



Minutes

World Taekwondo Extraordinary Council Meeting

Dibba Ballroom, Hotel Novotel Fujairah | Fujairah, UAE
13h00 ~ 19h00 | November 21, 2018

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1. Establish quorum & Opening of the Meeting

Secretary General Hoss Rafaty announced that twenty three (23) Council Members and two (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. Sakis Pragalos, Vice President
3. Mr. Juan Manuel Lopez, Member
4. Prof. Kook Hyun Jung, Member
5. Mr. Pascal Gentil, Member
6. Mr. An Chin Hsu, Member

2. President's Report

The Chair proposed a moment of silence to pay tribute to the late Dr. Nat Indrapana who passed away on August 6, 2018. The Council members stood up to pay tribute while the memorial video was played.

The Chair began his report by thanking His Highness Crown Prince of Fujairah for his strong and continuous support for taekwondo in Fujairah and in UAE. He remarked that the year of 2018 marked 45th founding anniversary of the WT and that the WT published the 45th WT Year Anniversary Pictorial Record. The Council Members watched the short video featuring the history of the WT.

The Chair appreciated Continental Unions for their support and cooperation, and then presented certificates to World Taekwondo Africa (President Gen. Ahmed Fouly), World Taekwondo Asia (President Kyu Seok Lee), World Taekwondo Europe (Vice President Metin Sahin), World Taekwondo Oceania (President John Kotsifas) and World Taekwondo Pan America (President Ji Ho Choi).

The Chair began his report with recognition of successful World Taekwondo Junior Championships and YOG Qualification held in Hammamet, Tunisia and thanked Ahmed Gaaloul, President of Tunisian Taekwondo Federation. He recalled that the event marked the biggest edition in terms of the number of participating countries despite the concerns about security before the event. He also stressed that the successful event helped prove Tunisia is a safe country to travel. He reported that the economic impact of USD40M was generated through the event according to Nielsen. The Chair mentioned that the only unexpected glitch from the event was the issue of Israeli athletes who could not join the event due to delay of visa issuance. He emphasized that sport should be free from any political interference such as boycott, no confrontation or discrimination, and urged the Council to take the strongest stance against any those unfortunate incidents by not awarding a taekwondo event to the country that does not respect this principle.

The Chair reported that the 2nd World Beach Taekwondo Championships in Rhodes were held with great success with excellent cooperation of World Taekwondo Europe. He remarked that the performances of pair division were particularly impressive and improved. He hoped that Beach Taekwondo will be added to the program of the 2nd edition of World Beach Games, and encouraged

Continental Unions to proactively promote beach taekwondo in continental level.

The Chair also reported that the first Grand Prix of 2018 held in Rome was meaningful thanks to historical demonstration performances at the Vatican while his Holiness the Pope Francesco was serving mass. He mentioned that taekwondo demonstrated to the world that it is a peace-loving sport. He thanked Angelo Cito for his excellent coordination and arrangements with the Vatican.

The Chair then reported that the newly formatted World Cup Taekwondo Team Championships in Wuxi was held successfully while Grand Prix Series were successively held in Moscow, Taoyuan and Manchester successfully. He introduced the touching story of Ms. Maisie Catt who lost both of her legs at just 10 months but learned taekwondo and has never given up. He remarked that it was a true value of taekwondo to inspire and change people's lives. He continued reporting successful staging of Buenos Aires 2018 Youth Olympic Games Taekwondo.

The Chair updated the Council Members on the progress of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. He explained the discussion on change of the schedule of taekwondo from 2nd week to 1st week due to request from OBS and local organizing committee. He reported that he conditionally agreed with organizing committee to the proposed change only if Taekwondo mixed-team event is showcased during the live broadcasting time to demonstrate the attractiveness of the event for ultimate inclusion in the 2024 Paris Olympic Games. The Council unanimously agreed to the solution and approved it.

The Chair reported that Taekwondo made a debut at the 2018 Gymnasiade held in Marrakech, Morocco and thanked Driss El Hilali for his contributions. He also stressed importance of large participation in the next edition in Jinjiang, China. He also emphasized importance of more active participation of Taekwondo athletes in the Masters World Games to be held in Kansai, Japan in 2021. He asked for joint efforts to put Taekwondo in the Commonwealth Games.

