

MINUTES OF DSE MANAGING COMMITTEE MEETING

held on September 26th 2023 via video conference

PRESENT:

Robert Wota – DSE President
Mircea Gavrilă – DSE Vice president
Ludwig Wieshofer – DSE Treasurer
Luigi Bodini – DSE Secretary General
Valdis Skutans – member of DSE MC
Pietro Braga – member of DSE MC
Albert Akobian - member of DSE MC

An invitation to the MC members of the WDSF CONTINENTAL ASSOCIATION OF EUROPE was sent by mail the 13th of September 2023 and later, with enclosed the agenda of the meeting, the 24th of September 2023.

Points to agenda of MC meeting

1. Office Activities:
 - Decisions according to received mails and documents;
 - Activities currently already performed;
 - Future plans.
2. Treasurer Activities:
 1. Current situation to access DSE account;
 2. Plans/Actions to get the access to DSE account.
3. Competition System of DSE:
 1. Operating Policy/Sport Director Team;
 2. Update of an automatic competitions applications form;
 3. Price money for the 2023 DSE GP Super Final;
 4. 2024 Competition Fee;
 5. Previous Competition Project (attached A - Unification Class System - Final Version)
 6. Other competition activity.
4. Public Relations:
 1. Website update/new projects;
 2. Improving Facebook/Instagram;
5. Approval of new membership of DSE:
 1. Turkey.
6. Approval of renewing membership:
 1. Malta.
7. Request of a WDSF/DSE MC online meeting.
8. Vision 2033:
 1. From 2023 towards 2033 (where we are and where we want to be).

Official Welcome

DSE President Robert Wota opened the meeting at 11.00 CET with an official welcome and reported that delay of the first MC meeting is due to holidays and issues regarding the access to DSE bank account. It was in the intention of DSE President RW to have the first MC meeting with all this issues solved but up to now it's not done yet.

On the duly formulated proposals, the MC, after appropriate discussion, took the following decisions.

1. Office Activities

1.1 Decisions according to received mails and documents

LB reported on office activities since elections of the new MC, mainly regarding competitions activities and answering members mails.

1.2 Activities currently already performed

LB took care of DSE website trying to give it a user friendly look.

1.3 Future plans

LB proposed to have a cloud space or a server space owned by DSE where archive official documents to be immediately available to any member of the Managing Committee in the future years. He suggest to buy a zoom license to organize online meeting without limit of time.

RW suggest to ask an offer for this cloud space to the same company that manage space for the mail box so we can talk to one company and have a unique invoice.

VS consider transparency an important point, to let our members know what we are doing, what we are discussing, in which way we are planning to go. Up to now he didn't have a lot informations about DSE activities.

PB agree with VS, transparency is a good step and it is appropriate that members know our plans and what we are working on.

RW confirm that for transparency minutes have been and will be always published on DSE web site.

DECISION: MC voted unanimously to ask offer for both Cloud space and Zoom license.

2. Treasurer Activities

2.1 Current situation to access DSE account

LW reported on the situation of the bank account.

The main problem is that the bank doesn't appoint any person to be responsible for DSE, so every time he spoke with a different one. Furthermore documents was wrongly sent from the bank to Finland. Now they sent documents to LW address and he should receive them within next week. Situation should be solved soon.

2.2 Plans/Actions to get the access to DSE account

MG suggest to go personally to the Swiss bank.

DECISION: MC voted unanimously that if document will not arrive next week LW will go to Swiss Bank to resolve personally this situation.

3. Competition System of DSE

3.1 Operating Policy/Sport Director Team

RW reported that after the election of the new MC DSE Competition System didn't stop. He asked to MC to confirm the same operating policy that was used before election: DSE President RW and DSE Secretary General LB will act as a Sport Director Team and, if application are correct, they can approve it.

DECISION: Operating Policy/Sport Director Team is Unanimously Approved.

RW explained also that up to now we have a limit of two DSE Grand Prix per year in the same country. If more than two organizers, from the same country, applies for DSE GP competition we can grant them but the last one will not appear in WDSF Calendar. This is not positive for the organizers.

VS if there is a negotiation between WDSF and DSE of course we must follow this negotiation. This is quite interesting situation, or we follow the negotiations or we discuss to open new limits.

RW suggest to propose to discuss with WDSF to allow three DSE Grand Prix per Nation every year.

AA said he is a bit confused about what we are talking about; if WDSF doesn't allow to DSE to operate may be we have to consider to close DSE. He totally agree that DSE must abide WDSF

guideline and he fully agree with what WDSF is doing. We have to improve our way to organize competition and do our own ranking otherwise we are in a kind of stand by position.

MG Considered that development of DSE needs to find new projects connecting European Countries to build something together.

PB agreed with MG to create new project in cooperation with WDSF to make DSE interesting as for members as for new countries.

RW suggested to PB and MG to prepare a draft of these new projects that we can discuss in the MC.

He will speak about new project with WDSF, may be starting from the request of three competitions per country.

DECISION: MC approved unanimously that PB and MG are asked to prepare a draft of new project

LW suggested, to ensure a more harmonious competitions calendar, that if more than one competition are requested the same weekend this can be discussed with the MC.

DECISION: MC approved unanimously the motion of LW.

