

# Minutes of DSE Annual General Assembly

15th June, 2018 Hotel Savoy, Lausanne

## 1. Call to Order

At 15:00 Heidi Estler, the vice-president of DSE and the interim president of DSE during a period of 8-2017 to 6-2018 in her opening speech welcomed delegates and guests of the DSE AGA and presented main achievements followed by proposing the chair of the AGA, Herbert Waller from Switzerland. Heidi Estler transmitted the apology by a member of the DSE Managing Committee Leena Liusvaara for her absence because of the time collision with the WDSF Presidium meeting. Heidi Estler welcomed the honorary member of WDSF Heinz Spaeker as the guest of DSE AGA.

Present members of DSE MC present: Heidi Estler (DSE Vice President), Christian Zamblera (DSE Treasurer), Robert Wota (DSE Sports Director), Eva Bartunkova (DSE General Secretary), Zoltan Sandor (DSE MC Member), Luis Vano (DSE President)

## 2. Roll Call and Ascertainment of Votes

22 voting delegates have been registered at the beginning of AGA.

Valeri Ivanov (Spain): Motion of order: Eliminate agenda 18 – Elections

Voting: Elimination of the point 18 (Elections): 10 Yes/9 Against/3 Abstentions

Point 18 - Elections was taken away from the Agenda.

## 3. Electing a Chairperson for the Meeting

Suggestion by Heidi Estler (DSE MC): Herbert Waller (Switzerland)

Voting: unanimously approved

## 4. Approval of the Agenda

Voting: Agenda without point 18: 12/5/3 - Agenda approved

*From 15:21: 23 persons voting*

## 5. Election of Keeper of Minutes

Suggestion by Herbert Waller: Eva Bartunkova

Voting: 21/0/0 Approved

## 6. Appointment of Scrutineers

Michael Eichert, Drago Sulek: 22/0/1

## 7. Approval of the Minutes of the 2017 DSE AGA

Voting: unanimously approved (23 votes)

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

(Attachment: Report of the associated member: European Cheerleading Association)

Robert Wota, the DSE Sport Director as the addition presented sports projects during the past period and introduced the newly established ranking system for DSE Children European Grand Prix.

Voting: unanimously approved (23 votes)

## 9. Report of the DSE Treasurer

Christian Zamblera, the DSE Treasurer shortly summarized the Treasurer's Report submitted to the members in advance by the e-mail and also available on paper at the DSE booklet provided to the delegates.

Voting: unanimously approved (23 votes)

## 10. Approval of the Financial Statement

Voting: 21 Yes – approved

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

After the chairperson Herbert Waller opened point N.11, Heidi Estler asked for a microphone and raised up a question to Luis Vano who came back to carry his position of the president of DSE after stepping back in August 2017 if his juridical accusation have been solved.

Luis Vano: He had not interfered into DSE for the period of 10 months to be able to concentrate to the problems in his country. Now coming back for the position, the rule is: somebody is innocent until not accused. Now in Spain it is nothing against him.

Heidi Estler had different information, she said: "There are still accusations, hearing 26th of June".

Jeffrey van Meerkerk (Netherlands): The unclear position should be explained. Then he asked all members of DSE MC for their statement.

Christian Zamblera: Court case does not prove anything (if there is no pronouncement of the court), it is Luis' own decision. Both, Eva Bartunkova, Zoltan Sandor and Robert Wota in their answer supported the principle of democracy, Luis Vano had been legitimately elected, his position is based on the DSE Statutes, it is his own decision if he does not feel guilty to continue his work.

*During discussion of the point N.11 further delegate entered: 24 votes in total*

Marcus Sonyi (Germany): During the period until everything is clear it is a question of the character, ethics and integrity...

After this discussion Heidi Estler announces her resignation as the vice president of DSE because of ethical issues.

Voting: Approval of the MC of the past 12 months

22/0/1 – approved

## 12. Decision on the membership fee

Proposal: to keep it 400 €

Voting: unanimously approved (23 votes)

## 13. Budget for 2018 and provisional Budget for 2019

Voting: unanimously approved (23 votes)

## 14. Approval of DSE Competition Plan

Robert Wota presented the plan blocked by non-existence of the hosting agreement, presented the statistics of the main project: CHEGP, the ranking system with a help of Polish DanceSport Federation. Polish allowed DSE to use their server for free.