The Chair reported that he made presentation at the ASOIF General Assembly on humanitarian activities and the vision of sport for social development. He also mentioned that he urged other International Federations to join the activities. As a result, WT and THF signed MOU with UWW and ITTF for joint training programs at the Azraq Camp.

The Chair also reported the historic visit to Pyongyang on October 30 to November 3 was made with invitation of the ITF where taekwondo demonstration was also held. He also reported that the agreement was signed to establish a joint body committed to the integration of taekwondo one day under the spirit of 'One Taekwondo'. He also mentioned that there might be joint demonstration in Lausanne next year to commemorate the 25th year of Taekwondo's inclusion in the Olympic Games.

The Chair stressed the importance of leading the change including E-sports. He mentioned that WT's vision and strategies for E-sports will be shared at the next Council meeting in Manchester next year.

The Chair concluded his report and thanked again the Council for continued cooperation.

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 April 4, 2018 in Hammamet, Tunisia, which appeared as Appendix I of the Meeting Book.

There were no comments or questions.

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

Decision: Minutes of the April 4, 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting held in Hammamet were approved by the Council.

4. Amendments

a. Poomsae Competition Rules

The Chair introduced Mr. Jay Lee, Senior Director of Sport and Event Management Department for presentation.

Mr. Lee presented the proposed changes of Poomsae Competition Rules mainly on:

- i) Divisions renamed
- ii) Organizing elite Poomsae competitions in conjunction with Grand Prix Series
- iii) Raising the minimum participating countries per division to be recognized as official results
- iv) Adjusting contest time
- v) Change Gam-jeom to Kyong-go
- vi) Addition of new criteria for freestyle Poomsae
- vii) Changing the tie-breaking rules

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 amendment to Poomsae Competition Rules. This is seconded and unanimously approved.

The Chair announced that the Poomsae Competition Rules were approved and would be presented to the General Assembly for its ratification.

Decision: Poomsae Competition Rules was approved by Council and was to be put before the General Assembly for final approval.

b. Dispute Resolution and Appeals Code

The Chair introduced Mr. Corbin Min, Legal Counsel, to give a presentation.

Mr. Min explains to the Council that the material proposed changes to the Code are to clarify the persons eligible to file a complaint, to confirm that the Council should approve the waiver of processing fee, and to clarify the process of challenging arbitrators. Mr. Min explains each of the changes in detail.

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

They were no comments or questions.

The Chair called for approval of the amendment to Dispute Resolution and Appeals Code. This is seconded and unanimously approved.

The Chair announced that the amendment to Dispute Resolution and Appeals Code was approved.

Decision: Amendment to Dispute Resolution and Appeals Code is approved by Council.

c. GMS Bylaw

The Chair asks Mr. Min to continue on to the presentation on the proposed GMS Bylaw.

Mr. Min highlights the three most substantial changes to the GMS bylaws: the GMS administrator, the license for global membership, and club level representation.

Guidelines are given to how rights of national administrators are to be managed when there is a MNA leadership disputes.

The term "Event Pass" is removed, although the category still remains under the term "Global Athlete License."

A deadline is set for all MNAs to include their members into the GMS system of the end of 2022.

The Chairman asks if there are any questions. John Kotsifas, President of the WT Oceania, says that CUs are currently issuing coach licenses, so if a coach who has WT GOL but no CU license claims his/her right to participate, it will create confusion and disputes.

Mr. Min replies that WT's Member Relations and Development is preparing an education plan that will include the licensing system. The main component of the change of development system would be harmonization of licenses issued by different organizations.

There are no further comments. The Chair asked the Council to approve the proposed amendment to GMS Bylaw. It is seconded and unanimously approved.

The Chair announced that the GMS Bylaw has been approved by the Council.

Decision: Amendment to GMS Bylaw is approved by Council.

d. Event Operations Rules

The Chair introduced Mr. Jay Lee, Senior Director of Sport and Event Management Department.

Mr. Lee presented that since there is World Cup Taekwondo Team Championships were inaugurated in Wuxi last year, we changed the event name from World Taekwondo Team Championships to World Cup Taekwondo Championships. Therefore, the one to be held in Fujairah would be the last World Team Championships.

