



## **Minutes of the IDSF Annual General Meeting held on June 14th, 2009 in Macao, CHINA**

***IDSF is an International Sports Federation recognised by the IOC, Sportaccord, ARISF and IWGA, with 87 Country-Members of which 64 are recognised by their National Olympic Committees  
The current President of IDSF, Mr Carlos Freitag was elected Vice President of ARISF and the current First Vice President of IDSF, Mr Lukas Hinder is Treasurer of IWGA.***

### **1. President's Opening Remarks and Call to Order at 10.05am**

The President called the 2009 Annual General Meeting of IDSF to order.

On behalf of the Presidium, Mr Freitag welcomed all participants to the meeting. A special welcome was provided to:

**President of the WRRC  
President of the IDO  
President of UCWDC  
Chairman IPC Wheelchair Committee**

**Miriam Kerpan  
Bill Fowler  
Jeff Bartholomew  
Grethe Andersen**

### **New Presidents:**

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| 1. CROATIA: Mr. Nenad Zidak, President           | PRESENT     |
| 2. MACEDONIA: Mr. Vlatko Pavleski, President     | NOT PRESENT |
| 3. PORTUGAL: Mr. Alberto Rodrigues, President    | PRESENT     |
| 4. FRANCE: Mr. Eric Sourdeau, President          | PRESENT     |
| 5. NEW ZEALAND: Mr. William Joyce, President     | PRESENT     |
| 6. INDONESIA: Mr. Johnny Mandagi, President      | NOT PRESENT |
| 7. BELGIUM: Mr. Jacques Goldschmidt, President   | NOT PRESENT |
| 8. UKRAINE: Mr. Boris Deich, President           | NOT PRESENT |
| 9. MALTA: Mrs. Annie Cassar, President           | NOT PRESENT |
| 10. TURKEY: Mr. Mehmet Halis Altay, President    | NOT PRESENT |
| 11. KAZAKHSTAN: Mr. Denis Yessaulenko, President | PRESENT     |
| 12. ICELAND: Mr. Jonas Dalberg, President        | NOT PRESENT |

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## **NEW MEMBERS**

- TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, Carl Edwards, President NOT PRESENT

**Absences: Mr. Detlev Hegemann, Honorary Life President**

**Mr. Léon Léonard, Honorary Member of IDSF**

**Mr. Otto Teipel, Honorary Member of IDSF**

**Mr. Rudi Baumann, Honorary Life President**

**Past away: Mr. Imants Rihters, Presidium Member of the Latvian Dance Sport Federation and IDSF Judge (December 1, 2008)**

**Mrs Elena Deguil, main coach of the Latin American Formation Team in the City of Tambov in Russia for over 20 years.**

Mr Freitag requested delegates to stand up for a minute of silence.

Mr Freitag confirmed that according to Article 21 of the ***IDSF Statutes***, the meeting will be conducted at all times in English. Delegates were requested to make sure they went to the microphone to speak and that they speak loudly and slowly.

In accordance with a decision of the Presidium, it was decided that as President Mr Freitag would conduct the meeting to the end.

Mr Freitag confirmed that a lunch break would occur at around 13.00 until 14.00.

## **2. Roll Call and Final Ascertainment of Votes**

Mr Freitag asked the General Secretary, Mr Marco Sietas to confirm the roll call of members and proxies present.

47 member bodies in good standing were represented by Delegates present or by proxy (94votes). This included 6 proxies.

There were 2 Associate Member Bodies present (4 votes).

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No Honorary Members were present (0 votes).

1 Provisional Member Body was represented (no vote).

**TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES: 98 votes**

**50% + 1 majority of 50**

**Two-thirds (2/3) majority of 66**

**ATTENDANCE OF MEMBER BODIES & ASSOCIATE MEMBER BODIES:**

**Full Member Bodies Represented (2 votes each):** Andorra (proxy Singapore), Australia, Austria, Belgium (proxy Portugal), Canada, China, Chinese Taipei, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece (Proxy Portugal), Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Israel (proxy Kazakhstan), Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Latvia, Lebanon, Macao, Mexico (proxy Spain), Malta (proxy Pavel Dorokhov), Moldova (proxy Pavel Dorokhov), Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Scotland (proxy England), Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, U.S.A., Wales (proxy England).

**48 Full Member Bodies (one body arrived late)**

**Provisional Member Bodies (no votes):** Malaysia

**1 Provisional Member Body**

**Associate Members Bodies Represented (2 votes each):** WRRRC, IDO.

**2 Associate Member Bodies**

**Member bodies without Powers of Attorney or not in good standing (no votes)**

**None**

**3. Approval of the Agenda by Members' vote**

The President asked members to approve the Agenda as circulated some eight weeks ago.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

**4. Allocation of Time**

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Mr Freitag believed that a balance needed to be achieved to provide delegates the right to discuss matters while at the same time being efficient in the conduct of the meeting. As a result, he proposed that each person could speak for a maximum of 3 minutes on a subject. The mover of the motion will be allowed 6 minutes and at the end of the debate further time to respond.

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**5. Appointment of Scrutineers**

The meeting agreed to the appointment of Mr Eric Sourdeau from France, Mr George Tan Hiap Seng from Malaysia, Mr Marek Schoynaki from Poland and Mr Alberto Rodriques from Portugal as Scrutineers for the meeting.

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**6. Approval of Minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting**

The meeting approved the minutes of the last AGM unanimously without amendment.

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**7. President's Report**

Mr Freitag explained that in accepting his report, there were two points he wanted to highlight. Firstly, he wanted the meeting to support the continuation of the work on the new Adjudication System. The second point relates to IDSF's continuing to work to determine what would be required to bring the concept of the Academy to fruition. Mr Freitag hoped that the Academy could be established as soon as possible.

The President asked if there were any questions in relation to his detailed written report.

Mr Ivo Kappet of Estonia asked if IDSF had approved the new image and logo. He was not happy that the IDSF member bodies had not formally accepted the logo. Mr Kappet advised that he would be proposing to change the logo at the 2010 AGM.

Mrs Goetz agreed that no motion was moved at the last AGM but the issue was raised by her at the AGM and there was no objection to use the logo from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2008 and it is in the AGM minutes. Mrs Goetz now believes that the new logo should be used by all member bodies from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2010.

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Mr Freitag read item 17.4 on use of the logo from the 2008 AGM minutes for the benefit of members.

Mr Allert from Germany spoke about the new Education System. He was concerned that there was no information on this new system. He was also concerned that there had been discussions about the use of a new Judging System but no information was available.

Ms Ambroz confirmed that at this stage there was no new judging system which IDSF wants members to adopt. However, work was continuing to develop and trial a new Judging system with the help of our Japanese member. A proposal to change the judging system would need to be approved by the AGM. However, it was intended that the testing of a pilot system would be conducted with the Grand Slam in Shanghai in December.

Mrs Ambroz confirmed that there would be no discernable change for couples whilst the new system was being trialled in Shanghai.

Mr Freitag explained that it was important to inform and advise couples that there would be consideration of new judging systems and he had explained this to a meeting of couples. The new system is based on the ice skating system as supported by the IOC. Additional information would be supplied to members when available.

Mr Bain from Australia, offered his congratulations on the appointment of Mr Freitag as Vice President to ARISF. He asked if the President was asking the meeting to allow work to continue or whether he was seeking the authority to establish the Academy.

Mr Freitag referred the question to Ms Ambroz, who advised that at this stage work would be continuing on the development of the concept of the Academy but it was not yet being officially established.

Mr Freitag asked members for the approval of his report.

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

### **8. First Vice-President's Report**

Mr Hinder referred members to his written report dated 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2009 and asked if there were any questions? There were none.

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

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## 9. IPDSC Report

Shawn Tay referred delegates to his written report.

In addition to the report, Mr Tay confirmed that the Presidium continued to frequently monitor and review the progress of IPDSC. This included matters such as its membership and participation. Although support currently exists for IPDSC, it was Mr Tay's view that we fail to receive support from the top professional athletes.

It was confirmed that letters have been exchanged with Mr Maxwell about holding discussions to consider changes in directions for IDSF and IPDSC. A report would be provided to delegates in due course.

