

Managing Committee Meeting call

The DSE President, Mr. Robert Wota, requested a meeting of the DSE Managing Committee the following date

Wednesday 14th February 9:30 C.E.T.

With the following agenda:

1. Completed activities
 1. New Database features
 2. Office activities
 3. Access to bank account
 4. Purchase new zoom license
 5. Update of competition rules and alignment to WDSF rules
 6. DSE official Cloud space to store official DSE document.
 7. Members issue: Vote on Estonian DanceSport Union's membership request
2. Waiting for activities
 1. Updates on Accounting situation
 2. New web site: presentation of the new website tree
 3. Competition System: Albert Akopyan
 4. Proposal from Slovakian DanceSport Federation
 5. Competition Issue: New Countries
3. New Projects
 1. expense reimbursement policy
 2. Social Media
 3. Rising back the DSE European Team Championships competition
 4. New projects from Members during last AGA
 5. Suggestion from the MC

Presents:

Robert Wota
Luigi Bodini
Albert Akopyan
Ludwig Wieshofer
Valdis Skutans

Absent:

Mircea Gavrilă
Pietro Braga

Completed Activities

1. New Database features

The new web control panel to apply for DSE European Grand Prix is working. All NMBs received credentials to login to their own private sections and a tutorial (available to download on DSE web site) that guide them to complete all steps required to apply for DSE GP and to update all informations, including adjudicator panels.

Robert Wota related about activities carried out to complete this project.

2. Office activities

As a related activity at the beginning of the new year the secretariat carried out a check to align the contact information of DSE National Members Bodies database and the billing information (BEXIO invoicing database) with the data contained in the WDSF database. Furthermore we asked to all DSE members confirmation of the mail DSE uses to contact them.

3. Access to bank account

LUDWIG reported that is settled and we can access to the bank account.

4. Purchase new zoom license

Due to the continuous use of the zoom platform Mr. Robert Wota proposes to purchase a no-time limit license for an efficient and effective functioning of the Managing Committee.

The MC unanimously approve.

5. Update of competition rules and alignment to WDSF rules

Competition rules have been update and the updated version is available on the DSE Website.

6. DSE official Cloud space to store official DSE document.

DSE have now a DropBox cloud space to host all DSE documents. MC decided that a free of charge space is enough to host DSE document and we will increase cloud storage space if necessary in the future.

7. Members issue

We received official application from Estonian DanceSport Union to associates to DSE. All documents have been properly presented according to DSE Statute so the MC proceeded to vote.

MC approved unanimously.

Waiting for activities

1. Updates on Accounting situation

As we already said all activities to access the bank account are completed. The DSE treasurer Mr. Ludwig Wieshofer reported that now we need to connect to Bexio invoicing system with our account. Not easy because when he phone to the bank it's always difficult to speak with them.

2. New web site

Presentation of the new website tree.

3. Competition System: Albert Akopyan - Guy Rosen

Albert Akopyan reported that he has a conversation with Guy Rosen and Sergey Belyaev, that mostly carried out the job. It's hard to take care about it because it's necessary a complete review of the Competition System but they don't have any budget. They study rules of any federation to suggest to any federation same rules to unify the system. Albert is waiting for information from Sergey but it take time because many persons are involved.

Robert Wota said that we have time to complete the project and we can involve other persons, we can manage an official commission, we can also support with money.

The MC approve unanimously that Albert prepares a proposal of the commission and the project.

4. Proposal from Slovakkian DanceSport Federation

We received from Slovakkian DanceSport Federation the proposal “Europe - The cradle of DanceSport”.

The project is interesting but considering the cost it’s not possible to include it in DSE budget. Valdis Skutans will negotiate with Slovakian Dance Sport Federation to find the best proposal.

5. Competition Issue: New Countries

The MC is working to involve new countries in DSE GP calendar.

New Projects

1. Expenses reimbursement policy

Robert Wota, given that any expense must be approved by the presidium, proposes to define an expenses reimbursement policy to be more transparent in front of the members and to make it objective and not subjective.