He added that from now WT will directly operate multi-sport games where NOCs are involved due to importance.

The Chair asked if there were any comments and there was no. The Chair asked the Council to approve the Event Operations Rules. It is seconded and unanimously approved.

The Chair announced that Event Operations Rules are approved by the Council and will be

presented to General Assembly for its ratification.

Decision: Event Operations was approved by Council and was to be put before the General Assembly for final approval.

e. Grand-Prix Standing Procedure

President asked Mr. Jay Lee to continue presenting the proposed changes.

Mr. Lee explained that a couple of terminologies have been renamed such as from weight division to weight category, male division to men's division, female division to women's division etc.

Mr. Lee also explained that the selection of process of Grand Prix athletes have been revised with pre-registration for a larger number of athletes to ensure the confirmation process can be optimized.

The Chair asked if there were any comments and there was no. The Chair asked the Council to approve the Grand-Prix Standing Procedure. It is seconded and unanimously approved.

The Chair announced that the Grand-Prix Standing Procedure has been approved by the Council.

Decision: Amendment to Grand-Prix Standing Procedure was approved by Council.

f. Regulation on the Administration of International Referee

The Chair asked Mr. Lee to continue presenting the proposed amendment to Regulations on the Administration of International Referees for Poomsae.

Mr. Lee presented that the required score to be achieved by the referee applicants have been now more detailed and moved up from average 70 points to 75 points. He added that the categories of Poomsae referees will be identical to that of Kyorugi International Referee.

The Chair opened to the floor for any questions.

An auditor, Mr. Ali Sagirkaya suggested increase the minimum points for passage.

Mr. Lee responded that there are less than 50% applicants pass the test currently, so it will be too many referees failing the test if we increase the minimum score. The Chair suggested the Council approve the proposed amendment as it is and evaluate afterwards. It is seconded and approved by the Council.

The Chair announced that the Regulation on the Administration of International Referees has been approved by the Council.

Decision: Amendment to the Regulation on the Administration of International Referees was approved by the Council.

g. Para Taekwondo Rules

The Chair remarked that there are several amendments to the rules related to Para Taekwondo which are Standing Procedure for Paralympic Games, Athlete Classification Rules, Ranking Bylaw and the Regulation on Administration of International Referees in Para Taekwondo. The Chair introduced Mr. Jay Lee for presentation.

Mr. Lee presented that the only change for Standing Procedure for Paralympic Games is to better clarify the host country athlete selection process.

Mr. Lee continued presenting that the proposed changes for Classification Rules are to clarify the articles in strict line with the IPC Rules.

Mr. Lee added that Ranking Bylaw is proposed to reflect the changes of the frequency and grade of continental Para Taekwondo.

Finally, Mr. Lee presented that physical test has been added to Administration of International Referees in Para Taekwondo.

The Chair thanked Mr. Lee and asked for any comments or questions. There were none. Then the Chair requested the Council to approve the proposed amendments of Standing Procedure for Paralympic Games, Athlete Classification Rules, Ranking Bylaw and the Regulation on Administration of International Referees in Para Taekwondo. It is seconded and the approved.

The Chair announced that the Council approved the Council to approve the proposed amendments of Standing Procedure for Paralympic Games, Athlete Classification Rules, Ranking Bylaw and the Regulation on Administration of International Referees in Para Taekwondo.

Decision: Amendments to Standing Procedure for Paralympic Games, Athlete Classification Rules, Ranking Bylaw and the Regulation on Administration of International Referees in Para Taekwondo were approved by the Council.

5. Enactment

a. Finance Rules

The Chair remarked that good governance has been one of the keywords within the international sports circle for the past few years and that WT administration has been working hard to develop the standardized policy and rules on finance. The Chair introduced Secretary General Mr. Hoss Rafaty for more detailed explanations.

Mr. Rafaty explained that this proposed Finance Rules are result of a series of studies and researches on best examples of other International Federation, IOC and etc. He remarked that the main purposes of this rule are to better define the principles of travel support, accommodation support and per diem support for WT officials. He added that the rule will be able to better institutionalize the standardized finance, related policies and procedures to strengthen the corporate governance.