Mr Galvagno from Italy agreed that we needed to consider changes. In 2006, it was intended to have IPDSC as a friendly professional body to develop DanceSport. He explained that by agreeing to have IPDSC established outside IDSF, it was believed that there would be greater support from top professionals and couples. After 3 years, the fact is that this has not occurred. In addition, most couples actually come from IDSF members. Therefore, he believed that in future it would be better if IPDSC became a part of IDSF – that is, as the professional section of IDSF. Mr Galvagno expressed his enormous respect and congratulations to Mr Maxwell for his excellent work and that the time has come to evolve IPDSC. The majority of couples who compete at IDSF level want to have a pathway provided through IDSF as a sport which complies with sports philosophies and principles.

Mr Freitag confirmed that he will be meeting shortly with Mr Maxwell to discuss these issues.

Mr Tay explained that when IPDSC was formed he represented IDSF. There were two ways to operate IPDSC. Outside or, inside IDSF? Mr Maxwell assured IDSF that many top couples and adjudicators would support IPDSC. Many did join us. However, two years have passed and now we mainly have participation from Russia and Italy.

Mr Richards confirmed that in USA, the IDSF member body was excluded from membership of the USA IPDSC body and probably consequently that IPDSC body has not developed.

Eric Sourdeau of France offered his views in relation to IPDSC and judging and the Academy. He believes the Academy will help to improve the quality and strength of IDSF Adjudicators. There is a misconception about the quality and standard of IDSF judges. Therefore, we need to work hard on the education of teachers and

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judges in order to correct any misconceptions and gain support. Mr Sourdeau supports IPDSC being within IDSF.

Mr Galvagno from Italy believed that we need to consider integrating IPDSC within IDSF as a pathway for our "elite" couples. He also believed that some teachers who oppose IDSF and our use of Sports Philosophies including Anti-Doping, seek to create false problems by questioning the competence of IDSF judges.

### **The meeting accepted the IPDSC report.**

## **10. Finances / Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Tilenni referred members to his two written reports.

### **10.1. Treasurer's Report and Presentation of Accounts**

Mr Tilenni first referred members to his written 2008 Financial Report dated 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2009 on page 41 of the AGM booklet in relation to the IDSF Audited Balance Sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2008 and Profit and Loss Account. Mr Tilenni then referred members to page 43 of the AGM booklet where he had used incorrect figures in the Treasurer's report to describe IDSF's Net Asset position. The correct figures were CHF1,717,649 for 2007 and CHF1,923,814 for the 2008 accounts. He asked delegates to accept his apology for this error.

Mr. Tilenni confirmed that the accounts were sent by email by our General Secretary on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009 after the completion of the audit of 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2009. The information forwarded to members included:

- the Balance Sheet as at December 31, 2008
- the Profit and Loss Account
- the separate Explanations and
- the 2008 IDSF Financial Report dated March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

All of the above documents are included in the information for this AGM.

Mr Tilenni confirmed that since the reports were sent to members by the General Secretary, no member has sought any additional information or clarification. Mr Tilenni asked if there were now any questions from members?

Mr Bain asked the Treasurer as to whether the TV income in the accounts was a "net" number and he also asked if Mr Bunn's fees were included as part of this net number. Mr Tilenni replied yes. Mr Bain then asked if in next year's accounts all income and expenditure items could be shown separately. Mr Tilenni advised that this was not possible due to commercial confidentiality. Mr Tilenni also explained

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that this style of net reporting was exactly the same process that had been used for the IMG contract.

Once again Mr Tilenni thanked Mr Hinder for his invaluable assistance and encouragement during the last twelve months. In addition, Mr Tilenni thanked Kellie and his staff in his Perth office for their excellent work and support. The 2008 IDSF accounts have once again been professionally produced and the Auditors have been very happy with our work in this period. Mr Tilenni also thanked Txus in IDSF's Barcelona office who does an enormous amount of Administration for IDSF and he expressed his sincere thanks to Carlos Freitag, Marco Sietas, Heinz Spaeker, Natasa Ambroz and all Presidium members for their assistance during the year.

**The meeting unanimously accepted the Treasurer's report dated 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2009 and the 2008 IDSF Audited Financial Statements**

**10.2. Auditor's Report**

The report of the Auditor, LIGUSTER Treuhand und Verwaltungs-AG, Zurich (Switzerland) dated May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 was sent by email to members by the General Secretary on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The Auditor's report is also included with the information for this AGM.

**The meeting unanimously accepted the Auditor's report.**

**10.3 IDSF's Financial Examiner's Report**

Professor Doctor Kiyotaka Uzaki, Member of the IDSF Finance Commission submitted the following Financial Examiner's Report for the year ended December 31, 2008, as follows:

"On behalf of the IDSF Finance Commission, I am pleased to submit the Financial Examiner's Report at this year's AGM.

The Financial Commission consists of three persons – Mr Tony Tilenni, Treasurer, Mr Lukas Hinder, the First Vice President and myself [Kiyotaka Uzaki].

The three of us have thoroughly discussed the financial future and strategies of the IDSF. In addition, I have carefully examined the financial statements, balance sheet and profit and loss statement.

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I have come to the conclusion that these financial statements accurately reflect the current financial situation of the IDSF and will contribute to the prosperity of the Federation.

However, when I compare with other Olympic sports, the IDSF needs to have more comprehensive financial strategy. It is therefore necessary for us to discuss and adopt appropriate financial strategies among ourselves to foster the growth of the Federation.

Finally, I wish to express my gratitude to both Mr Tony Tilenni and Mr Lukas Hinder. I am deeply grateful to both of you for your cooperation and valuable contributions.

Thank you very much."

**The meeting unanimously accepted the Financial Examiner's report.**

#### **10.4. 2009 IDSF Budget and 2010 Provisional Budget Report**

Mr Tilenni referred members to his first written Treasurer's report of 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2009 and re-issued report of 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2009.

The report was omitted from the 2009 AGM booklet and Mr Sietas arranged for copies to be distributed to members.

Mr Tilenni presented the 2009 IDSF Budget and 2010 Provisional Budgets which were originally forwarded by the General Secretary, Marco Sietas on 12<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2009. Since the budgets were sent to members, Mr Tilenni confirmed that no member had sought any additional information or clarification of the Budget Report or the Budgets as presented.

Mr Tilenni highlighted that as a result of the announcement of a delay in the last 10 days by the European Broadcasting Union of the 2009 Eurovision Dance Contest, TV income would be reduced this year. Therefore, the IDSF budgeted income of CHF60,000 from this item would not be produced. At this stage, although no profit was expected, we were not expecting a loss. Mr Tilenni stated that he would not be recommending a change to the budget figures at this late stage.

Mr Tilenni asked if there were any questions from the floor.

Mr Bain of Australia asked why there was no budget allocation for the Academy. Mr Tilenni explained that the matter had again been considered however, it was hoped that the Academy could be cost-neutral.

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The structure of the Academy was then outlined and explained by Natasa Ambroz who explained that we have only been working on an "in principle" structure at this stage. At the next stage, we will need to consider incomes and expenditures.

Natasa Ambroz and Tony Tilenni confirmed that there had been no suggestion of raising revenue from registration fees from couples to fund the Academy and IDSF already charges Adjudicators an annual license fee.

Tony Tilenni and Natasa Ambroz also agreed that any proposed income and expenditures for the Academy would be presented to members for the next year's AGM.

**The meeting unanimously accepted the Treasurer's 2009 Budget and 2010 Provisional Budget report dated 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2009.**

**11. Report of Sports Director / Sports Commission; (Chair Heinz Spaeker)**

Mr Spaeker referred members to his written report and thanked members for their continued support.

**The Report of the Sport Director was unanimously adopted.**

**The meeting was adjourned for a coffee break at 11.17am.**

**Editor's note: Mr Sietas confirmed that 48 Full Members were present for the resumption of the meeting plus the two Associate members, making a total of 100 votes. A simple majority of 50% plus 1 is 51 votes and two thirds is 67 votes.**

**The meeting resumed at 11.42.**

**12. Report of the Membership Commission (Chair Marco Sietas)**

M.Sietas once again thanked Carlos Freitag for his support, help and advice and Jim Fraser for his great support and legal advice during the last year.