AA reported he spoke with a lot of people and they wonder why they should join DSE if we don't decide anything about competitions in Europe (in any age). He asked if it possible for DSE to be responsible of organizing competitions, nominating officials, decide locations, assign European Championship etc. He asked also if what we are allowed to do is mentioned in the statute?

RW: answered that according to the Statute we cannot do these activities.

3.2 Implementation of an automatic competitions applications form, panels of adjudicators, uploading of results

RW explained the intention of DSE to implement the management system of DS European GP starting from members application till publication of results on DSE web site. Top Turnier already implemented the software to automatically upload result to DSE database to be visible on the web site. We need to speak also with people producing other software to implement them to have same features of Top Turnier. We already spoke with LB about IT implementation to simplify the procedure for requesting competitions and for communicating to DSE the adjudicators panels. The implementation of the system requires that each DSE member register an account to carry out these activities online. Authorizations for competition and panels will also be managed online so we can assist organizers to complete the procedure avoiding inadvertent mistakes. On line we can also set controls that every competition complies with the Dancesport European Grand Prix Rules 2023 NEW.

Budget for this implementation is 2.500 €

PB advise to communicate information about Dancesport European Grand Prix Rules 2023 NEW to the Chairperson.

DECISION: IT Implementation Approved Unanimously

3.3 Price money for the 2023 DSE GP Super Final

RW propose to the MC to maintain Prize Money 2022, payed by vouchers billable to DSE, also for 2023.

MC made many proposals to use these vouchers by creating useful activities for athletes. PB and LB will prepare proposals that will be evaluated for the year 2024, by the MC.

DECISION: MC Approved Unanimously Prize Money 2023 as follow:

300 € for Juveniles

400 € for Junior I

500 € for Junior II

3.4 2024 – Competition Fee

RW informed MC that actual competition fee is 400€ and he asked to the MC whether to keep the same fee or change it.

MC arise the motion to update the competition fee to 600€ allowing DSE to increase the budget to use as prize money for athletes medallist in the DSE Ranking Point System for next years.

DECISION: Motion is Approved Unanimously - Competition fee is settled to 600€

3.5 Previous Competition Project

RW asked what's the opinion of the MC on the project developed during the previous management on the Unification Class System.

LB considered the work carried out by the commission in charge to be valuable and suggested continuing the implementation of the project.

VS underlined that it is important to respect the work carried out by the previous commission and supported the idea of continuing the implementation of the project

RW will ask to Guy Rosen to follow the project.

DECISION: MC Approved Unanimously to continue with the project asking Guy Rosen to follow it.

3.6 Other competition activity

RW advice that as already decided by the MC at point 3.1 PB and MC will present proposal on this point.

DECISION: Approved Unanimously

4. Public Relations

4.1 Website update/new project

RW informed that website is an institutional window, it's important that it is pleasant to visit and attractive but there is no need to update it weekly and it's not interesting to spend a lot of money on it. It's more interesting to invest in Social Media.

LB explained that according to his opinion this web site is really limited and it can be interesting to plan a little budget to make it more customizable, flexible and attracting. Of course focus must be on Social Media.

PB likes to work on e-commerce for hobby and suggested solutions to easily update as web site as social media.

RW suggest that the MC looks what is available and evaluate these possibilities proposed by PB and that will take a final decision.

4.2 Improving Facebook/Instagram

RW underline that is very important to take care of social media to attract and involve young people.

MC proposed to find a person, may be expert, available to update Social Media without investing money in a service with a Company.

5. Approval of new membership of DSE

5.1 Turkey

RW Explained that DSE received a new applications for the membership in DanceSport Europe from Türkiye. Türkiye is full members of the WDSF and all documents enclosed to the application are in accordance with the art. 5 of DSE Statute.

RW proposed to the Managing Committee to accept the application, and make a decision on their admission to full DSE membership from January 2024.

DECISION: Approved Unanimously

6. Approval of renewing membership of

6.1 Malta

PB informed the MC about the informal request of Malta Dancesport Association for reinstatement.

RW is in favor of Malta's request for reinstatement but it is necessary to request legal advice to verify what Malta's obligations are in relation to the annual dues not paid in the years preceding the resignation from membership

According to article 5 of DSE Statute "A member may resign from DanceSport Europe at any time by registered letter or electronic mail ("e-mail") addressed to the general secretary who may accept or decline to accept such resignation. **Such resignation does not affect the member's financial obligations.**"

DECISION: MC will evaluate this point after having all legal informations.

7. Request of WDSF/DSE online meeting

From DSE MC raised the request to have a meeting with WDSF to know clearly what's our mission and goals as MC of DSE, to cooperate and proceed in the best way according to WDSF guideline.

DECISION: Approved Unanimously

8. Vision 2033

8.1 From 2023 towards 2033 (where we are and where we want to be).

RW said that Vision is an important staff that plan what DSE, always in synergistic cooperation with WDSF, will be in the future, and must be discussed by MC.

MC Consider the Vision an important document that clarify the program that the MC must present to members to explain them where DSE wants to be in the next years. A Vision is important not only for members but also to all countries that still are not members of DSE, to show them advantages of being members. Although vision is an important item, the MC consider more important to present to members projects that will allow DSE to serve better them.

MC meeting was adjourned by DSE President Mr. Robert Wota at 13:16 CET.

DSE President
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Luigi Bodini