He stressed that the proposed rules will be applied and evaluated for any adjustment next year. The Chair thanked Mr. Rafaty and asked the Council to approve the enactment of the Finance Rules. It is seconded and approved by the Council.

The Chair announced that the Council approved the Finance Rules.

Decision: Proposed enactment of Finance Rules was approved by the Council.

6. Approval

a. Reinstatement of Membership - Kuwait

The Chair moved on to the next agenda item which is Approval. He introduced Mr. Jeongkang Seo for explanations on the situation of Kuwait.

Mr. Seo explained that WT suspended Kuwait Taekwondo Federation following the decision of the IOC Executive Board in October 2015 on suspension of Kuwait Olympic Committee due to governmental interference. He added that the WT is now in position to lift the sanction, as the IOC decided to reinstate the Kuwait Olympic Committee and that the WT will work with the interim board of Kuwait Taekwondo Federation to normalize the federation as soon as possible.

The Chair thanked Mr. Seo and asked for any questions. There were none. The Chair called for approval of the reinstatement of membership of Kuwait Taekwondo Federation. It is seconded and was approved by the Council.

The Chair announced that the reinstatement of Kuwait Taekwondo Federation was approved by the Council.

Then, the Chair remarked that there was significant improvement of the status of the Taekwondo New Zealand thanks to hard works done by the interim board led by Kenneth Schunken.

Decision: Reinstatement of Kuwait Taekwondo Federation was approved by the Council.

b. 2019-2021 Development Program

The Chair remarked that the new development program was designed to comprehensively cover the areas of sport development such as education, equipment aid, funding and scholarship, etc. He called Mr. Jeongkang Seo to the floor for presentation.

Mr. Seo presented that the mission of this development program is to help build capacities of all stakeholders including continental unions, member national associations, coaches, athletes, etc. He addressed the current issues of WT development program which has not been sustainable and measureable.

He addressed the key results areas identified for implementation of the new development program. Those are (1) capacity building of member national associations and continental unions (2) centralization of certification program for coaches and instructors (3) development of online education system (4) development of education materials and curriculum (5) supporting athletes for training and scholarship and (6) further development of Para Taekwondo.

The Chair remarked that one of the key objectives of WT in 2019 will be standardization of the development and education system and opened to the floor for any questions or comments. There were none.

The Chair called for approval of the 2019-2021 Development Program. It is seconded and approved by the Council.

The Chair announced that the 2019-2021 Development Program was approved by the Council.

Decision: 2019-2021 Development Program was approved by the Council.

c. New Athlete Competition Uniform for Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games

The Chair remarked that the new athlete uniforms have been developed for the use at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and introduced Prof. Jingbang Yang, Chairman of Technical Committee for presentation.

Prof. Yang reported that there was a bidding process for selection of the company assigned to develop the new uniform and the company FILA won the project. He passed the floor to the representative of FILA for presentation of the project.

Mr. Brian Park from FILA took the floor and introduced the overview of the company and new athlete uniform. He remarked that FILA took into account the importance of friendliness to media and spectators, innovative while keeping originality, positive impact on athlete's performances, no negative impact on refereeing and positive influence on taekwondo industry.

He further explained the timelines. The new uniform will be shown at the Roma 2019 Grand Pix at the extra matches and will be officially introduced at the Moscow 2019 Grand Prix.

The Chair asked the Council members to approve the new design of athlete uniform. It is seconded and approved by the Council.

The Chair announced that the new athlete uniform was approved by the Council.

Decision: New athlete uniform was approved by the Council.

d. WT-Wuxi Center

The Chair remarked that the WT-Wuxi Center was built for the purpose of organizing taekwondo education programs utilizing resources of Wuxi. He introduced Prof. Jinbang Yang for presentation.

Prof. Yang presented the progress of the WT-Wuxi Center and partnership between WT and Wuxi to this date including creation of high profile international taekwondo events such as Grand Slam and World Cup Team Championships.

He introduced the structure and function of WT-Wuxi Center and presented that many education programs for Chinese and Worldwide will be conducted in accordance with the

guidance of the WT. Then he remarked that the contract between WT and Wuxi as well as appointment of board members representing WT needs approval of the Council for implementation.