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In addition, Mr.Sietas also thanked the whole Presidium for their work on Membership issues and of course,the Commissioners and IDSF Members Bodies for the information and support provided to him as Chair of the Membership Commission during the last 12 months.

Mr Sietas confirmed that the work of the Commission continued to increase and that we now have IDSF Open competitions in Chile in South America. In addition, he was delighted that for the first time our South African member will organise World Cup Ten Dance Championship.

### **The meeting unanimously accepted the Membership Commission's report**

### **13. Report of Statutes and Legal Commission**

Mr Fraser referred members to his written report.

After consultation with Jim Fraser, David Corfield was asked to clarify the contents of the document sent out by Marco Sietas relating to Insurance.

He initially pointed out that Insurance premiums are governed by Claims experience and the Stock Market. There is no such thing as a cheap premium, the only way in which premiums can be artificially affected is for an insurer to Restrict Coverage or refuse or fight Claims. There is a saying that "you only need Insurance when you make a Claim". These rates of premium which are proposed to the AGM have been negotiated by an International Broker and are highly competitive. It is necessary to use an International Broker, who will probably place the risk at Lloyds of London, because it is normally only possible to place "On Cover" Proposers who are Residents of the country in which the Insurer is registered. It is therefore possible to insure a British resident with any Company who is registered in the UK but that Company cannot offer Cover to a resident of Germany, for instance. In order to offer Global Cover you must rely upon the International Market.

Mr Corfield defined the types of Insurance Cover contained in the document:

1. Personal Accident.

This provides specific benefit payments in the event of certain events. i.e. a specific amount of money for a Broken Leg; a specific amount of money for Death. It does not provide any Sickness Benefit or periodic benefit if you are unable to work. It will usually provide a daily benefit if you are hospitalized.

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2. Personal Liability.

This provides Cover for a person if a Claim being made against him or her. Example: a couple knocks down another couple during competition and the other couple is injured. The injured couple claim against the couple who knocked them down. The couple who knocked them down are covered by Personal Liability.

3. Travel Insurance.

Nearly all Travel Insurance policies exclude participation in "Competitive Sports". A Policy has been arranged by IDSF which gives Worldwide Cover, including "Competitive Sports."

Decisions have yet to made on who will pay for these Policies, but it is essential that all Athletes are "Covered". This can be illustrated by a recent case where the cost of an Air Ambulance to transport an injured athlete from Eastern Europe to Britain was £125,000!

The question of Liability should also be considered. A couple who decide to enter a competition personally must bear the responsibility for injuring someone, but when a couple are chosen to represent their country, and their expenses are paid by that country, then that represented country must bear some responsibility if there is a Claim. We should also consider the position of Adjudicators. An Adjudicator who is employed by a Promoter must rely upon his, or the Promoter's Insurance in the event of a Claim but we should examine the situation of a Adjudicator who is selected to judge by IDSF and question whether IDSF has a responsibility in the matter, even though the Adjudicator is contracted to the Promoter.

Mr Corfield also believed that we must consider the needs of competitors who perhaps only dance abroad two or three times a year. They will not need Annual Cover. Can we negotiate Short Term Cover that they can purchase as required?

Mr Corfield suggested that any queries could be directed to James Fraser, who would contact him if necessary.

There were no other issues raised with the Legal Commissioner.

**The meeting unanimously accepted the Legal Commissioner's report**

**14. Report of the Anti-Doping Commission**

Mr De Mooy referred members to his written report.

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## **The meeting unanimously accepted the report of the Anti-Doping Commission**

### **15. Approval of the Presidium's work**

Mr. Ferruccio Galvagno from Italy, offered his thanks to the Presidium for their work and for their direction which he believes is the exact direction that the NOC in Italy recommends. Mr Galvagno confirmed that 7 IOC members sit on the Italian NOC. Mr Galvagno appreciates the Presidium's work in this year and the last three years and he expressed his thanks on behalf of all Italian athletes and IDSF members. He believes that the Presidium is doing very important work and he believes the members appreciate the Presidium's efforts including work on the Academy, Judging and support for the future vision for DanceSport.

### **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **16. Election of the Members of the Disciplinary Council (DC)**

Mr Hinder provided some background prior to conducting the election.

He explained that the DC is independent from the IDSF Presidium. The DC works as part of an established and respected legal system which sports in the IOC family must establish in this modern era. The Presidium does not and cannot tell the DC what to do. The DC is directly responsible to the IDSF AGM and not the Presidium.

Since the DC and the Code were established some three years ago, the system had proved to be very successful. DanceSport is growing and changing and it had been clear that in order to have the highest possible standards we needed to adopt this new model.

Mr Hinder paid special tribute to the Chair of the DC, Erich Staeldi, of Switzerland, whose special knowledge, experience, commitment and hard work were very valuable in allowing IDSF to create the operations of the DC clearly and correctly. Mr Hinder also thanked all members of the Council who worked so carefully to ensure that the DC met the highest standards in the sporting world.

#### **16.1 Election of IDSF DC Chairman**

The meeting was asked by Mr Hinder to agree to a motion to conduct the election of the DC Chairman by a show of hands in accordance with the Art. 11 para 5 of the **IDSF Statutes** and Art. 6 of the **DC Code**.

### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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The meeting was asked by Mr Hinder on behalf of the Presidium to re-elect Mr Erich Staeldi, Attorney at Law, as the IDSF DC Chairman.

There were no further nominations.

The meeting **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE RE-ELECTION OF MR STAELDI AS DC CHAIRMAN.**

### **16.2.1 Election of current IDSF DC Members**

The IDSF Presidium and the Chairman of the IDSF DC suggested to the AGM to the re-election of the following IDSF DC Committee members:

Dr Marcos de Robles from Spain, as a Vice President

RA Christoph Rubien from Germany, as a Vice President

Juris Arajs from Latvia

Karina Geerts from Belgium

Hermann Goetz from Austria

Dr Anton Marki from Croatia

Lars Wallin from Sweden

Mr Hinder asked if there were any further candidates. There being none the vote was called.

The meeting **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE RE-ELECTION of the above candidates "in corpore".**

### **16.2.2 Election of a new IDSF DC Member.**

Mr Hinder explained that as a result of the resignation of Mr Montri Chaipun from Thailand, a new member was required to be appointed as a member of the DC. The IDSF Presidium and the Chairman of the IDSF DC suggested to the AGM to the election of Mr Noel A Laman, Attorney at Law from the Philippines as a member of the IDSF DC Committee.

Mr Hinder asked if there were any further nominations. There were none.

The meeting **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE ELECTION of Mr Noel A Laman**

Mr Laman spoke and provided his legal and personal background and thanked members for their support.

Mr Hinder asked if the DC Committee members present accepted their election. The candidates present each confirmed that they did and Mr Hinder confirmed that

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he had written confirmation from the candidates not present that they would accept their re-election.

Mr Staeldi thanked colleagues for and members for their support and confirmed that he does not want too much work.

**Prior to the discussions on Item 17 of the Agenda, Presidium's motions, Mr Hinder provided a DVD to be shown to members on the Koahsuing World Games. Mr Hinder expressed his sincere thanks to Shawn Tay. Mr Tay is the technical delegate for DanceSport and he had been required to do an enormous amount of work. Mr Hinder also thanked Keiji Ukai, as President of ADSF, for all his support and encouragement. The DanceSport events at the World Games were sold out and DanceSport would be only one of six sports televised live! Mr Hinder believed that the World Games were a great event under the patronage of the IOC.**

#### **17. Presidium's Motions:**

**Under Article 11 of *IDSF Statutes*, the meeting voted to appoint James Fraser to act as Chairman for this section of the agenda.**

#### **Carried unanimously**

Mr Fraser commented that there were Motions for some big changes, some small changes and some changes in language which delegates needed to consider. Mr Fraser then proceeded to conduct this part of the meeting.

#### **17.1 Presidium's Motions to amend IDSF Competition Rules.**

Presidium's Motion #1 to Amend IDSF  
Competition Rules

**MOVED, that the text of Rule 13 of the IDSF Competition Rules be amended to add a new Rule 13.3, as follows:**

#### **Rule 13**

3 All participants in IDSF-granted Competitions must be identified to the satisfaction of IDSF and the IDSF Chairman of the competition.

