

MINUTES OF

DanceSport Europe Annual General Assembly

Marriot Park Hotel, Rome, June 10 2016, 17:00

Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call and Ascertainment of Votes
3. Electing a Chairperson for the Meeting
4. Approval of the Agenda
5. Election of Keeper of Minutes
6. Appointment of Scrutineers
7. Approval of the Minutes of the 2015 AGA
8. Approval of the Reports of the Managing Committee
9. Approval of the Financial Statement
10. Approval of the Managing Committee's work during the past 12 month
11. Decision on the membership fee
12. Budget for 2016 and provisional Budget for 2017
13. Motion of members
14. Approval of new DSE members
15. Miscellaneous
16. Adjournment

Call to order: Vice-president of DSE, Heidi Estler opened the DSE AGA by welcoming all the delegates, observers and guests at 17:20 after presentation of all the delegates was completed.

1. Roll Call and Ascertainment of Votes

Present: 47 delegates and observers were present plus 6 members of DSE Managing Committee: Heidi Estler, Christian Zamblera, Eva Bartunkova, Leena Liusvaara, Robert Wota and Zoltan Sandor (54 persons present in total)

Voting delegates: 26 voting delegates were present at DSE AGA out of 31 current DSE member bodies

50% (simple) Majority: 14; 2/3 majority: 19
unanimously approved

2. Electing a Chairperson for the Meeting

Herbert Waller (Switzerland): unanimously approved

3. Approval of the Agenda: unanimously approved

4. Election of Keeper of the Minutes

Eva Bartunkova (DSE general secretary): unanimously approved

5. Appointment of Scrutineers

Dragana Majcen (Croatia), Wolfgang Eliash (Austria)
Unanimously approved

6. Approval of the Minutes of the 2015 AGA

Unanimously approved

7. Approval of the Reports of the Managing Committee (Appendix 1)

Flemming Riis: In Agenda there is European Line Dance Championship mentioned to be held in Spain in November 2016 in the report. There has not been enough discussion with the WCLDSF (World Country and Line DanceSport Federation) as an associate member of WDSF, the Spanish competition is not accepted by that organization. There is another line dance championship scheduled by WCLDSF.

Communication should be more active. DSE has a political future - European countries to be united through DSE

Heidi Estler: At the moment DSE MC has no information about line dance as this was the information by Luis Vano who is not present. European competitions should be established in the structure, the process just started, cannot be finished in one day, things are changing, also WDSF changed – everybody has to find the way; DSE had its presentation for WDSF Presidium in a very positive atmosphere.

Petr Horacek (Slovakia): applied for the European Universities Championship to WDSF – from WDSF transferred to DSE, Luis Vano, DSE president. P. Horacek didn't get a reply from Luis Vano; DSE MC got the correspondence from Peter Horacek just the day before (Luis Vano not present), will be checked.

Jeffrey Meerkerk (Netherlands): Netherlands didn't get invitation for the European Championship of National Teams.

DSE took a chance to organize the team event, the timing was quite tight though. Eva Bartunkova, DSE general secretary apologized the timing and that is why also quite late announcement of the event, cannot check the mailing list - invitations went through the Spanish office. Communication is one of the priorities of DSE which needs to put focus on for future. DSE website which is being prepared will help to make the communication more active.

Petr Odstrcil (Czech Republic): correcting the information at the Action Report of DSE MC: establishing of DSE dates to January 2015 not June 2015. DSE will correct the information in connection with the first DSE AGA when the activity of DSE started.

Reports of the DSE Managing Committee – 25 YES, no abstentions, no against.

8. Approval of the Financial Statement

No financial report for 2015 as there were no financial sources and budget by now, no membership fees for 2015 collected, bank account opened at 2016.

9. Approval of the Managing Committee's work during the past 12 month.

Voting: 25 YES, no abstentions, no against.

10. Decision on the membership fee

As there are no Financial Rules and Regulations containing membership fee approval for the membership fee by AGA is needed. The membership fee was fixed in Granada for 2016 and 2017. DSE MC proposes to confirm 400€ of the membership fee for 2018 per year. The DSE bank account is established in Switzerland in CHF. To allow easy payments for all the members another account in EUR will be open. No other statements by members were made.

Voting: 26 YES

11. Budget for 2016 and provisional Budget for 2017 (Appendix 2)

Voting: 23 YES, 2 abstentions (Switzerland, Czech Republic)

12. Motion of members

No motions – skipped

13. Approval of new DSE members

No new applications – skipped

14. Miscellaneous

Jeffrey Meerkerk (Netherlands): asked for the support – motion for Sunday to amend competition rules for formation teams – opportunity to clarify the rules

15. Adjournment

The DSE was finished at 19:00. Heidi Estler thanked all the members for their participation and support.

Keeper of the minutes: Eva Bartunkova



Minutes of DSE AGA Rome 2016: Appendix 1

Action Report of DanceSport Europe Managing Committee

Approved document by DSE AGA Rome 10. 6. 2016

DanceSport Europe has been established in 2015 with the aim to develop and strengthen DanceSport in Europe in accordance with the Statutes, Rules and Regulations, strategy and policies of the WDSF and to reinforce strong and amicable relationships between the European member bodies of WDSF. The first Annual General Assembly was held in June 2015 in Granada when the managing committee was elected.

At the first stage the activity of DSE has focused on establishing an administration base for its work and setting the main goals. Just recent opening of a bank account in Switzerland with a kind help of Marc Frederic Schäfer has been an important starting point for further DSE activities. Collecting the membership fees for 2016 as agreed at AGA in Granada will allow expanding further DSE activities.

The Managing Committee has had five official meetings: in Granada, Stuttgart, Elblag, Riga and Helsinki and a lot of informal meetings as in Nanjing, Vienna or Barcelona.