The Chair proposed that the Council approves the contract and also the two board members representing WT who shall be Secretary General Mr. Hoss Rafaty and Technical Committee Chair Prof. Jinbang Yang. It is seconded and approved by the Council.

The Chair announced that the Council approved the contract and nomination of Mr. Rafaty and Mr. Yang as member of board representing WT.

Decision:

1. The contract between WT and Wuxi was approved by the Council.
2. The Council approved appointment of Mr. Hoss Rafaty and Mr. Jinbang Yang as board members of WT-Wuxi Center.

7. Reports

a. Secretary General Report

The Chair introduced WT Secretary General Mr. Hoss Rafaty for presentation of Secretary General Report.

Mr. Rafaty presented the outcomes of the Executive Meeting held one day earlier. The major outcomes from the meeting were to adopt new WT development program in collaboration with continental unions, to implement Finance Rules and to have WT take in charge of the continental multi-games where NOCs are involved.

Mr. Rafaty then passed the floor to Mr. Jerry Ling, Director of Strategic Planning Office for presentation of new structure of the office.

Mr. Ling addressed the three core areas are brand and product, development and governance. Based on those objective areas, the office structure was changed for integration and efficiency into Sport and Event Management Department, Member Relations and Development Department, Finance and Administration Department, Strategic Planning Office and President Office.

He gave a floor back to Mr. Rafaty for report on GMS.

Mr. Rafaty presented that the governance of WT International will be reformed involving more WT representation including Gen. Ahmed Fouly, Mr. Pimol Srivikorn, Mr. Reymundo and Mr. Ali Sagirkaya.

He added that WTI will transmit the revenue to WT after deducting operational costs. He

urged that the revenue from GMS should only be used for development of MNAs.

Then he passed the floor to Mr. Justin Tenbeth, Director of GMS. Mr. Tenbeth presented the new online registration system for meetings which was already managed for registration of Council meeting in Fujairah. He added that the online registration will also be extended to General Assembly next year. He also mentioned that the number GMS holders have been doubled and has reached to 55,000 members. He added that the number is expected to reach 100,000 in the following year. Mr. Tenbeth also introduced different social media platforms.

Mr. Sujay took the floor and presented the new mobile application which is already working with Android and will soon work with Apple. He also introduced online education platform which will be used for new WT online education.

b. WT Sustainability Strategy

The Chair thanked Hoss Rafaty, Justin Tenbeth and Sujay for presentation.

The Chair introduced Mr. Giovanni Di Cola, Chairman of WT Sustainability Committee for presentation of sustainability strategy.

Mr. Di Cola said that he has been associated with the IOC for developing sustainability strategies. He addressed that definition of sustainability is very broad sense and comprises of three pillars: economic, environmental and social. He added that sustainability in sports focus on athletes and events.

He further explained the concept of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) set by UN and Agenda 2020 set by the IOC. He presented the activity reports of 2018 and plans of 2019. He thanked the rest of members of Sustainability Committee for contributions.

Mr. John Kotsifas from Oceania asked what would be the main objective of WT in line with sustainability as presented and Mr. Di Cola responded that Taekwondo fundamental aim was to develop a set of values and skills through the discipline. As a matter of facts, the motto "Peace is more precious than triumph", encompassed such holistic and yet articulated approach to life and would mobilize the entire movement of Taekwondo worldwide. Such approach was the added value of WT with respect to the Olympic movement and to other sport federations and would be recognized as a change agent in sustainability in sports.

c. Strategic Planning

The Chair introduced Mr. Jerry Ling for presentation of WT's strategic planning.

Mr. Ling remarked that answering the question of "What we want to achieve in the next 5-10 years" will be the first step of strategic planning. He added that the purpose of the planning should not only aim at better governance but also advancing to the next level of excellence.

He introduced ASOIF good governance index which serves as a good reference to governance of WT which currently is ranked in B category. He addressed that Olympic category and ASOIF category should serve as guiding principle not ultimate goal.

He addressed that main areas of strategic planning are world class events, development and capacity building, accountability of corporate practices. He also stressed the importance of safeguarding. Then he added that E-sports is the next area to be explored.