3.1 Each IDSF Member body is authorized to issue Athlete License Books or License Cards to its registered athletes

3.2 Athlete License Books or License Cards which must include a photograph of the athlete, according to forms and standards

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prescribed by the Presidium from time to time in an Operating Policy, **as well as according to the requirements of National Sports Authorities.**

3.3 If an athlete does not produce an authorized Athlete License Book or License Card at the time of registration for a competition, then s/he must identify himself or herself to the Organizers' **representative** and the Chairman by producing his or her valid passport for examination and photocopying by the Organizers and the Chairman, and further must satisfy the Chairman as to his or her valid and subsisting affiliation with an IDSF Member body and provide all other proofs which IDSF or the Chairman may require at that time.

**REASON:** We need a system for a clear identification of our couples, especially in case of doping controls. The IDSF Anti-Doping Code includes a rule that athletes must provide identification papers before entering a competition, but during the last 5 – 6 years this is obligation is still ignored by some athletes and organizers. WADA, the National Anti-Doping Organizations in countries (NADOs), government officials and others in some countries may also may require such identification either for Anti-Doping purposes or for other legal purposes. Organizers must also have clear proof of dancers' ages and registration with an IDSF Member body.

This new proposed Rule will provide a clear and correct requirement in the IDSF Competition Rules and will also assist Organizers and Chairmen to do their work.

Mr Dorokhov proposed an amendment at the end of the last sentence to 3.2 : **"as well as according to the requirements of National Sports Authorities."**

Mr Richards from USA explains that 3.3 is not practical how can couples seek out the Chairman in large events? Mr Richards proposed to add the word **"representative"** to the motion.

Mr Fraser provided clarification to members in relation to the motion.

The amendments from Mr Dorokhov and Mr Richards were accepted by the Presidium.

**The motion was approved with the amendments in red by Mr Dorokhov and then Mr Richards.**

**APPROVED WITH THE 2/3 MAJORITY REQUIRED BY THE *IDSF Statutes*.**

**Please note that for motions 2, 3, 4 and 5 all words in yellow are to be deleted:**

Presidium's Motion #2 to Amend IDSF  
Competition Rules

The meeting considered a motion to vote all these rules changes together

Carried unanimously

**MOVED, that the text of the IDSF Competition Rules be amended to replace certain words with the words "body" or "bodies", as follows:**

### **Rule 1**

#### **Controlling organization**

The International Dance Sport Federation (IDSF) is the governing body for all DanceSport competitions and athletes, including amateur competition at all levels, in each country through that country's IDSF Member **Federation body**, and internationally. The only DanceSport competition that the IDSF does not claim to govern and maintain jurisdiction over are those specially declared to be excluded, or to be excluded for a period of time, by the authority of the IDSF Presidium.

### **Rule 2**

#### **Application**

1. These RULES apply to all international IDSF DanceSport Competitions organized by an IDSF member **association body**, including but not restricted to Standard, Latin-American, New

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Vogue, American Style, Rock'n Roll, Old Time and Modern and Latin Sequence. Rules for Rock'n Roll are administered by the IDSF Associate Member the World Rock'n Roll Confederation.

4. All competitors in IDSF Competitions must be a member of the national IDSF member **association body**.

### **Rule 5**

#### **Grades of competitions**

##### **1. IDSF World Championships**

###### **1.1 Adult and Youth and Junior II**

b) Invitations:

Invitations are to be sent to all IDSF member **associations bodies**.

c) Entitled to participate:

Every IDSF member has the right to nominate two couples.

IDSF World Ten Dance Championships

Only one couple may represent each **IDSF member association body**.

IDSF World Formation Championships:

Two teams of each category must be invited from each **IDSF member country body**.

###### **1.2 Senior**

**c) Entitled to participate:**

Every IDSF member **association body** has the right to nominate two couples.

##### **2. IDSF Continental Championships Adult and Youth**

**b) Invitations:**

Invitations are to be sent to all IDSF member **associations bodies** in the relevant continent. For sport's communication Israel is counted to Europe.

**c) Entitled to participate:**

Every IDSF member **association body** has the right to nominate two couples.

IDSF Continental Ten Dance Championships:

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Only one couple may represent each member **association body**.

IDSF Continental Formation Championships:

Two teams of each category must be invited from each member **country body**.

### **3. IDSF Sub-Continental Championships**

#### **b) Invitations:**

Invitations are to be sent to all IDSF member **associations bodies** of the concerned Sub-Continent. It is not allowed to invite couples from other Sub-Continents than the concerned Sub-Continent.

c) Each invited member **association body** has the right to nominate two couples. The organizer may invite one further couple from each participating **IDSF Member country body**.

### **5. International Invitation Competitions**

#### **a) Definition of an International Invitation Competition:**

Except for International Team Matches and Formation competitions a competition may only be described as an "International Competition" if it involves couples from at least four IDSF Member **countries bodies**.

#### **b) Invitations:**

Invitations are to be sent only to IDSF member **associations bodies** unless decided otherwise by the Presidium.

#### **c) Reimbursement of expenses:**

The reimbursement of participants shall be subject to agreement between the **IDSF member associations bodies**.

### **6. International Invitation Competitions for Formation-Teams**

#### **a) Definition of an International Invitation Competition for Formation-Teams:**

A competition may only be described as an "International Formation Competition", if it involves formation-teams from at least four **IDSF Member countries bodies**.

#### **b) Invitations:**

Invitations are to be sent only to IDSF member

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**associations bodies** unless decided otherwise by the Presidium.

**c) Reimbursement of expenses:**

The reimbursement of participants shall be subject to agreement between the member **associations bodies**.

## 7. IDSF World Cups

**b) Invitations:**

Invitations are to be sent to all IDSF member **associations bodies**.

**c) Entitlement to participate:**

Only one couple will be accepted from each invited **IDSF** member **association body**.

## 8. IDSF Continental Cups

**b) Invitations:**

Invitations are to be sent to all IDSF member **associations bodies** in the relevant continent. For sport's communication Israel is counted to Europe.

**c) Entitlement to participate:**

Only one couple/formation team will be accepted from each invited **IDSF** member **association body**.

## 9. International Team Matches

**b) Invitations:**

International Team Matches are subject to arrangement between the **IDSF** member **associations bodies**, but may only be held once in any year in the same country and between the same **IDSF** member **associations bodies**.

**d) Reimbursement of expenses:**

The reimbursement of participants shall be as freely agreed between the **IDSF** member **associations bodies** concerned.

## 10. Open Competitions

1. Participation is only allowed for couples of IDSF member **associations bodies**. Couples from countries and **associations bodies** not affiliated in the IDSF shall only be permitted to participate at the IDSF Presidium's discretion.

2. Open Competitions with the status "Rising Stars" can be held as

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“IDSF Open Rising Stars Competitions” in the age group Adult. Couples on the places 1 to 50 of the actual IDSF Computer World Ranking List are not allowed to participate in these “IDSF Open Rising Stars Competitions”.

### **13. Restrictions of syllabus**

1. In all IDSF granted competitions under RULE 5 there is an uniform restricted syllabus for all juveniles age groups. There is only one restriction.

The restrictions of syllabus are worked out by a commission installed by IDSF. The restrictions or changing of the restrictions are effective 12 month after publishing by circular to all IDSF member **associations bodies**.

2. The restricted Syllabus has to be observed by a minimum of one qualified person. The qualified person shall be nominated by the national IDSF member **association body** and needs the confirmation of IDSF.

### **Rule 6**

#### **Right to organize competitions**

1. The Presidium grants the right to organize competitions by RULE 5 paras 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8 and levies a fee, see FINANCIAL REGULATIONS (Appendix to the STATUTES). Theses competitions, except competitions RULE 5 para 5 and 6, must have been previously offered to the members by circular. In special cases the Presidium is authorised to grant events directly to bidding Cities or Countries, subject to the prior approval in writing by the **IDSF** National Member Body.

2. Competitions covered by RULE 5, paras 5 must be registered by IDSF. The fee for registration is CHF 20,00. The organization of theses competitions shall be as freely decided by the national member **association body**.