During DSE Managing Committee meetings e.g. a lot of common European topics have been discussed, the goals and a strategy plan have been set up and also several goals and projects have already been carried out during the past period.

With the main goal of promoting DanceSport in Europe generally and towards the Olympic community DSE Managing Committee discussed membership possibilities in **European Olympic Committees** organization and plans to meet with European Olympic Committees EU Office in Brussels supported by a close contact to some of the EOC EU office representatives. A main goal of DSE is considered taking part in European Olympic Games. DSE MC established contacts with EOC EU office in Brussels and gets its Monthly Reports regularly as a base for sharing information and further mutual communication. DSE also searches possibilities for funded EU-projects.

Collaboration with WDSF is being one of the most important strategic topics of DSE. Already several meetings with WDSF representatives have been directed. Further negotiations have to be led with WDSF with the effort to increase a role of DSE in Europe. Regarding the competitions, European Championships and Cups in existing formats and age groups are the subject to be discussed as well as new ways and formats of sport activities.

In November 2015, DanceSport Europe became a partner of the **European Union 10 Dance Championship** held in Usti nad Labem, Czech Republic. **Newly designed DSE logo** by John Caprez, the WDSF webmaster, was used and presented during the competition, the winners got cups by DSE. DanceSport Europe as a partner was presented also during the **North European Championship** held in Riga in December 2015.

DSE got its presence also in the WDSF European Cup Standard in Vila Nova de Famalicão (Portugal) in October and the WDSF European Cup 10 Dances in Dnipropetrovsk (Ukraine) in December.



Establishing **new competition formats** shows the variety of possibilities of development of DanceSport in Europe such as the European Championship of National Teams or International Academic Championships. Collaboration with European University Sport Association has been established.

DanceSport Europe became a partner of the **International Academic DanceSport Championship** held in March 2016 during the Brno Open Dance Festival under the umbrella of the Czech University Sports Association and under a support of DSE and Czech DanceSport Federation. A similar project, the Academy DanceSport Championship is planned to be held in Spain in December 2016. Coordination of the University or Academy DanceSport activities grown up within Europe separately also in other countries may bring further communication and positive promotion of DanceSport in the academy field.

On Easter Monday, 27th March 2016, the first **DanceSport Europe European Championship of National Teams** was held during the X D.O. DanceSport event in Cambrils, Spain under a support of the organizer Mr. Antonio Mass. Ten European Teams consisting of three Standard and three Latin Under 21, Adult and Senior I couples participated: Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Poland, Rumania, Slovakia and Spain. A unique atmosphere of support and friendship accompanied performances of all the couples. The title of the European National Teams Champions went to Germany, second place to Romania and third to Spain.

DSE's aim is to find further possibilities how to **address other dancers and dancing communities** to join DanceSport. European **Line Dance Championship** in November 2016 (Spain) and **European Synchro Championship** in 2017 are being planned by DSE.

In order of further development of such projects DSE MC will appreciate getting a feedback from the participants and other member bodies, active discussion about the projects, condition, rules etc. DSE MC strongly feels that the mutual dialogue is crucial for the success of such European projects. DSE MC trusts in active communication within European member bodies bringing better understanding, respect and inspiration.

Opening a **DanceSport Europe webpage** is the next important goal for DSE which has been inhibited by the lack of financial sources by now. The look and inclusion of DSE webpage has been already discussed with the WDSF webmaster a while ago and just waits for its start. The web page as the information platform will put DSE to a new level of promotion and will provide a space for sharing information and possible discussion.

DanceSport Europe would like to play an active role also in other spheres such as possibilities in funded EU-projects as mentioned above or sharing knowledge and information about the DanceSport education systems of European member federations. An example of such an open cooperation is the Bratislava Children DanceSport Academy.

DanceSport Europe as its strategic goal will release a **questionnaire to member bodies** to get a base for sharing information about strong and also possible weak points and mainly for getting inspiration for the development of DanceSport in Europe.



DanceSport Europe Managing Committee comes up with interesting ways of promotion of the DanceSport such as:

- In the connection to the **Summer Olympic Games in Rio** to coordinate presentations during various public events, national Olympic parks during August 4 – 21, 2016 and to bring interesting news from these places. **Samba choreography** will be presented in schools and public places, also through the social media. As an example Finland and Czech Republic cooperate together on a base of national DanceSport Federations and national Olympic Committees as well. DSE MC will try to find ways of further cooperation and sharing experience with other European member bodies.
- Coordinated by DSE promotion of simultaneous activities during **European week of sport** from 5 to 12 September 2016 to increase visibility of DanceSport.
- Exhibitions during the various events scheduled during **Mediterranean Games**, Tarragona, Spain (June 2017).

Financial Report:

No financial figures are presented as there were no financial sources and budgets by now. During 2015 no member fee was collected because the current bank-account was only opened in 2016. For the same reasons contribution from WDSF was not requested and received.

Administration of DanceSport Europe has concerned on various topics and achieved results as follows:

- DSE logo has been designed and used.
- Promotion of DSE projects at WDSF web and the WDSF calendar; DSE competitions have been listed at WDSF competitions calendar, special DSE design used.
- Cooperation with WDSF Communication Team - Press releases. Some of the press releases haven't been published by WDSF though. Creating own web page is an important base.
- Communication with member bodies: several information e-mails have been released. DSE MC feels strengthening of communication with the member bodies as very important.

DSE Managing Committee members are committed to work for the development of European DanceSport in every level. We want to invite you to a discussion about new visions for DSE to Rome, DSE AGA. This creates an important possibility to share opinions in order to set the track for the common future of European DanceSport. Cordially we also want to invite those WDSF European member federations which are not yet members of DSE to join the team.

DanceSport Europe Managing Committee

Luis Vañó, president
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