

# MINUTES of DanceSport Europe Annual General Assembly

Singapore, 10. 6. 2017

## AGENDA:

### 1. Call To Order

President of DSE, Luis Vano opened the DSE AGA by welcoming all delegates and observers at 18:30 after presentation of delegates was completed.

### 2. Roll Call and Ascertainment of Votes

Present: 48 delegates and 13 observers were present including 7 members of DSE Managing Committee: Luis Vano (DSE President), Heidi Estler (DSE Vice President), Christian Zamblera (DSE Treasurer), Robert Wota (DSE Sports Director), Eva Bartunkova (DSE General Secretary), Leena Liusvaara (DSE MC Member), and Zoltan Sandor (DSE MC Member)

Voting delegates: 23 voting delegates were present at the beginning of DSE AGA out of 32 current DSE member bodies, completed by 3 more voting delegates during proceeding Agenda 1-6, 26 votes in total since Agenda Point 7.

Agenda 1-6: 23 delegates

Agenda 7-19: 26 delegates

Simple majority: 14

2/3 majority: 19

Voting: unanimously approved (23 votes)

### 3. Electing a Chairperson for the Meeting

Suggestion by DSE MC: Herbert Waller (Switzerland)

Voting: unanimously approved

### 4. Approval of the Agenda

Voting: unanimously approved (23 votes)

### 5. Election of Keeper of the Minutes

Suggestion by DSE MC: Eva Bartunkova (Czech Republic):

Voting: unanimously approved (23 votes)

### 6. Appointment of Scrutineers

Jeffrey Van Meerkerk (Netherlands)

Valeri Ivanov (Spain)

Voting: unanimously approved (23 votes)

## **7. Approval of the Minutes of the 2015 AGA**

Voting: Unanimously approved (26 votes)

## **8. Approval of the Report of the DSE Managing Committee**

### **Attachment: Report of the associated member: European Cheerleading Association**

The report has been distributed together with the final agenda of DSE AGA by the e-mail to all the members two months before DSE AGA. In addition Heidi Estler, Robert Wota and Leena Liusvaara presented the key DSE goals and activities to the delegates of DSE AGA.

Some of the topics raised several questions by delegates:

Katja Mikkelsen – Denmark asked about the position of Flemming Riis (Denmark) who was appointed as a chair of DSE Sport Affairs working group. “Was it an official delegation by the member (Denmark) or a private position?”

Heidi Estler: The position of Flemming Riis was practically replaced by appointing the member of DSE MC, Robert Wota as a DSE Sports Director taking care about sports the DSE affair which happened after the DSE AGA Minutes has been released.

Jeffrey van Meerkerk (Netherlands) as a reaction on the report about sport affairs presented by Robert Wota asked a question about the structure of the Senior Circuit. Why not Senior IV to be included? R. Wota expressed possibility of an open discussion with the members on the competition structure which is being just developing.

Petr Horacek (Slovakia) asked to add information about DSE CHEGP 2016 held in Bratislava to the Report by DSE MC. Eva Bartunkova: The idea about Children European Grand Prix comes out from Slovakia, namely Mr. Igor Jagersky. In 2016 DSE became a partner of CHEGP and provided trophies for Junior II STD and LAT.

Further discussion went about the DSE-WDSF Liaison Commission appointed as a reaction to the official meeting between DSE and WDSF in Barcelona, January 2017 to coordinate DSE activities between DSE and WDSF, sports affairs incl. Since January 2017 no further steps have been achieved and DSE did not get a feedback about various subjects, such as competitions, specifically European Championships at various age categories and of various types run by DSE, about possible participation on competition fees between DSE and WDSF.

Delegates expressed support for the activities of DSE, appreciated results for such a short period of DSE existence and under quite a difficult situation about not really clear space for activities due to relations between DSE and WDSF. Delegates encouraged DSE MC to continue communicating with WDSF: “Do not be afraid – we are WDSF and we are DSE”. Finally Lena Arvidsson (Sweden) thanked DSE MC for the great work.

Heidi Estler officially introduced the new DSE member, European Cheerleading Association and its delegate, Mr. Simon Graver. The Report of ECA was attached to The Report of DSE MC.