### **Rule 7**

#### **Invitations**

Invitations to International Invitation Competitions must be arranged between the **IDSF** member **associations bodies** concerned. The invitation must contain the date of registration of the competition by IDSF.

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### **Reimbursement of expenses**

The minimum reimbursement of expenses to competition couples, chairman and adjudicators for competitions covered by RULE 5, paras 1-4, 7 and 8, will be fixed by the Presidium.

IDSF Member **bodies** will be notified of the amounts in advance.

### **Rule 14**

#### **International Formation Championships**

1. Adjudicators experienced in formation work should be selected. No less than 7 adjudicators from different **countries** IDSF **Member bodies** must be engaged.

### **Rule 16**

#### **Application of these RULES**

The **national member associations** IDSF **Member bodies** are responsible for compliance with the IDSF COMPETITION RULES in their respective countries and should use them as guide-lines for their own rules.

### **RULES FOR ADJUDICATION**

5. In all IDSF World and IDSF Continental Championships (only age group "Adult") the "revised competition format" must be used. Additional there is the possibility to use this format in all IDSF granted competitions (only age group "Adult") if the **national IDSF member association** IDSF **Member body** applies for using this format."

REASON: At the request of several Delegates at the end of the 2008 AGM, the Legal Commission has proposed changes to make the language of IDSF's main rules and regulations consistent with the same changes made to the IDSF Statutes in 2008. The 2008 IDSF AGM decided that because of different laws and customs in different countries, some IDSF Member bodies are not federations or associations. In addition, couples are not invited from "countries", they are invited from IDSF Member bodies which are the exclusive recognized IDSF representatives in those countries. Using the words "body" and "bodies" is a better, clearer, more consistent and more correct way to describe all of our Members' many different forms

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of organization.

**APPROVED WITH THE 2/3 MAJORITY REQUIRED BY THE *IDSF Statutes*.**

Presidium's Motion #3 to Amend IDSF Dress Regulations

**MOVED, that the text of the IDSF Dress Regulations be amended to replace the words "national members" with the words "IDSF Member bodies", as follows:**

**IDSF DRESS REGULATIONS**

**These Regulations are part of the IDSF Competition Rules by reference in Rule 12.**

**Authority and Applicability**

These Dress Regulations apply to all IDSF named events and according to the decision of the IDSF Annual General Meeting, form part of the national competition rules for all IDSF **national members Member bodies**, except that IDSF **national members Member bodies** may impose additional dress restrictions at their own discretion for national non-IDSF-named events.

The IDSF Presidium retains the authority to impose specific additional or general dress restrictions or otherwise amend or allow exemptions, for specific events.

**APPROVED WITH THE MAJORITY REQUIRED BY THE *IDSF Statutes*.**

Presidium's Motion #4 to Amend IDSF Financial Regulations

**MOVED, that the text of the IDSF Financial Regulations be amended to replace certain words with the words "body" or "bodies", as follows:**

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**4.3 Payment terms**

All Granting Fees must be paid by the IDSF Member Federation body or bodies at least one month before the date of the subject competition. Granting Fees may not be set off against any other debt or claim.

**APPROVED WITH THE MAJORITY REQUIRED BY THE *IDSF Statutes*.**

Presidium's Motion #5 to Amend IDSF Regulations for Television, Advertising and Sponsorship

**MOVED, that the text of the IDSF Regulations for Television, Advertising and Sponsorship be amended to replace certain words with the words "body" or "bodies", as follows:**

**1. Television Regulations**

1.3 The negotiating of contracts with National- and International television companies shall be the responsibility of the relevant IDSF Member Federation or Federations body or bodies.

1.4 In special cases, the Presidium is entitled to negotiate special arrangements with the organizer or the relevant IDSF Member Federation or Federations body or bodies.

1.6 Action will be taken by the IDSF Presidium against any IDSF Member Federation body or bodies in breach of these regulations.

**2. Advertising and Sponsoring Regulations**

2.3 In special cases, the Presidium is entitled to negotiate special arrangements with the organizer, or the IDSF Member Federation body or bodies.

2.5. Action will be taken by the IDSF Presidium against any IDSF

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Member **Federation body or bodies** in breach of these regulations.

**APPROVED WITH THE MAJORITY REQUIRED BY THE *IDSF Statutes*.**

IDSF Sports Director changes to IDSF Competition Rules and IDSF Statutes

The Sports Director spoke to all these motions to provide additional information and clarification.

## Duration of Dances

### **IDSF Competition Rules – Rule 5.12 new**

In all rounds of competitions the music played shall be a minimum of one and a half minutes duration and a maximum of two minutes. In the Paso Doble the music shall be played at minimum up to the second highlight and at maximum to the 3<sup>rd</sup> highlight, provided always that the Chairman may extend the maximum duration for any dance or dances if in his or her opinion a longer duration is necessary for fair adjudication of that dance or those dances in an event.

Reason:

There is no need or persuasive argument to require a shorter time in Viennese Waltz and Jive.

The motion was explained by the Sports Director

**Effective from 01.01.2010**

**APPROVED WITH THE 2/3 MAJORITY REQUIRED BY THE *IDSF Statutes*.**

## IDSF Adjudicators & Chairman's Dress Code

### **IDSF Competition Rules – Addition to Rule 12**

Men Black or midnight blue business suit, dress shirt of only one colour, IDSF necktie.

Ladies Black or midnight blue business suit with trousers or skirt, top of only one colour, IDSF scarf.

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Reason:

IDSF Adjudicators act as Technical Officials and are part of a team, not individuals. For this reason they should have a unique Dress Code.

**EDITOR'S NOTE; The following provides only a very brief review of the detailed debate on this agenda item:**

The motion was explained by Natasa Ambroz.

Carola Tuokko from Finland did not want the dress code implemented as she did not believe it was appropriate and so she did not support the motion.

Ferruccio Galvagno advised that this rule has applied in Italy since 2003. After 5 years now virtually all adjudicators support such a rule.

Mrs Lonsdale from Australia believes that it will be extremely difficult to implement this rule internationally as DanceSports origins and history are as an artistic sport. Mrs Lonsdale believes that we should take change much slower.

Ms Ambroz explained that we know that this will be difficult to implement with some members. However, the glamour at DanceSport competitions should belong to the couples not the technical officers who are required to do a competent job. The adjudicators are not part of the show. Ms Ambroz explained that from her personal experience she wears a suit and she believes there will be support for this change.

Fleming Riis from Denmark said that he will lose all his female IDSF Adjudicators if this change is adopted. They do not want to be part of a technical team.

Eric Sourdeau from France asked delegates to think that we must work for the future. Over the years he knows that the judges have been part of the show. Maybe the speed of change is too fast. We must be careful.

Marco Sietas reminded members about comparing DS with other sports. We are not speaking about uniforms we are talking about consistency. The athletes are the important part of competition not the adjudicators.

Mr Freitag asked how many sports recognised by the IOC have the dress standards of DanceSport. If we want to be a sport then we should share the image of sport as recognised by other IOC sports.

Mr Tay explained that the first time a uniform was used in Asia there was great fear and concerns about judges wearing uniforms. However, he now knows that it looks very professional. Under the current proposal there will not be a uniform but some consistency. Female adjudicators will still have great flexibility in dresses or suits and shoes and hair.

Mr Spaeker explained that the dress code is only part of the package. The athletes are the most important. In future, adjudicators will not be on the dance floor. Of course adjudicators are important but, the couples are the most important.

Mr Nakano from Japan supported the motion from the Presidium. All Olympic artistic sports have a uniform for officials and adjudicators. If we want to join with the Olympic sports we must be consistent.

Mr Odstrcil believed that this Motion is about what message we give out as a sport. What is the message of a judge dressed in red and yellow? Are they more important being there and fulfilling their duties than the couples? They are valuable expert workers but not the most important people on the floor.

Mr Bain stated that the concept of increasing the focus on the athletes and reducing the adjudicators is a valid objective. Mr Bain would prefer to promote a team uniform for Adjudicators. However, this would only be possible if the culture and mind set changed.

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Natatsa Ambroz explained that uniforms would be even more restrictive than what is being proposed. It can also become far more complicated as in the past uniforms do not fit!

