



World Karate Federation

Executive Committee Minutes

Headquarters (Pullman) Hotel in Paris, France,

Tuesday, November 20th, continued

Thursday, November 22nd 2012

Attendees:

Mr. Antonio Espinós, President
Mr. William Millerson, 1st Vice President
Mr. George Yerolimpos, General Secretary
Mr. Michael Dinsdale, Treasurer
Mr. Béchir Cherif, 3rd Vice President
Mr. Gunnar Nordahl, 4th Vice President
Mr. Jose Antonio Mendez, Asst. General Secretary
Mr. Souleymane Gaye, Asst. General Treasurer
Mrs. Makarita Lenoa, Vice President
Mr. Francis Didier, Sports Commissioner
Mr. Nasser Alrazooqi, EC Member
Mr. Michael Kassis, EC Member
Mr. Esat Delihasan, EC Member
Mrs. Carmen Diaz, EC Member
Mr. Iwaki Hashimoto, EC Member
Mr. John DiPasquale, EC Member
Mrs. Yrsa Lindqvist, EC Member
Mr. José Garcia Maañon, EC Member
Mr. Dieudonne Okombi, EC Member
Mr. Xuhui Wang, EC Member
Mr. Giuseppe Pellicone, Honorary Member

1. Apologies and appointment of secretary of the meeting

Mr. Kuang Huei Chang, WKF 2nd Vice President and UFAK President Mr. Mesbahi M. Tahar, had had submitted his apologies for the meeting.

The 4th Vice President, Gunnar Nordahl, was appointed Secretary of the meeting.

2. Welcome address of the WKF President and the President of the French Karate Federation.

The WKF President Mr. Antonio Espinós welcomed the EC and initiated his brief report with announcing a moment of silence in honor of the departed Honorary President Mr. Jacques Delcourt.

The French Federation President, Mr. Francis Didier welcomed the EC to Paris and France. The WKF President thanked the French federation for their great effort in organizing the event.

3. Approval of the EC and Congress meetings of Melaka

The EC minutes of Melaka was approved without comments and the minutes of the last WKF Congress passed on to the congress for approval.

4. Report of the Championships by the OC Chairman.

Mr. Esteban Perez gave his report to the EC stating that the current event had at this time more than 110 countries participating and would have over 1000 competitors. So far registered were 380 female participants, 608 male, for a total of 988.

All transport from hotels would leave 1 hour before start of each event. Weigh in will take place over the next 2 days. The venue at Bercy was closed at the time of reporting – but inspection would take place later today. All were assumed in order when it comes to the facility. Due to the number of teams, a new schedule had been adopted for Friday starting at 08:00 rather than 09:00 – one hour early.

The WKF President, Mr. Antonio Espinos, instructed that the initial 16 teams (8+8) will needed to be notified in person by the OC in order to assure that all teams are notified of the change.

5. Report of the RC Chairman

The Referee Commission Chairman, Mr. Roland Lowinger, gave his report for the RC: Mr. Lowinger expressed his gratitude towards the EC for their confidence in filling the role and referred the details to the Sports Commission report to be presented by Javier Escalante to the EC and to the Congress.

6. Report of the Sports Commission

In the absence of a SC Chairman, the Secretary of the RC, Mr. Javier Escalante gave his report on behalf of the Sports Commission.

The Paris referee course had 68 candidates for kata of which 47 passed. Also 15 obtained their World Cup license.

In Kumite there were 160 persons attending. The pass rate was 50%. 25 new persons obtained Judge, B and 11 Judge A. Also 35 persons obtained their World Cup Judge license.

EC Member, Mr. John Di Pasquale, requested that there should be a qualification system increasing the quota of referees based on World Championships qualifications. To be studied by the Referee Commission.

7. Report of the Technical Commission

The Technical Commission acting Chairman, Mr. Michael Billman, gave the report on behalf of the TC in the absence of Mr. Sakumoto. The present work focused on the Coaches accreditation.

8. Report of the Anti-Doping Commission Chairman

The ADC Chairman, Dr. Hamid Zaeimkohan, gave his report. The number of positive tests have decreased by 50% since 2006. The WKF is WADA compliant and currently using ADAMS. He highlighted a need for NFs and individual athletes to connect directly to ADAMS online in order to keep up with athletes whereabouts. It is expected that ADAMS will be mandatory from 2014-15.

Dr. Zaeimkohan submitted his report in writing to the EC.

9. Report of the Medical Commission

The Medical Commission Chairman, Dr. Rafael Arriaza, gave his report (submitted to EC in writing) from the Junior and Cadet event in Malaysia, November 2011.

Although the general injury rate is down to 0.14, the ratio of injuries of males versus females is a remarkable 4/1.

Male under 21 is the main problem category when it comes to facial injuries.

The WKF President Mr. Antonio Espinos, requested a short summary of injury rates for information presentation to IOC.

10. Presentation of budget and financial reports

The WKF Treasurer, Mr. Michael Dinsdale, presented the EC with the financial report for 2011 and budget for 2013 which were decided passed on to the WKF Congress without further comments.

11. Report of the Athletes Commission

Due to the absence of the Chairman, HRH Sheikha Maitha Al Maktoum, the Athletes Commission report was given by the Deputy Chairman Davide Benetello.

