo Federation, suspended in 2015, was conditionally reinstated under "Provisional" membership together with a list of target reforms. He reported that letters had been received by WT from the Belgian NOC and three respective sport ministries earlier this year, stating that the federation had made sufficient progress toward those reforms to put them in line with other Belgian national federations. However, WT observer and Ethics Committee Chair Dr. Luc Reycher, found that more progress could be made, and that it was proper to continue monitoring. The Chair asked the Council if there were any questions or comments. There are none. The Chair thanked Mr. Min.

The Chair called for approval of reinstatement of Belgium Taekwondo Federation while WT continues monitoring BTF's compliance with good governance and inclusiveness. It was seconded and unanimously approved by the Council.

**Decision:** Belgium Taekwondo Federation was reinstated as a full member, but monitoring would continue to ensure their continued progress in good governance and inclusiveness.

c. Guidelines on Sponsor's Identification on Uniforms

The Chair introduced Mr. Milan Kwee, Chair of WT Marketing Committee to give a presentation on guidelines on sponsor's identification on uniforms.

Mr. Kwee announced that WT had received a \$40,000 VIK sponsorship from Samsung in support of the competitions in Tunisia, which will be used for spectator engagement. He reported that, effective from June 19, 2018, MNAs will be authorized to seek local and regional sponsors for uniforms, and will be able to retain 100% of all such sponsorship funding they receive. He also reported on work progressing for new uniforms for the 2020 Olympic Games, including the exploration of new materials.

The Chair asked the Council if there were any questions or comments. There are none. The Chair thanked Mr. Kwee.

Secretary General Hoss Rafaty asked for permission to take a floor to explain the situation of WT's main global partner Booyoung. The Chair gave a floor to Mr. Rafaty.

Mr. Rafaty explained that the President of Booyoung Group was under investigation by Korean government on the charges of some matters. He remarked that since 2015, Booyoung has been substantially supporting World Taekwondo for development of taekwondo including the projects helping athletes and coaches from the countries in difficult financial situation. He continued saying that, of course the charges must be investigated fairly, but at the same time WT should also take into account the enormous contributions to the development of taekwondo. He then proposed Council members to sign a petition outlining Booyoung's contributions as a gesture of appreciation from global taekwondo family.

President thanked Mr. Rafaty.

#### d. Hammamet Declaration

The Chair called Secretary General Mr. Hoss Rafaty to present 'Hammamet Declaration' in which the highest priorities of WT in 2018 were addressed.

Mr. Rafaty read the declaration.

- Safe Sport for Athletes

*"World Taekwondo will strive to keep our athletes clean, safe and healthy. We will take all relevant measures to prevent injury and to protect athletes from all types of abuse, including physical, sexual and psychological abuse. World Taekwondo will be in full compliance with the IOC Toolkit for safeguarding athletes from harassment and abuse in sport, and will continue to enhance our policies and regulations for safety and health of athletes."*

- Taekwondo Cares World

*"World Taekwondo will ensure taekwondo serves as a tool to give hopes to everyone in every corner of the world. It will continue expanding its 'World Cares Program' to fulfill our missions of sport development as well as sport for development so that more people will get benefits from World Cares Program."*

The Chair called for approval of Hammamet Declaration. It was seconded and unanimously approved by the Council, and it would be put before the General Assembly for final approval.

**Decision:** Hammamet Declaration was approved.

### **10. Next Council Meeting**

The Chairman informed the Council that there is planned an Extraordinary Council Meeting to take place on 21 November 2018 in Fujairah, UAE on the occasion of the 2018 Grand Prix Final. He encouraged the Council Members to attend the annual WT Gala Awards on November 23.

### **11. Closing of the Meeting**

The Chair declared the closing of the meeting.