Mr Ivo Kappet from Estonia opposed this rule change. These matters should not be covered by strict rules but may be at the discretion of say the Chairman if there is a problem. **Common sense** should prevail.

Mr Dorokhov supports **the Motion**. But the majority of Russian judges are against. His question was if this change also applies to Chairman? He believed that it should apply to both. Therefore, he proposed to change the heading of this rule change to read "**IDSF Adjudicators & Chairman's Dress Code**".

Grethe Anderson from IPC, confirmed that this question is also being addressed inside the International Paralympic Committee. Ms Anderson asked if with this rule, will it be for all events?

Mr Spaeker confirmed that it would apply to all IDSF competitions. Not National competitions. Grethe understands and supports this change but is still disappointed as a female adjudicator.

Mr Sittichai Preyadara from Thailand believed that it looks very poor to restrict the dress. He was opposed to the change.

Mr Corfield from England spoke against the motion. He likes the principle but, he does not want another major change at this time. He suggested that it is better to consider this change when the Academy is established. It would be difficult to enforce such a change and he can see problems with these rules.

JF agreed with Mr Dorokhov that we need to explain that **the proposed Rule** also applies to the **Chair of Adjudicators**.

#### **Effective immediately**

#### **PROPOSED AMENDMENT BY RUSSIA PASSED WITH THE 2/3 MAJORITY REQUIRED UNDER THE *IDSF Statutes***

**IN THE VOTE ON THE AMENDED MOTION, 88 VOTES WERE CAST. 47 VOTES IN FAVOUR OF THE MOTION, 30 VOTES AGAINST THE MOTION AND 11 ABSTENTIONS; THE MOTION FAILED BECAUSE IT DID NOT OBTAIN THE 2/3 MAJORITY REQUIRED UNDER THE *IDSF Statutes***

Adjourned for lunch at 1.25pm

Returned from lunch at 2.55pm

## Athletes changing countries – procedure

#### **IDSF Competition Rules – Rule 13.2.4**

A competitor who has represented a country in any IDSF World Ranking Tournament or any Open Competitions governed by other rules is not permitted to represent another country in any IDSF World Ranking Tournament until a period of eight (8) months has elapsed, except

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when the competitor has received consent in writing to the change in representation from both of the two relevant IDSF Members, and then the competitor may immediately represent the new country. The period of eight (8) months referred to above starts with the last date on which the competitor represented the former country in an IDSF World Ranking Tournament or an Open Competition governed by other rules.

**IDSF Competition Rules – Addition to Rule 13.2.4 – New – Procedure**

The IDSF Member body of the newly-represented country must contact the athlete's former IDSF Member body to request agreement for the change of representation. If the former IDSF member body does not reply within one month the athlete may register with the new IDSF member body and represent the new IDSF member body.

**Effective immediately**

**UNANIMOUS**

## Registration of **Athletes** with IDSF

**IDSF Competition Rules – Rule 13.2.5 – new**

All athletes participating in IDSF Championships/Cups and IDSF World Ranking Tournaments must be registered with IDSF in the IDSF Registration System. Only an athlete's IDSF Member body may apply for such registration.

Reason:

This is the only effective way to control and monitor whether athletes participating in IDSF Competitions are correctly registered with an IDSF Member body.

**Effective from 01.01.2010**

**EDITOR'S NOTE; The following provides only a very brief overview of the debate on this agenda item:**

Mr Flemming asked if organisers had an obligation to check if couples are registered with IDSF.

Mr Spaeker confirmed that the couples need to be registered to compete at IDSF events.

Mr Dorokhov asked for **clarification whether** the couples are IDSF couples? He also suggested to change the word "couples" to "athletes" in red as above.

Mr Fraser confirmed that the registration system would establish a direct relationship between the couples and IDSF. This is similar to the requirements for anti doping.

Mr Bain explained that rule 13.3 was agreed previously by the AGM. He believes that the point of this current rule change is that if not registered with IDSF then couples cannot compete. Mr Bain questioned how the two rules 13.3 & 13.5 interacted?

Mr Spaeker confirmed to Mr Bain that couples cannot compete if they are not registered under the new system.

Mr Bain **then** spoke against the motion, **saying that** the previous rule change 13.3 should be sufficient **because it means that the couples** have to prove that they are registered with the **IDSF Member**. It could be beyond the control of the athletes if a couple has an IDSF member who does not update the database. This is unfair and unreasonable.

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Mr Odstrcil explained how the registration system worked. He said that couples themselves have the ability to check that the registration was complete. IDSF can also update the database if the member body does not. In future, there is no doubt that one common registration system **will be** required for registration of international couples.

Mr Spaeker explained that this was a service to IDSF member bodies so that they can be sure that only registered couples participate in IDSF competitions. He asked that members look at the positive **reasons** and members should register couples into the system or IDSF will help ~~for~~ this to occur.

The **Vice-President of the Associate Member** IDO, Mr Jørn Storbråten explained how the IDO system worked. He suggested that IDSF consider the IDO system and offered to help if required.

Miriam Kerpan Izak from **the Associate Member** WRRRC, explained that a similar system is used for their couples. She explained that there are many advantages of a registration system including simplicity with starting lists and results and correct spellings **of athletes' names**.

**APPROVED WITH THE 2/3 MAJORITY REQUIRED BY THE IDSF Statutes.**

## Open Marking in IDSF Competitions

### **IDSF Competition Rules – Rule 10.8 – new**

Open marking is not allowed at IDSF Competitions except to display the couples' places in each dance, and is not allowed to display the individual placing of each adjudicator of the dances.

Reasons:

The individual placing of the adjudicators give a misleading picture of our sport. The differences between the individual places given by different adjudicators are balanced by the skating system. Important is at least only the final place in each dance.

IDSF Rules for Adjudication – A corresponding change must be made to the Rules for Adjudication to delete the following:

Open marking shall be reserved for finals

**Effective from 01.01.2010**

## **Unanimous**

## Minimum time between rounds

### **IDSF Competition Rules – Rule 10.9 – new**

There must be a break of at least 15 minutes between the rounds of a competition.

Reason:

We have no rules about this question, and we need a clear minimum time limit for such breaks.

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Mr Spaeker explained this motion to members

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Mr Richards expressed his concerns in relation with 10 Dance Competitions.

Mr Spaeker suggested that commonsense needs to be used in Ten Dance events.

## **Unanimous**

### Competition number cards

#### **IDSF Competition Rules – Rule 4 – old Advertising**

#### **IDSF Competition Rules – Rule 4 – new Advertising and competition numbers**

#### **IDSF Competition Rules – Rule 4.3 – new**

The size of couples' competition number cards has to be DIN A5 plus 20 % reserved for advertising. Couples have to accept the number card as issued and are not allowed to tamper with or reduce the size of the number card.

Reason

We need standard size for the couples' competition number cards and a rule to prohibit tampering with that standard size.

#### **Effective from 01.01.2010**

Mr Ivo Kappet from Estonia asked to delete the words "up to" before the words DIN A5. This change was accepted.

**APPROVED WITH THE 2/3 MAJORITY REQUIRED BY THE *IDSF Statutes*.**

### New Disciplines

IDSF Competition Rules – Rule 5.10 – new

IDSF Open Competitions

IDSF Open Competitions are held in the following disciplines: Latin, Standard, and Ten Dance

Reason

It is a natural and desirable development of our sport for IDSF to grant IDSF Open competitions in all three disciplines

#### **Effective immediately**

**APPROVED WITH THE 2/3 MAJORITY REQUIRED BY THE *IDSF Statutes*.**

**IDSF Competition Rules – The old Rule 5.10 becomes 5.11**

#### **Effective immediately**

**IDSF Competition Rules – Rule 5.12 – new**

IDSF Freestyle Competitions

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IDSF Freestyle Competitions are held in the following disciplines: Latin and Standard

Detailed regulations for the conduct of these tournaments as a pilot project will be issued as an Operating Policy of the IDSF Presidium after adoption of this new Rule 5.12 by the Annual General Meeting.

Reason:

This proposed new discipline makes it possible for IDSF to further develop our DanceSport.

**Effective immediately**

Mr Flemming Riis from Denmark asked for clarification about what is freestyle? He feels it is too soon for such a change.