For the elections of the WKF Commission members four candidates have been put forward:

Ms. Hoang Ngan Ngyen, Vietnam
Mr. Simon Klausberger, Austria
Ms. Sarah Assem Aly , Egypt
Mr. Pasi Valterri Hirvonen, Finland

Each coach will be given ballots at registration (one for each athlete) and ballot boxes will be placed in the arena.

12. Entourage Commission

The EC, having already adopted the rules for the Entourage Commission, appointed the following members to serve:

Chairman: EC Member, Mr. Souleymane Gaye
Member: Chair of the Athletes Commission
Member: Mrs. Tessa Scholtes

13. Report of the Commission on use of hair covering for women

A commission had previous to the meeting been appointed to examine the potential use of religious based hair cover for women in karate competition. The commission had the following composition:

Chairman: Mr. Gunnar Nordahl, WKF 4th Vice President
Member: Mr. Nasser Alrazooqi, EC Member
Member: Mr. Béchir Cherif, 3rd Vice President
Member: Mrs. Fariba Madani, Referee Commission Member
Member: Mr. Souleymane Gaye, EC Member

The head of commission, Mr. Gunnar Nordahl presented the commission's recommendation to the EC:

The Commission suggests that the WKF as soon as practically possible, allows the use of hair covers (hijab) for female athletes based on the model submitted for inspection. In our opinion it is essential that the equipment is subject to WKF homologation and allows for inspection of the throat area by the referee. Furthermore we suggest that the rules commission is charged with amending the rules accordingly for inclusion in the 1.1.2013 draft. Lastly we would also ask the WKF to consider to also including a design suitable for female referees.

The EC decided that the adoption of religious based hair covers would be allowed, and included in the new issue of competition rules due 1.1.2013 and that the WKF Rules Commission would be charged with inclusion of such wording in the forthcoming version 8.0. The issue of referees' clothing was not addressed, as no suggested format has been brought forward.

14. Revision of Kata rules

The revised kata rules were presented by Chairman of the working group, Gunnar Nordahl. In essence the major changes are new criteria for judging, opening for kata of all styles (eliminating kata lists) and a 6 minutes combined time limit for Kata and Bunkai during medal bouts.

The revised rules were unanimously adopted for implementation from 1.1.2013.

15. Permanent Rules Commission

The EC decided to make the working groups for competition rules a permanent commission with the following composition:

Chairman: Mr. Gunnar Nordahl, WKF 4th Vice President
Member: Mr. Francis Didier, Sports Commissioner
Member: Mrs. Yrsa Lindqvist, EC Member
Member: Mr. John DiPasquale, EC Member

Member: Chairman Technical Commission
Member: One member appointed by the Technical Commission
Member: Chairman of the Referee Commission
Member: Secretary of the Referee Commission
Advisor: Mr. Yoshimi Inoue

The meeting was adjourned for continuation on November 22nd at 10:00 hrs.

Continuation of the meeting on 22nd of November 2012 at 10:00:

16. Reports of the Women's commission given by Mrs. Carmela Diaz

Chairman Carmela Diaz submitted her report in writing to the EC and made a presentations of activities undertaken. The WKF President, Mr. Antonio Espinós, thanked the Chairman for her efforts, but urged the commission to try to extend more activity beyond the Pan-American sphere, and requested that a proposal for 2013 activities of the WSC is given to the President as soon as possible.

17. WKF Official Calendar

The proposed calendar of events was confirmed for presentation to the WKF Congress:

Awaiting the results of the IOCs decision, it was decided to pursue requests for future World Championships (starting in 2017) for the 2014 Congress in Bremen, as an acceptance on the Olympic program would necessitate certain major adjustments in all domains.

18. Report of the WKF e-shop project by the President

The WKF President, Mr. Antonio Espinós, presented an e-shop Business Plan for the EC, which in short entail outsourcing the business, applying a formula for percentage profit to WKF based on volume of sales. The structure proposed supposes a net contribution of the WKF of 8540€ each of the two first years of operation of the e-shop, for a target of 25000€ sales figure per annum. The EC unanimously accepted to give powers to the President to proceed, however Mr. Espinós clarified that once the results of the stand placed in Bercy selling some e-shop items would be known, therefore giving some indication on the potential of the e-shop, he would see how to further proceed with this issue.

19. Languages used during the Referee Exams

The question of use of the Arabic Language during referees exams was raised. Currently the exam is available in English, French and Spanish – of which the two first are official WKF languages. In principle any referee can demand to communicate in English or French only.

The EC elected not to introduce any more languages; also the use of Spanish in the written Referees examinations needs to be revisited taking into account the figures shown by the

President on past Referee courses. International referees must be expected to communicate in one of the two official WKF languages.

20. Future Reports of the Continental Federations to Congress

The EC decided, that for the future, each Continental Federation should submit a written report for the attention of the WKF Congress. The WKF 1st Vice President, Mr. William Millerson, was charged with elaborating a basic format for distribution to, and use of by, the Continental Federations, to be proposed to the WKF President.

21. Next EC Meeting

The next EC Meeting will take place during the 2013 WKF Junior & Cadet Championships in Guadalajara, Spain.

Having no other competent business brought forward, the meeting was closed at 12:15 hrs.

Antonio Espinós

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Antonio Espinós', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.