
MINUTES OF DSE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held on August 28 2022 in Zadar, Croatia

1. Call to Order

DSE President Robert Wota called to order the Annual General Assembly at 11:05 am by welcoming the delegates and guests of the DSE AGA on his and on behalf of the Managing Committee.

2. Report on Convocation of the Meeting and Submission of Motions

DSE Secretary General Dragana Majcen provided the report on Convocation of the Meeting and Submission of Motions.

The first information about the meeting was sent to members on Jan 7th 2022 and the change of date of the meeting was communicated on March 10th 2022. The AGA was originally scheduled for July, but after requests from the members, it was rescheduled and convened on August 27th-28th 2022 with the Open Forum on the previous day of the AGA. Motions for the Agenda were to be delivered by April 11th 2022, but the members did not send any motions for the Agenda. The e-booklet including the Final Agenda and the materials was sent to the members on June 28th 2022. And all the above information was also published on the DSE website.

3. Roll Call and Ascertainment of Votes

DSE President Wota informed that there were 24 members present out of which 22 members with the right to vote at the beginning of the meeting. Given that more than ¼ of the voting members in terms of number of votes represented by the delegates, the General Assembly can be convened as duly constituted as stated in article 9 of the Statutes.

4. Election of the meeting Chairman

DSE President Wota on behalf of the DSE Managing Committee, volunteered as Chairman of the meeting.

Unanimously approved and Robert Wota was elected as the Chairperson of the meeting.

5. Election of the meeting Secretary/Minute Keeper

DSE President Wota, on behalf of the Managing Committee, suggested Miss Auli Korhonen (FIN) to act as a Meeting Secretary.

Unanimously approved and Auli Korhonen was elected to act as Secretary of the meeting.

6. Appointment of Scrutineers

DSE President Wota, on behalf of the Managing Committee, suggested Marina Krasevac Barisic (Croatia) and Magdalena Czarnocka-Kaptur (Poland) to act as scrutineers for the meeting.

Unanimously approved and Ms. Krasevac Barisic and Ms. Czarnicka-Kaptur were elected to act as Scrutineers of the Meeting.

7. Recognitions and Special Welcomes

DSE President Wota specially welcomed the WDSF Vice-President for Sports, Mr. Nenad Jeftic, and the WDSF General Secretary, Mr. Sergey Nifontov.

President Wota informed that since the last DSE AGA, the DSE has two new members: Bulgaria and Georgia. President Wota addressed the presidents and welcomed the two countries to the DSE family.

8. Allocation of Time

DSE President Wota, on behalf of the Managing Committee, proposed the allocation of time of 3 minutes for speech per topic, and added 1 minute for additional comment per topic.

The proposal was unanimously approved.

9. Approval of the Agenda

DSE President Wota presented the Agenda with an amendment of a Motion of Urgency.

DSE Treasurer Sergey Belayev introduced the Motion of Urgency, which related to All Ukrainian DanceSport Federation to be able to keep the membership privileges without paying the membership fee.

Mr. Belyaev reminded the delegates that 2/3 votes are needed to add the Motion of Urgency to the agenda, and at this point there would not be any discussion on the actual motion.

The amended Agenda was unanimously approved.

10. Motion of Urgency from the Managing Committee

DSE Treasurer Belyaev introduced the motion. The Managing Committee moves to release the All Ukrainian DanceSport Federation from the annual membership fee payment of 2022 with the preservation of all membership privileges, including the right to vote due to the difficult financial situation in Ukraine caused by war.

With one abstention, the motion was carried, and the All Ukrainian DanceSport Federation preserved the membership privileges, including the right to vote without the need to pay the membership fee in 2022.

DSE President Wota informed the delegates that from this item forward there are 23 votes present in the AGA.

11. Approval of the minutes of the 2021 Annual General Assembly

President Wota informed the delegates that the minutes were circulated to the members on July 8th 2021, and moved to approve the Minutes of the 2021 DSE AGA.

The Minutes of the 2021 DSE AGA were approved with one abstention.

12. President's Report

President Wota introduced the report found in the booklet.

The President's Report was unanimously approved.

13. General Secretary's Report

President Wota informed that the report is part of the e-booklet.

Mr. Vogt (SUI) mentioned the report does not include reports on DSE projects. Ms. Majcen replied that the Managing Committee will report about projects during the AGM on point 18 – Approval of the action plan 2023, due to the fact that the reports weren't ready at the time of writing the report.

The General Secretary's Report was unanimously approved.

14. Treasurer's Report

President Wota referred to the e-booklet for the Treasurer's Report.

Mr. Walter Vogt (SUI) asked about the taxation. He referred to the Swiss federation with a lot more surplus and capital, and yet they pay less taxes than DSE.

Treasurer Belyaev referred to the deficit of EUR 9800, which is planned for 2023. For 2021 there was a surplus of EUR 4000, and 2020 had a surplus as well. He also explained that the status of the tax exemption application is still pending despite the reminder sent by the Managing Committee. He highlighted that for 2023 there will be a budget deficit.

Mr. Belyaev also asked if the Swiss Federation would be willing to give on some valid advice regarding taxation as the accounts are in Switzerland. Mr. Vogt agreed to this.

Mr. Belyaev also mentioned a typo in the second paragraph of his report. Line four says the year 2022, it should be 2021.

Ms. Ashli Williamson (DEN) remarked how the contribution of the WDSF for 2021 was not paid, but it has still been budgeted for 2022 and 2023.

Mr. Belyaev referred to a previous online AGA about the same question and reminded how the WDSF Vice-President for Finance, Tony Tilenni, promised to keep up the contribution for 2022 in exchange for a report or plans about the use of the contribution.