Ms Ambroz explained that these styles were previously known as seque and showdance but the Presidium did not want to use these names. This motion provides in principle approval to develop rules around these styles.

Mrs Corfield explained that in England they have a large membership of "freestyle" disco. Mrs Corfield asked that this title not be used.

Total Votes 84 In Favour 62 Votes against 10 Abstentions 22

**THE MOTION FAILED BECAUSE IT DID NOT OBTAIN THE 2/3 MAJORITY REQUIRED UNDER THE IDSF Statutes**

## Order of couples in the final of the "Revised Competition Format" (solo dances)

**IDSF Rules for Adjudication** – Addition to Rules for Adjudication – point 5

The order of couples in the final of the "Revised Competition Format" (solo dances) must be chosen by random selection manually or by computer under the supervision of the Chairman.

Reason:

We need a unique format for the order of couples in the finals of the "Revised Competition Format" (solo dances).

**Effective from 01.01.2010**

Mr Spaeker explained the motion to members

**APPROVED WITH THE 2/3 MAJORITY REQUIRED BY THE IDSF Statutes.**

## New "Senior III" age division

**IDSF Competition Rules** – Senior III One partner must have reached his or her 55<sup>th</sup> birthday or more in the calendar year. The other partner must have reached his or her 45<sup>th</sup> birthday or more in the calendar year.

Reason:

The Presidium has received numerous requests from people in this proposed age group for separate competitions in this age group.

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Mr Spaeker explained the motion to members.

Mrs Corfield confirmed that they already run Senior III events in England. Wants the same rule for Senior 3. Does not want a change in definition.

Mr Eichert spoke in favour of such an age category but many events in Europe are Senior III and other age groups. Therefore, these couples will not be able to dance in Senior III. Proposed to change the motion to read 45 years in red.

**APPROVED WITH THE 2/3 MAJORITY REQUIRED BY THE *IDSF Statutes*.**

**The Members were asked to accept a motion of urgency from the Presidium to discuss once more the question of "freestyle" pursuant to Rule 5.12**

**APPROVED WITH THE 2/3 MAJORITY REQUIRED BY THE *IDSF Statutes*.**

Mr Ferruccio Galvagno was in favour of reconsidering this motion if the name was changed from freestyle.

Mr Storbraten from IDO agreed to change their vote if the words "Standard" and "Latin" were placed in front of the word "Freestyle".

**IDSF Competition Rules – Rule 5.12 – new**

IDSF **Standard** Freestyle and **Latin** Freestyle Competitions.

IDSF Freestyle Competitions are held in the following disciplines: **Standard** Freestyle and **Latin** Freestyle.

Detailed regulations for the conduct of these tournaments as a pilot project will be issued as an Operating Policy of the IDSF Presidium after adoption of this new Rule 5.12 by the Annual General Meeting.

Reason:

This proposed new discipline makes it possible for IDSF to further develop our DanceSport.

**UNANIMOUS**

## New IDSF Championships

**IDSF Competition Rules – Rule 5.2 new** (all other kinds of competitions advance by one subparagraph number)

### 2. IDSF OPEN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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## 2.1 Senior I

### 2.1.a Type of competitions:

Senior I Open World Championships are held:

#### 2.1.aa In the Ten Dances (Standard and Latin American)

### 2.1.b Invitations:

Invitations must be sent to all IDSF Member bodies

### 2.1.c Eligibility:

All couples of the highest competitive category of an IDSF Member body are eligible to participate, but a couple's application for entry may only be made by the relevant IDSF Member body.

### 2.1.d Reimbursement of expenses:

No travel expenses, no hotel accommodation, provided that all couples advancing to the quarter-final shall be paid a minimum lump sum reimbursement of CHF150,00. Reimbursement of IDSF Chairman and IDSF Adjudicators shall be made by the Organizers according to Rule 8.

## 2.2 Senior II

### 2.2.a Type of competitions:

Senior II Open World Championships are held:

#### 2.2.aa In the Standard Dances (Waltz, Tango, Viennese Waltz, Slow Fox Trot, Quickstep)

#### 2.2.ab In the Latin American Dances (Samba, Cha Cha Cha, Rumba, Paso Doble, Jive)

### 2.2.b Invitations:

Invitations must be sent to all IDSF Member bodies

### 2.2.c Eligibility:

All couples of the highest competitive category of an IDSF Member body are eligible to participate, but a couple's application for entry may only be made by the relevant IDSF Member body.

### 2.2.d Reimbursement of expenses:

No travel expenses, no hotel accommodation, provided that all couples advancing to the quarter-final shall be paid a minimum lump sum reimbursement of CHF150,00. Reimbursement of IDSF Chairman and IDSF Adjudicators shall be made by the Organizers according to Rule 8.

### Reasons:

The "Open World Championships" pilot project for Senior II Standard was very successful and accepted by couples and organizers. It is now a natural and desirable development to include such "Open World Championships" in the **IDSF Competition Rules**.

**Effective from 01.01.2010**

**APPROVED WITH THE 2/3 MAJORITY REQUIRED BY THE *IDSF Statutes*.**

## Other IDSF Championships

### **IDSF Statutes – Article 20(4) – new**

The IDSF Presidium may provisionally adopt new Operating Policies to create additional IDSF Championships which are not described in the **actual IDSF Competition Rules**, and may adopt and enforce provisional competition rules and other rules, regulations, policies and Operating Policies with respect to such championships, provided always that such new championships, rules, regulations, policies and Operating Policies must either be confirmed (with or without amendments) by the next Annual General Meeting following such creation or adoption, or become void.

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Reasons:

In order to promote and develop our sport, there should be greater flexibility for the IDSF Presidium to create and promote further IDSF Championships. The Presidium believes that Article 14 of the **IDSF Statutes** already gives this authority to the Presidium but in order to avoid any uncertainty about the meaning of Article 14 relative to the meaning of Article 20, the Presidium places this proposal before the Annual General Meeting to ensure that we proceed clearly and correctly with such projects, with the full legal authority of the IDSF General Meeting.

**IDSF Statutes** – The old Article 20(4) becomes Article 20(5)

Mr Teo Laitinen the delegate from Finland opposed this motion because of the financial implications of additional Championships and he did not want to hand extra power to the Presidium.

Mr Ivo Kappet from Estonia opposed the motion.

94 Votes in favour 41 Votes against 47 Abstentions 6

**THE MOTION FAILED BECAUSE IT DID NOT OBTAIN THE 2/3 MAJORITY REQUIRED UNDER THE *IDSF Statutes***

The text in yellow below will be deleted.

**IDSF Competition Rules** – Spotlights at IDSF Championships

**Follow** Spotlights may not be used in any IDSF-granted competitions except in certain circumstances. **Follow** spotlights may only be used during solo dances **in such a way as to illuminate each and every couple in the same way during which they must be aimed at angles not greater than 45 degrees. In addition, when spotlights are used during solo dances, they must be used to illuminate each and all solo dance couples in the same way.**

Reasons:

To be fair to all participating couples we should in general run IDSF competitions without spotlights. In special cases there must be fair conditions for using spotlights.

**Effective immediately**

There was a very lengthy technical and practical discussion on this motion. After many contributions from members from Slovenia, Germany, Lebanon, Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, USA, England, Portugal, Thailand and our media adviser Mr Richard Bunn the following amended motion was then considered by the meeting:

**Follow Spotlights may not be used in any IDSF-granted competitions except in certain circumstances. Follow spotlights may only be used during solo dances in such a way as to illuminate each and every couple in the same way.**

**APPROVED WITH THE 2/3 MAJORITY REQUIRED BY THE *IDSF Statutes*.**

## **17.2 Presidium's motion to consider the Adoption of Vision 2012.**

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## **EDITOR'S NOTE RE: THE IDSF FORUM ON SATURDAY, JUNE 13:**

*The Delegates considered in detail the issues relating to Vision 2012 during the IDSF Forum which commenced at 1pm on Saturday, June 13. The Saturday Forum spent the overwhelming majority of the time until 5.30pm on Vision 2012.*

*By providing a brief background to the discussions on Vision 2012 on the Saturday, readers will be better able to understand the context of the debate.*

*As a result of the questions and answers on the Saturday, a motion was drafted by Russia, Germany and Mr. Fraser and Mr. Tilenni of the IDSF Presidium for presentation to the AGM on the Sunday for adoption. The following is just a very brief overview of discussions on the Saturday:*

Mr Freitag and Mr Hinder provided separate but complimentary presentations on the concept of Vision 2012. There is no doubt that the difficulty in developing and presenting such an evolutionary concept is the question of how much detail to provide to members. Not enough and the delegates can rightly criticize the Presidium for not presenting enough detail. Too much and it implies that the Presidium is dictating the outcomes for the AGM. It is extremely difficult to strike an appropriate balance.