Valdis Skutans states it’s important to have a policy to be as much transparent as possible. He suggests also to have a credit card or debit card of our bank account.

MC votes the following points:

1. set a reimbursement procedure
2. request of a credit card

MC approved Unanimously both points.

2. Social Media

Robert Wota: in my opinion we must be more active on the social media trying to be more interesting for the young generations and create leads. Best solution is to involve experts. I asked for help and some people is available to do it, somebody free of charge. I’m also in touch with a photographer that can produce new media contents and publish it on social media. In this way we will have more interesting social media and we don’t have any risk on the copyright of published contents. We are now waiting for his final offer.

Valdis Skutans underline that we must always have approved expenses and afterward invoices of every expense. He can have also a photographer that can create contents and publish it on the social media.

Albert Akopyan have a person, professional photographer, with 95.000 followers and he agreed to start a cooperation with Armenian Federation for free. He can ask him to do the same for DSE having also some benefits as photos or articles free of charge.

Valdis Skutans said that first of all we need material from our competition. We need somebody that publish on the media and this must be only one person.

For Robert Wota Social media needs to be constantly updated so we need somebody that update almost daily.

Valdis Skutans agree that there must be systematic work, may be not daily but constantly , not only about the competitions but also about activities.

Luigi Bodini: The person we will choose must be available to follow DSE competition to collect material and must be a professional in this job.

MC decide to collect offers and descriptions of the activities that these professionals will carry out and compare them to take a final decision.

3. Rising back the DSE European Team Championships competition

Sponsors ask for competition with Championship Title fully respecting WDSF. Robert Wota said that DSE organized in the past years teams championship or national teams championship that was in compliance with WDSF rules granting to DSE possibility to collect sponsors. Couples of all categories are involved.

Albert Akopyan is in favor of this proposal. He can organize it in Yerevan. He's waiting for approval of title events from WDSF to understand his budget.

MC: approved unanimously.

10:25 Valdis Skutans left the meeting.

4. New projects from Members during last AGA.

1. Good Governance in Sport
2. DSE walk the talk.

Both projects present very interesting subjects. The MC suggests to include these project vision in a unique proposal DSE will make available to its Associates to be presented to public administrations in order to plan coordinated activities for our athletes.

5. Suggestion from the MC

1. DSE DREAM: considers suggestions presented by our members in point 2 and harmonizes them with the project contained in the "White Paper on Sport" of the European Commission to produce a comprehensive presentation containing a complete vision to be presented to the institutions for better collaboration with public bodies and have a chance of success in public tenders for granting funding.
2. To follow any project in the best way we suggest to create commissions as this draft proposal:
 1. Sport Director Team (already exist) members Robert Wota & Luigi Bodini: to approve applications of new competition and competitions issues;
 2. Competitions Rules (modified in Competition System): Albert Akopyan will propose names of this commission;
 3. New Project Commission: (Pietro Braga & Mircea Gavrilă)
 4. Relationships with public administration: Luigi Bodini & Pietro Braga
 5. Finance Commission: Policy (money return) - to do (what we pay, how we return the costs): to be defined.

Robert Wota said that this can be a draft proposal and we can plan carefully all commission we need.

Albert Akopyan consider we shouldn't propose a commission about competition rules because we don't plan to check all rules. It will be also impossible to unify rules in all country. It's better to propose a Competition System Commission.

According to Robert Wota we are going to create a unified Competition System; not rules as we accept WDSF competition rules.

3. Interviews with members: Mr. Robert Wota, as DSE President, will have meeting with presidents of members federations to ask their point of view about DSE.

Robert Wota considers that he will have on line meeting to be connected with federation members to receive advice and suggestions to better meet their needs.

Albert Akopyan claims that MC must meet more often to share informations. We are still waiting for meeting with WDSF to understand what is our role as DSE, in the Competition System. We need to understand which is our red line to be also available to answer to member that ask clarification about our role. People think that we can organize official competitions, we nominate adjudicators. Without this our members don't understand our role.

Robert: I agree to have frequent meetings, if possible every month.

10:45 meeting finish.