Voting: The Report of the DSE MC was accepted unanimously.

## **9. Report of the DSE Treasurer**

The Report was sent by e-mail to the DSE members together with all other documents 2 months prior to DSE AGA. The DSE Treasure, Christian Zamblera accompanied the report with the explanation of the figures.

Voting: The Report of the DSE Treasurer was accepted unanimously.

## **10. Approval of the Financial Statement**

The Financial Statement for 2016 presented by the DSE treasurer Christian Zamblera was completed by the Report of the Financial Controller, Drago Sulek (Slovenia), the Financial Controller elected by DSE members during elections in 2015 in Granada:

„Me, Drago Sulek, as Financial Controller, I declare that I checked all documents referred to the Statement income and expense 2016 and I propose the statement as presented at this Annual General Assembly.“ Singapore, 10.6.2017.

Voting: The Financial Statement 2016 was approved unanimously.

## **11. Approval of the Managing Committee's work during the past 12 months**

No further comments, discussions were raised up.

Voting: Approved unanimously.

## **12. Decision on the membership fee**

Proposal by DSE MC to keep it as it was: 400 € also for 2018.

Voting: Approved unanimously.

## **13. Budget for 2017 and provisional Budget for 2018**

Presenting the budget it was mentioned that the membership fee was not submitted from several members in 2017. Herbert Waller, the Chair of DSE AGA underlined that it is necessary to have all the fees on the account to support the work of DSE.

According to the DSE Statutes the membership is not influenced by payment of the membership fee. The discussion evoked by this topic was postponed to Point 18 of the Agenda – Miscellaneous with the aim to formulate the task for DSE MC for amending the Statutes in favour to limit the membership or level of membership by payment of the membership fee.

Question about WDSF contribution for 2017/2018 was raised. Christian Zamblera: Such contribution was not included into the budget as it is not clear and DSE has to wait for the approval of WDSF AGM financial budget the next day at WDSF AGM.

In discussion DSE members expressed their support for contribution of WDSF on DSE activities. It was underlined that members should express this support at WDSF AGM.

Voting: Approved unanimously.

## **14. DSE Financial Rules and Regulations**

Competition fees for DSE European Championship of National Teams, DSE Subcontinental Team Championship and DSE Children European Grand Prix have been set by DSE Financial Rules and Regulations. It was agreed that for other competitions the maximum level would be as set by WDSF Financial Rules and Regulations.

Petr Odstrcil (Czech Republic): Competition Fees for University Championships cannot be collected as these championships belong to EUSA or NUF.

Eva Bartunkova explained that DSE builds relations towards university sport, DSE is being in contact with representatives of EUSA and NEFs. Information about licence fees for EUCH was just copied from WDSF as an information (fees for EUCH displayed in CHF, meanwhile the DSE events in €). WDSF was collecting the fees for EUCH by now. In addition Petr Horacek pointed: Slovakia has never paid competition (licence) fees for EUCH to WDSF...

Voting: Approved unanimously.

### **15. Approval of DSE Competition Plan**

Robert Wota, the DSE Sports Director presented the competition plan during the previous reports and underlined again that DSE welcomes all the ideas of the members, the Senior Grand Prix included.

Voting: Approved unanimously.

### **16. Motion of members**

No motions have been delivered to DSE MC therefore this point of agenda was skipped.

### **17. Approval of new DSE members**

As already presented in point 8 of the Agenda (DSE MC Report), a new member, European Cheerleading Association had passed the proper application procedure and had been accepted by DSE MC as an associate member of DSE. DSE MC asked the members for approval of ECA membership. ECA belongs to IFC (International Federation of Cheerleading), an associate member of WDSF.

Voting: Approved unanimously.

### **18. Miscellaneous**

#### **18.1. Participation at DSE championships and CHEGP**

Martin Dvorak (Czech Republic) asked if participation at DSE championships is limited by membership at DSE. Robert Wota: We have never limited participation, we try to be open but on the other hand for future it seems not fair for the members who pay membership fees.