Future plans

- European Team Championship
- Children European Teams Championship - May 2019 Slovenia in Portoroz

Robert Wota then described the DSE CHEGP Ranking System in more details

Robert Wota asked for the support the members to spread out the idea of the DSE projects

Jeffrey Van Meekerck: How about the Seniors Series which was supported by DSE AGA 2017?

Robert Wota: This project got frozen because there was no chance to meet with the WDSF-DSE Liaison commission (WDSF probably had different priorities because of the situation in the WDSF Presidium) In Stuttgart (August 2017) during the DSE MC meeting visited by WDSF representatives it was confirmed that DSE may continue with all current projects, further projects has to be confirmed by WDSF though. After Stuttgart there was no meeting together.

Then the discussion supporting the DSE plans was opened. WDSF AGM is being a platform for creating plans together, members should support the common projects.

Alberto Rodriguez (Portugal): some country should raise up the motion for the project, motion has to be carried by a member

After the discussion DSE AGA delegates voted for the approval of the DSE competition plan

*16:20 Italia left: 23 votes*

Voting: 21 Yes votes - carried unanimously

## 15. DSE MC Motion:

### DSE Statutes Article 9

Old: At the general assembly each full member and associate member has one vote. Provisional members are not entitled to vote.

New proposal by DSE MC: At the general assembly each full member and associate member **whose membership fee did not overdue 15 days before the meeting on the general assembly** has one vote. Provisional members are not entitled to vote.

Andriy Polyvka (Ukraine) raised up the Motion of order to create a possibility to pay cash before AGA: Proposal: every member has to pay the fee until the AGA begins. It was also discussed that credit card payments are not possible.

Motion of order by Ukraine changing the wording: At the general assembly each full member and associate member **whose membership fee is not paid overdue 15 days before the meeting on the general assembly** has one vote. Provisional members are not entitled to vote.

Voting to support the Motion of order: 22 Yes- Motion of order was supported and can be discussed

Members in the further discussions expressed the necessity of fairness and proposed to change wording of the Statutes, art.9 in favour to the members who paid the membership fees from various points of view and tried to find the best wording for the most suitable relations.

Alberto Rodrigues (Portugal): Members who did not pay – can they participate?

Drago Sulek (Slovenia) - suggestion: At the general assembly each full member and associate member **whose membership fee is not paid before the meeting on the general assembly** has no vote.

Herbert Waller: This would turn to negative wording, the relation with “attending” should be in other paragraph. Such a change would mean another motion to change the Statutes.

Alberto Rodrigues at the end came up with the wording amended during a discussion by Drago Sulek (attend must be first... cannot attend and vote) and Robert Wota (attend as delegate):  
At the general assembly each full member and associate member **whose membership fee is not paid before the meeting on the general assembly cannot attend as the delegate and vote.**

Herbert Waller: This proposal completely changes the original message of the paragraph about 1 vote.

Herbert Waller then asked the delegates to vote about accepting this other type of motion of order. (about no right to attend as delegates and vote)

Voting: The motion of order was supported by the majority.

Petr Odstrcil (Czech Republic): The proposals are wrong as we cannot limit rights of our members, we could change the type of their membership of the countries which did not pay to provisional for instance.

Herbert Waller: Such a change would mean another motion to change a type of the membership. Is this a new motion of order for such countries to change the type of membership?

Due to difficulties to find a correct wording for changing the Statutes disputing other articles Portugal withdrew the motion of order about no right to attend as delegates and vote.