He said he has no information of the current status of the contribution.

President Wota referred to the President's Report on this matter. From 2019 until 2021 the contribution was cancelled. The report and plans of use the contribution was sent to the WDSF Vice President for Finance in February 2022, but so far there has been no answer.

Mr. Belyaev hoped the situation will get clarified in near future.

The Treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

15. Approval of the Financial Statement 2021

President Wota asked delegates to comment the report which includes Profit and Loss Statement, Balance Sheets and DSE Financial Controllers' report.

Treasurer Belyaev thanked Mr. Guy Simon and Mr. Lior Belensky for their hard work

Guy Simon (DSE Financial Controller) informed that there were no irregularities found.

All transactions were observed on both CHF and EUR accounts and DSE has double book-keeping.

There were no remarks for the control.

Treasurer Belyaev informed the delegates that the financial administration is moving to Switzerland.

There have already been discussions on moving the data from Finland. This change allows an automatic follow-up with the accounts.

The Financial Statement was unanimously approved.

16. Approval of the Managing Committee's work from the last general assembly to the present

Mr. Jeffrey van Meerkerk (NED) thanked the Managing Committee for their hard work and moved to approve the work of the Managing Committee from the last Annual General Assembly.

The Managing Committee work from the last Annual General Assembly was unanimously approved.

17. Annual membership fee 2023

On behalf of the Managing Committee, President Wota proposed the annual membership fees for 2023 in the amount of EUR 400 (for full members) and EUR 200 (for provisional members).

The proposal for the annual membership fees was unanimously approved.

18. Approval of the action plan 2023

President Wota referred to the e-booklet about the three points of the Action plan and asked members of the Managing Committee to present it.

The Managing Committee member, Mr. Guy Rosen explained point 1 of the action plan.

The vision is to unite Europe in a class system. The more Europe is united and creates a common language on how to speak, the more opportunities to build are created. More athletes make the sport more attractive.

Having united systems and rules helps competitions, helps the sport and helps the athletes to do their job.

He informed that 19 countries answered the questionnaire. He thanked them for the data and continues

pushing the countries which didn't reply. According to the first glance observed, there are no major

differences, as many countries have rules similar to WDSF. The next steps are analysing the situation

with a working group, publishing and discussing together to seek solutions and to go forward in benefit

of the dance and the same language. He compared the vision to having the same currency in Europe, and he hopes to present results in 2023.

Mr. Valeri Ivanov (ESP) thanked the project for being really interesting but commented on it being difficult to execute. He asked how the project would help Standard and Latin grow bigger.

Mr. Rosen replied that it gives more opportunities for couples to compete. Different class systems and dress regulations outside their own country are confusing and make competing more difficult. It is time to develop and progress, and to try to change and adapt. There are bigger problems outside sport system, like obesity in younger children because they don't do sports. Even though every country has different problems, children are the future.

Ms. Majcen added that the Managing Committee considers this project as not implying bigger numbers but better competitions with a better quality. The purpose is to help the National Member Bodies and their athletes to easily compete at an international level.

Mr. Rodrigues added that the project creates a better structure as a sport.
President Wota concluded the discussion by considering the project important.

President Wota introduced the second part of the Action Plan. The DSE needs a platform to run the ranking. At the beginning, there was no money for it, and it has been done in a very economical way, meaning the Polish Federation has allowed to use the servers for free. There are improvements required as the results need to be entered manually. Also, for the future ,it is time to do it in a more professional way. Mr. Wota informed that a company had been found and a database was already modernized and made more flexible. DSE moved all the databases to a professional server which was subscribed and paid for the next three years. At the moment, the DSE is communicating about a scrutineering programs to be updated. The easy APIs were created to implement. The Scrutineering programs update should be ready by the end of the year.

Mr. Walter Vogt (SUI) reminded that any ICT program can be a black hole for money, and asked if there is a functional design for the next 5 years about what the future will bring and requested information about the design.

President Wota informed the delegates that introductions have been received and the design will be sent to members.

After that, President Wota concluded the discussion by mentioning how point 3 was discussed at the Open Forum during the previous day. Additional input from the Open Forum will be added to the Action Plan.

The Action plan for 2023 was unanimously approved.

19. 2021 Budget and Result and Adoption of the 2023 DSE Provisional Budget

Treasurer Belyaev presented the Budget and Result and Adoption of the 2023 DSE Provisional Budget. He highlighted how the capital allows investing money on the projects. The budget will be monitored in case competitions are not organized or if WDSF does not contribute a grant.

Mr. Guy Simon (LUX) remarked that for an IT development EUR 3000 is not that much, and asked how the project in action plan is planned to be executed.

Mr. Belyaev replied saying that there has already been some reallocation so that the Scrutineering program will be completed. He reminded how the budget can't be precise, it is an estimate, and that his function as a Treasurer is to make sure the expenses are acceptable. The budget is provisional and could be amended again for 2023.

Mr. Walter Vogt (SUI) asked where the accounting services could be found in the budget.

Mr. Belyaev referred to Administration costs.

The Budget, Result and the Adoption of the 2023 DSE Provisional Budget were unanimously accepted.

20. Miscellaneous

President Wota asked the delegates if there were any other items to discuss.

Mr. Erich Stäldi (SUI) informed the delegates on the Motion for the WDSF EGM about changing the Statutes regarding expelling a member.

President Wota thanked the Managing Committee members and especially the General Secretary and the Treasurer for the past year. He also thanked the Croatian DanceSport Federation for the nice weekend and for the nice organisation of the events.

21. Adjournment

President Wota thanked the delegates and guests and adjourned the meeting at 12:33 PM.

DanceSport Europe President
Robert Wota