The discussion turned into motivation of the organizers to apply for CHEGP if this brings additional costs to the organizers. Competition fee for DSE CHEGP is charged as a package of 8 competitions for just a low amount of money. On the top, DSE provides benefits such as medals and especially ranking available at DSE webpage which addresses juveniles and juniors. Furthermore Petr Odstrcil pointed that the fee for those 8 competitions under WDSF would be 1200 € in comparison of 400 € under DSE.

#### **18.2. Membership fees**

As pointed before, the DSE membership is not limited by paying membership fee by Statutes while in WDSF renewal of the membership must be submitted by the payment of the membership fee.

Delegates suggested for future to set some restrictions with negative consequences for non-paying members and granted a task to DSE MC to prepare a change of Statutes for limiting the membership by paying the membership fee. It was pointed that any change of DSE Statutes must be approved by WDSF in advance.

Voting: 1 abstention, 25 yes – Approved

Ivo Kappet (Estonia) asked for his speech. Chairperson Herbert Waller noted that as not a delegate he is not allowed to speak. After various exchanges of opinions from the delegates the chairperson let the delegates to decide if they allow Ivo Kappet to speak.

Voting: 1 abstention, 25 yes – Approved

Ivo Kappet opened a question why to be a DSE member, what is a membership in DSE for? Further discussion continued... Generally delegates expressed support for DSE to becoming a strong,

powerful organization and asked DSE MC to prepare a motion for changing DSE Statutes in time for possible non-paying members not to have voting right for the next DSE AGA.

Luis Vano and other DSE MC members thanked the delegates for the support and asked for the votes in favour of interest of DSE during upcoming WDSF AGM elections.

Attachments:

1. Report of DSE MC (Report of ECA as the appendix)
2. DSE Financial Rules and Regulations

Attachment 1:

## **Report of DanceSport Europe Managing Committee**

### **Meetings**

DSE Managing Committee: President Luis Vaño, Vice-President Heidi Estler, Treasurer Christian Zamblera, Sports Director Robert Wota, General Secretary Eva Bartunkova and members: Leena Liusvaara and Zoltan Sandor worked intensively to fulfil the aims of DanceSport Europe on communication, diplomatic, strategic, sports and administrative areas.

During the period since AGA in June 2016, DSE MS realized or still are to be held 4 personal (Stuttgart, Portugal, Frankfurt and Singapore) and 4 Skype meetings. Skype meetings saved a lot of expenses for DSE.

### **Administration**

There is no real administration centre for DSE, administration is being held on a personal base mostly by the general secretary, treasurer, president and vice president. This keeps the expenses for administration very low for DSE, actually almost zero.

### **DSE Website**

DSE web page was opened during summer 2016 in cooperation with WDSF Communication Commission, namely Heidi Goetz and John Caprez. The web was designed by John Caprez to fit with WDSF look and content. Besides information about DSE establishing, goals, Statutes and other documents such as competition rules, Minutes from DSE AGA and news are available on DSE website **[www.dancesporteurope.org](http://www.dancesporteurope.org)**

### **fb Dance Sport Europe**

DSE fb was created by Robert Wota as an official fb corresponding with the DSE web with the aim to reach more people and bring fast information.

### **Establishing DSE commission: DSE Sport Affairs working group**

DSE Sport Affairs working group was established, Flemming Riis as a chair appointed.

### **DSE Sports Director named**

As far as more and more competition projects have been realized, DSE MC named Robert Wota as a Sports Director.

## Membership

### ECA - European Cheerleading Association

The European Cheerleading Association (ECA), a member body of the International Federation of Cheerleading (IFC), being an associate member of WDSF, becomes a new, associated member of DanceSport Europe.

Strategic discussions between Heidi Estler, vice president of DSE and Robert Huber, General Secretary of ECA followed by the application signed by Vojko Korošec, the president of ECA and accepting process by DSE Managing Committee led into the membership and a promise of cooperation between DanceSport Europe and the European Cheerleading Association.

The Report by ECA is being attached.

### Strategic meetings and contacts:

#### 3. Meeting with WDSF Presidium

DSE MC realized several informal and formal meeting with WDSF representatives the most important was held in Barcelona in January 2017. Please see the Report by vice president, Heidi Estler.