Finally, he urged that the Council and committee to further look at how to serve the purposes of WT as they are able to deliver the vision.

Council Member, Mr. Pimol Srivikorn pointed out that being categorized in group D within Olympic sport is insulting taking into accounts all accomplishments WT has achieved for the past years and urged Council Members to work together to move up to the higher level.

d. Governance & Compliance

The Chair introduced Mr. Corbin Min for presentation of Governance and Compliance.

Mr. Min informs the Council that WT will undertake a detailed analysis of all governing documents, for the purpose of identifying needed to raise WT's rules and regulations to best-practices level. WT is in the process of forming a working group to undertake this work, and the target is review at least the main documents by the time of General Assembly in 2019. Mr. Min adds that another task will be to create modern constitutions for continental unions and member national associations.

Mr. Jerry ling took the floor to present safe sport and safeguarding initiative. He introduced Ms. Nadin Dawani who is WT Council member and a member of IOC Athlete Commission.

Ms. Dawani remarked that the fundamental principle of Olympism is that the practice of sport is a human right. She identified that there are different forms of harassment and abuse which are psychological abuse, physical abuse, sexual abuse and sexual harassment. She remarked that these harassment and abuse could lead to poor performance, dropout, eating disorder, anxiety, deep depression, substance abuse and even suicide.

She introduced the guidance of the IOC on protecting athletes from harassment and abuse and said that this tool kit provides a step-by-step guide to international federations to follow.

e. THF and Taekwondo Cares

The Chair introduced Mr. Roger Piarulli, Executive Director of THF for presentation of activities of THF and Taekwondo Cares.

Mr. Piarulli presented that THF and WT jointly conducted partnership agreement with other institutions such as Roma City and United World Wrestling following the President's

encouragement for other International federations to join activities of THF. He added that THF has strong cooperation with Niger Olympic Committee too.

He added that THF was present at the various forums and conferences related to refugees. He also reported that promotion activities were held in Malaysia and Jeju for promotion of the importance of the humanitarian activities.

8. Other Matters

a. 2019 Chungju World Martial Arts Masterships

The Chair informed the Council Members that he accepted the position of President of Chungju World Martial Arts Masterships and stressed importance of Taekwondo being a leader of martial arts sports.

b. Organizing Poomsae Event in conjunction with Grand Prix 2019

The Chair also explained that for promotion of Poomsae, WT wants to organize freestyle Poomsae events during the Grand Prix.

9. Selection of Host Cities

The Chair moved on to selection of the host city of 2021 World Taekwondo Championships and World Para Taekwondo Championships. He introduced Ms. Liu Xia, Vice Mayor of Wuxi Municipal People/s Government for bid presentation.

Ms. Liu made a bid presentation beginning with the introduction video. She stressed solid partnership between WT and Wuxi city and excellent facilities supporting taekwondo events. She also committed that the brand new taekwondo venue will be built for World Championships of 2021.

She also remarked that Wuxi is well connected with other big cities with convenient transportation system. She emphasized that excellent hotels are located within walking distances from the venue. She also mentioned that the major Chinese TV and media will be hugely involved in the event promotion and broadcasting.

The Chair recalled that Chinese organized WT World Taekwondo Championships in 2007 with great success and asked if the Council has any questions or comments. There were none.

The Chair asked the delegates of Wuxi out for a while. Then, the Chair called for the Council to approve the awarding Wuxi as the host city of the 2021 World Championships and World Para Taekwondo Championships. It is seconded and approved.

The Chair requested the Wuxi delegates to return to the meeting room.

The Chair announced that the WT awards Wuxi, China as the host city of the 2021 World Taekwondo Championships and World Para Taekwondo Championships. He congratulated the delegates of Wuxi. Ms. Liu thanked the Council for giving an opportunity to host the prestigious event in Wuxi, China.

The Chair presented the certificate of awarding to Ms. Liu.

10. Next Council Meeting

The Chairman informed the Council that there is planned an Ordinary Council Meeting to take place on 13 May 2019 in Manchester, UK on the occasion of 2019 Manchester WT World Taekwondo Championships.

11. Closing of Meeting

The Chair declared the closing of the meeting and wished the Council members enjoying the best of the best taekwondo competitions and WT Gala Awards.