*16:30 Malta coming - 24 votes*

Lars Wallin (Sweden) came up with the additional statement to give a request to the Managing Committee to consider the concerns of the delegates raised at DSE AGA 2018 and bring it to the agenda of the next DSE AGA

Further discussion - additional statements

- Proposal should concern the voting rights
- WDSF Statutes and rules could be a guideline for the DSE MC

Proposed as a guideline for the Managing Committee for the next AGA

As there were no additional statements Herbert Waller asked the delegates to vote about the first motion of order about the time (payment before the meeting starts) (Ukraine)  
22/-/- carried unanimously

New text of the motion:

At the general assembly each full member and associate member **whose membership fee is ~~not~~ paid overdue 15 days before the meeting on the general assembly** has one vote. Provisional members are not entitled to vote.

For this change 2/3 majority is needed, valid after the closing of this meeting

Out of 24 votes 22 Y/-/- motion carried

## 16. DSE Members Motions:

### CZECH Motion 1 - Common Competition System

Motion: The New Competition System based on World and Continental Structure to be developed by WDSF Sport Committee and Continental Associations. 5 years plan should be submitted to the next AGMs.

Today's position of the WDSF continental bodies is just formal and does not help the further development. It is very difficult to explain the continental sport bodies, NOCs, other continental sport associations and mainly the media and sponsors, why the continental title competitions are not organized by CAs. The question is always „They are unable of doing it?“

Petr Odstrcil (Czech Republic) introduced the proposal of CDSF in favour to establish a continental competition system, in a case of DSE the European system. For more clarification P. Odstrcil compared the WDSF and DSE structure of the budget.

DSE budget: approx. 22000 €, membership fee 16000 € =72,7%, competition fee 6000 € = 27,2 %.

WDSF Budget: membership fee only 4%, competition fee 53%, licences and ID cards 20%. At WDSF most of the money comes from competitions and the most of competitions from Europe (approx. 90%)

Comparing the plans it is necessary to make a rapid change, we have to create a base for our work. With such small money for DSE it cannot work. If WDSF allows us to have only such a small money, it is said very openly that DSE should be cancelled. That's why it is necessary to create the European competition system, which should be in European hands, in hands of DSE. Why are we limited in our plans? We are members of WDSF. The same motion will be introduced also at WDSF AGM.

“We all should support this motion at WDSF AGM. If WDSF AGM accepts this motion, then we will be able to change rules – it is necessary to say at WDSF AGM that it is our plan for future changes.”

Voting: 21/1/1- motion carried

### **CZECH Motion 2 - Continental Offices**

MOVED, that the continental WDSF/CA office be set up as the common office of WDSF and its CA on the relevant continent

Petr Odstrcil (Czech Republic) presented an idea to allocate DSE office together with the WDSF office to a cheaper destination and the offer of the Czech Republic to provide the service for DSE.

Robert Wota: DSE MC does not support this motion because at the moment we do not need the office. At the moment we (DSE MC) do our work at home, there is no charge for the office.

Herbert Waller: If the meaning of the motion is a joint office for the continent it would mean to use existing WDSF offices on the continent as there is no motion to move WDSF office. It would mean DSE office to Lausanne.

Jasmine Corrodi (Switzerland): “If DSE MC says that at the moment we do not need the office because they do the work by them we have to clap and thank DSE that they do it. If the moment comes we can discuss it.”

Voting: 1/21/2 – motion not carried

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

Non to be approved

### **18. Elections**

Eliminated at the beginning of the meeting

### **19. Miscellaneous**

How it will be arranged with the open space at the DSE Presidium (MC)?

Herbert Waller: The MC has to follow the Statutes in case of resignation within a term of election taking necessary steps according to the Statutes.

Michael Eichert (Germany): Can the Presidium (MC) explain the next steps?

Robert Wota: We have to check the Statutes as we couldn't know about this situation.

Jasmin Corrodi (Switzerland) expressed her regret for resignation of Heidi Estler and thanked for her great job followed by applause from the delegates and DSE MC.

Herbert Waller reading the Statutes: The term of the MC is 4 years. If the member of the MC leaves the president may propose a successor which has to be elected by the MC and approved by the next General Assembly.

### **20. Adjournment**

DSE President Luis Vano thanked the delegates for the support.

The meeting finished at 5:50 pm.

### **Attachments:**

Report of the Managing Committee, Report of DSE Treasurer, Financial Statement incl. Budget for 2018 and Provisional Budget for 2019