#### 4. EOC EU office in Brussels

DSE keeps contact with the European Olympic Committee EU Office, being on a contact list DSE is receiving Monthly Reports.

#### 5. EUSA

DSE realized meetings with members of EUSA managing board: Mrs. Ertlova (Czech Republic) and Mr. Aitor Canibe (Spain) and also communication with president of EUSA Mr. Adam Rocek (Poland) was activated.

### DSE-WDSF Presidium Strategic meeting, Barcelona, January 2017

Report by vice president Heidi Estler:

DSE President Luis Vaño and Vice-President Heidi Estler made their way to Barcelona (Spain) in January 2017 and presented the continental association to the members of the WDSF Presidium meeting.

The small DSE delegation promoted the European point of view and the perspective on diverse projects and especially on sport affairs concerning the European matters. As part of their presentation, the two representatives of DanceSport Europe outlined their ideas for the funding of the running of the organisation through a range of initiatives.

The WDSF Presidium and the DSE delegation agreed to coordinate DSE activities between both organisations at all times. As a result, WDSF agreed the appointment of a Liaison Committee to **discuss the proposed matters with DSE.**

In detail:

First DSE explained the DSE-Definition

DanceSport Europe, DSE, is established to promote European perspective within World DanceSport.

DSE collects its European member bodies together and offers a platform for discussing the future development of DanceSport in Europe.

DSE discusses with different European networks as regards taking DanceSport closer to the Olympic family in a fair and active way.

In addition, DSE supports its members for innovating new ideas in organizing competitions, for gaining more visibility and interest in media and in the eyes of sponsors.

DanceSport Europe takes steps for establishing cups and competitions that have not been organized in Europe before and accordingly take the responsibility of developing the DSE competition calendar. DSE wants to go in dialogue with WDSF about the DSE Strategic and Action Plan.

This means

- Find role and position of DSE WITH WDSF
- Discuss opportunities for development of DSE
- Have common understanding with WDSF
- Start open discussion for possible development by DSE in European matters concerning Sport Affairs
- Establish further ways of collaboration to the WDSF Presidium

A possible way is the collaboration with WDSF on current and other competitions, for example European Cups and European Championships in age groups not run by WDSF.

The following topics could also be done by DanceSport Europe: University, Team Matches, Youth Camps, Youth-Exchange-Programs

Very important for DSE is the Communication with European Institutions and Partners, for example with EUSA (European University Sports Association), with EOC EU Office (Erasmus+ Sport for 2017), European Sport Commission, with IMGA (European Master Games) and of course Communication with DSE members.

Now the concrete planning is to start with

- the negotiations with WDSF,
- start negotiations with organizers regarding plans for 2018 -2019
- making plans for future competitions (as Senior Circuit, as festivals for children, as University Competitions, Team matches, etc.)
- Making plans for economical structure – income control – prize money etc.  
ensure proper amount of income
- Office, Administration

The feedback from the WDSF Presidium was a positive reaction in general and the offer of working together. As well as DSE, WDSF does not want a „parallel situation“: do not build a „little WDSF“ with the same construction as WDSF, just for DSE

Now we have to fill all the points with life - and the kick-off of the Liaison Committee.

## **Sport Projects**

### **Press Releases:**

#### **1. DSE European Universities Championship STT and LAT 11.9.2016 Bratislava**

The first DanceSport Europe European Universities Championship in Standard and Latin was held 11.9.2016 in Bratislava as a part of Slovak Open Championship, an official event of the European Week of Sport. In total 44 couples from 10 countries, individually representing 43 universities or the last grade of a secondary school participated. Eva Bartunkova, the general secretary of DSE in her opening speech welcomed all the participants and thanked the organizers, Slovak Dance Sport Federation and Slovak University Sport Association, among them the sponsors and partners Valery Lebedev – EurodanceLux providing the trophies and medals for this championship as well as a special trophy by DSE for the pilot project Grand Prix for Children scheduled on the day. Gaudeamus Igitur, the anthem of students then opened the event.

The title of DSE European Universities Champions in Standard dances went to Tomas Fainsil and Violetta Posmetnaya representing Lithuanian Sport University, Lithuania, followed by the silver medallists Matej Stec (Technical University Kosice) – Elena Popova (UK Bratislava) from Slovakia and Klemens Hofer (University Wien) – Barbara Westermayer (Academy of Fine Arts) from Austria in third place.

DSE European Universities Latin Champions became Radim Vyslouzil (VSB – TUO Ostrava) – Tereza Sedlakova (Gymnasium Kromeriz) from the Czech Republic, second place went to Joris Sangavicius – Ieva Urbonaite (Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences), Lithuania, bronze medal in Latin for Matej Stec and Elena Popova from Slovakia. Together with the second place in Standard made this couple as the most universal couple winning also a special trophy for the combination by DSE.

The complete results are available on WDSF web page. DSE European Universities Championship 2016, Bratislava: Standard, Latin.

## **2. DSE Visegrad Group Team Match, Usti nad Labem 12.11.2016**

DanceSport Europe together with the organizers of the International Dance Festival held 12.11.2016 in Usti nad Labem, the Czech Republic, presented a new team project based on historical roots of cooperation and friendship among the four countries of the Central European region, known as the Visegrad Group or simply V4.

Eva Bartunkova, the general secretary of DSE, in her opening speech thanked Czech DanceSport Federation and Petr Barnat, the director of the Festival not only for hosting the event but also for the idea to combine the history with a friendly match in DanceSport.

The teams consisting of Junior and Adult couples in Standard and Latin from the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland and Hungary put together all their energy to show the best of their dancing to the warm and supportive audience and for the cameras of the Czech Television Sport Channel. Finally, the title of V4 DanceSport team champions went to Poland (STD Adult: Marek Szulgo-Renata Schodnik; LAT Adult: Adam Fedko-Joanna Dabrowska; STD Jun: Matthew Krupa – Nicole Billings; LAT Jun: Adam Bednarz-Wiktoria Lassak), followed by Slovakia winning a silver trophy, the Czech Republic on the third place, ended up also with a great performance of the Hungarian team.

## **3. DSE Children European Grand Prix**

DanceSport Europe introduced a new competition series of DSE Children European Grand Prix (DSE CHEGP) for Juveniles I, II and Juniors I and II age categories in standard and latin-american dances.

The project of Children European Grand Prix got into life in Slovakia by Igor Jagersky. In September 2016 DSE became a partner of this project held as a part of Slovak Open Championship and provided the best Junior II couples with trophies. During the following period DSE issued updated rules and established ranking for the series.

The first ranking competition of DSE CHEGP was held April 1.-2. 2017 as a part of the Brno Open Dance Festival. 151 entries by 89 couples – 178 children from 16 countries in total made the kick out of the brand new series by DSE extremely successful.

The best couples with the highest ranking score from three competitions included in the series will be announced as winners of DSE Children European Grand Prix and they will get a special winning trophy. The Ranking list will be published at DSE website.

The next leg of the series will return again to Bratislava in September 2017. DSE is looking for other organizers of the CHEGP within its European member federations. DSE managing committee trusts that this series and ranking will give prestige to DanceSport among children and will help to motivate young generation for competing.

Results and ranking are available at WDSF and DSE web.

## **4. CAUS International Open Academy Championship.**

Another university sport event was held under a support of Czech Association of University Sport – CAUS and DSE was held as a part of Brno Open 2017 1.-2.4.2017.

Upcoming events:

#### **5. DSE European Championship of National Teams, April 16, 2017**

Discussed-possible events:

In December a suggestion was made by NEC meeting that **European Other Dances Championships** would be held under DSE in May in Denmark. It was discussed but the plans did not go ahead.

#### **Competition Rules and Regulations:**

Based on the experience from the First DSE European Championship of National Teams held in April 2016 in Cambrils, Spain, DSE MC updated the **Team Match Rules** supporting the team vision not individual performances. These rules were applied also for the DSE Visegrad Group Team Match.

DSE also released the Rules for **DSE Children European Grand Prix** available at the DSE website.

The formats of the three competitions above were also communicated with WDSF Communication Committee and became published at the WDSF competition calendar as a new type of competition.

#### **Promotion:**

**European week of Sport 5.-12.9.2016** is being organized by EU Commission

DSE strongly supports activities of EU office and recommends the member bodies to contact NOCs if they did not do it by now about the European Week of Sports held 10.-16.9.2016.

Examples of activities of the member bodies:

- WDSF Slovak Open including the DSE European Universities Championship STD and LAT 11.9.2016 Bratislava became an official event of the European week of Sport during the Slovak EU Presidency.
- In Spain various open-air presentation of the DanceSport were held.

#### **6. Upcoming:**

- **Mediterranean Games, Tarragona, Spain – June 2017** - exhibitions during various events scheduled
- **European Masters Games (IMGA)** – DSE was addressed by WDSF advisor Jean-Laurent Bourquin to communicate and being responsible for the communication to Ms. Samantha Hayward, International Masters Games Association (IMGA), Director of Sport, who is in charge of the upcoming European Masters Games.
- **European Games: 2019 – Minsk** - Strategic goal of DSE

Attachment to DSE MC Report:

Report by European Cheerleading Association

## Report by European Cheerleading Association for DanceSport Europe AGA, Singapore June 2017



European Cheerleader Association  
Europäische Cheerleader Assoziation e. V.  
Otto-Fleck-Schneise 12  
D-60528 Frankfurt, Germany  
Phone ++49-69-96740267  
Fax ++49-69-96734148  
E-mail [office@efaf.de](mailto:office@efaf.de)

### **Name and Objectives:**

The name of the association is European Cheerleading Association (ECA). The association is non-profit making. The legal seat of the association is at Frankfurt. ECA is a separate legal entity. ECA shall consist of the national associations of Europe recognized by it as controlling cheerleading in their respective countries. The objectives of ECA are to consider all matters relating to Cheerleading and to promote all efforts of the member associations to fulfil these goals.

### **Members:**

Belgium, Croatia, Gibraltar, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg, Monaco, Montenegro, The Netherlands, Russia, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

### **Activities:**

The Annual General Meeting of the European Cheerleading Association (ECA) was held on February 11, 2017 in Barcelona. President Vojko Korosec welcomed 15 voting delegates from all member federations. In his report he underlined the importance of working jointly together to deliver the best possible service for the ECA member federations, as well as for the athletes participating in the European Cheerleading Championships (ECC). The ECC is the showcase event of ECA and the main reason for the existence of ECA. Further reports were delivered from the Treasurer, ECC 2016 LOC, Education, Rules and Judge Committees. All reports were unanimously approved by the delegates.

The AGM accepted the membership applications of Italy, Montenegro and Switzerland, raising the number of member federations now to 18 countries. More candidates are currently in the process of review so that ECA expects to grow further in the next few years.

The ECC 2017 will be held July 1/ 2, 2017 in Zagreb (Croatia). Competitors should expect an high level competition.

For the ECC 2018, the ECA Board invited all members to submit applications to host and organize the ECC by the March 1, 2017. Initial notifications of interest to host and organize the ECC 2018 are also welcome.

ECA Judges Clinic will be delivered June 29 to 31, 2017 in Zagreb. Shadow judging can take place on July 1, 2, 2017 or at a later championship. Registrations for course attendees should be forwarded to the ECA office before the 1st March.

The AGM also receive a report about the upcoming Cheerleading World Championships on November 11/ 12, 2017 in Takasaki City, Japan. Takasaki City is located in Gunma Prefecture, approximately 120km north-west of Tokyo.

The Board informed that ECA was accepted as a member of DanceSport Europe (DSE), the continental association of the World DanceSport Federation (WDSF), tightening the strings between Cheerleading and DanceSport.

## **DSE FINANCIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### **Competition Fee**

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| DSE European Championship of National Teams                     | 700 € |
| DSE Subcontinental Team Championship                            | 500 € |
| DSE Children European Grand Prix (Juv I, II, Jun I, II STD/LAT) | 400 € |

Other competitions:

The maximum level as set by WDSF Financial Rules and Regulations

*Keeper of the Minutes: Eva Bartunkova*