Mission and Vision statements and a draft structure of the proposed World DanceSport Federation were presented to delegates in order to provide some understanding of how the concept could be developed.

Some delegates were seeking answers for all the detail surrounding this concept. However, the Presidium were only seeking an "in principle" approval to continue in developing the concept behind Vision 2012. It was not realistic to think that all issues would or could be resolved at such an early stage in the development of this concept. Mr Freitag highlighted that it may take some years after 2012 to adopt such structures at a WDSF and National levels.

Some of the most important questions raised during that Forum are listed below:

- Will IDSF members automatically become members of World DanceSport Federation?
- Will the IOC transfer the recognition to WDSF?
- Will IDSF cease to exist and be dissolved?
- What about non-Olympic events?
- What will the structure be of the technical committee?
- Will IPDSC athletes be allowed to dance on IDSF events?

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- Will Anti-Doping rules be common to all disciplines?
- What about the money of each discipline?
- Where will the power be of the WDSF?
- Why not just only continue with Associate members?
- Will National Federations have to adopt same structure?
- Will the National structure be an obligation for all?

President Freitag responded to the delegates' robust questioning and confirmed and explained as much as was possible as follows:

- That IDSF would not be dissolved but rather IDSF would "evolve" into WDSF. That is, the organs within IDSF would be expanded and restructured but, our international recognitions from the IOC, IWGA, ARISF and Sportaccord would not be placed at risk.
- The Managing Committee and Presidium would still be elected by the WDSF AGM.
- The members would not be forced out of IDSF if they had been unable to re-structure.
- The other DanceSport Disciplines such as Wheelchair (IPC), IDO dances, Rock n' Roll (WRRRC), Line Dancing (UCWDC) would be able to elect their representative on the WDSF Presidium whilst retaining their separate and unique identities.
- If we merely offered Associate membership to the other expanded DanceSport disciplines, then why should they agree to be part of WDSF and Vision 2012?
- The structural and Statute and Rule and Regulation changes must still be approved by the delegates in AGM over the years to evolve into the WDSF. As a result, members could ensure that the pace of change was measured and according to their and DanceSport's best interests.
- There are significant cost benefits of having one unified structure shared by all the disciplines.
- Members would be able to evolve in accordance with local conditions at a national level. It cannot be expected that the national structures could exactly be reproduced in the same way in each member body. The unification of disciplines within national structures will take time and goodwill on the part of all disciplines.

### **The minutes now revert back to the AGM on Sunday:**

As Chair, Mr Fraser explained that after discussions with member bodies at the IDSF Forum on Saturday, the following motion from Germany and Russia to

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continue developing Vision 2012 was presented with the full support of the IDSF Presidium:

**That this meeting directs and encourages the Presidium to continue working on VISION 2012, and to establish a working group including representatives of Associate Members, representatives of other key IDSF Member bodies and representatives of other dance disciplines. The meeting directs that this working group shall consider all the information and questions raised in the 2009 IDSF Forum in Macao and also any responses or questions received from IDSF Members during or after the Forum. The working group's work will be communicated on a regular periodic basis to all IDSF Member bodies, and all IDSF Member bodies are encouraged to provide their comments in writing.**

**EDITOR'S NOTE;** The following provides only a very brief review of the debate on this agenda item:

Mr Galvagno was very happy with the motion to continue with Vision 2012 and the process being followed to develop the concept of bringing all DanceSport disciplines under the WDSF. However, he pointed out that this about an in principle approval and we cannot discuss the details now or the Vision will fail. He is sure that the Presidium of IDO needs to go through a similar process at their AGM. The Presidium of IDSF wants to share the IOC recognition with all the other DanceSport disciplines and the value of this cannot be underestimated.

Mr Freitag said that the final motion gives us the opportunity to continue with Vision 2012 and he recognises how difficult it will be to gain the support of all disciplines. Mr Freitag also pointed out that IDO can see that they will be equal with the other Disciplines and that IDSF is the leading force and that we will not do anything which will harm any of the parties in these discussions.

Mr Dorokhov explained that there should not be many concerns. The working group cannot make decisions but they must take proposals back to the AGM for final approval.

Mr Allert explained that the big change now is the opportunity for IDO & WRRRC to be represented in this working group to develop Vision 2012. Mr Allert confirmed that we want to work together to produce a proposal for Vision 2012 for the AGM.

**Unanimous**

**The meeting took a break for 10 minutes for coffee at 5.05pm.**

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**The meeting re commenced at 5.15pm.**

**17.3 Presidium's Motion to amend IDSF Financial Regulations.**

Mr Tilenni thanked delegates for their patience and understanding.

Mr Tilenni stated that the time had come for delegates to think of the future! Delegates were asked to have the necessary courage and vision and to share in the passion for the development and growth of DanceSport. Ultimately as part of this future, IDSF and all its members needed to have the money to protect what we have and to allow for DanceSport and IDSF to grow!

Mr Tilenni firmly believed that "Economic power is political power" and the financially stronger IDSF is, the stronger all the members are. Economic circumstances are very difficult but life must go on. IDSF's financial circumstances require that we need to have the resources to pay for the future services and administration for IDSF to be able to best serve and protect members and to grow DanceSport. In addition, IDSF needed to make sure that we develop an adequate capital base to protect IDSF and our members. However, IDSF understood the financial pain that all members are feeling and the Presidium appreciates how the weakest members will have the greatest problems in the current world financial climate.

The Treasurer confirmed to delegates that the updated Financial Regulations showing the old and new fees and dated 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2009 had been emailed by the General Secretary on the 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2009. The final version to be adopted did not include the old fees but the actual regulations as they would be presented. This version dated 9<sup>th</sup> April was first sent by the General Secretary on 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2009. Mr Tilenni confirmed that there had been no questions or queries from any member since the updated Financial Regulations were sent by the General Secretary on 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2009.

Mr Tilenni referred members to the Updated Financial Regulations in on pages 142 to 147 of the AGM booklet.

The Treasurer advised that he had very good discussions with Mr Allert and Mr Eichert from Germany, this weekend. As a result of these discussions, Mr Tilenni asked Mr Allert and Mr Eichert to suggest a change in how the increases in fees would be applied. As IDSF Treasurer, Mr Tilenni supported the proposal from Mr Allert & Mr Eichert and he had recommended it to the Presidium at its Friday meeting. The Presidium unanimously agreed, that because of the continuing

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economic problems which exist, the Presidium would accept the proposal of our German delegates. Mr Tilenni pointed out that he had also discussed the revised fee increases with a number of delegates over the last three days and that he had received overwhelming support for this change.

In brief, the proposal is that only 50% of the increases for Membership and Competition fees be applied from January 1, 2010 and the remaining 50% from January 1, 2012. As a result of this, Mr Tilenni pointed out that earlier in the meeting, members had accepted the 2010 Provisional Budget. However, in accepting this motion, the projected income from current Competition and Membership fees may reduce by say CHF50,000.

Mr Tilenni asked Mr Allert, the President of the German Federation to propose the motion which the Presidium unanimously supported on the adoption of the updated Financial Regulations.

Mr Allert proposed the following motion:

**To amend the Presidium's Motion so that only 50% of the increases in the Membership and Granting fees for IDSF Competitions highlighted in red and blue in text of the Motion be effective on January 1, 2010 and the remaining 50% of those increases be effective on January 1, 2012.**

Mr Allert explained that although there were very good reasons to increase fees, the current world economic climate made it very difficult for organisers and members who are also experiencing increased costs and lower sponsorship. Splitting the increase in two equal parts would make it easier for members and provide IDSF with the capacity to meet its obligations to members in years to come.

Mr Ivo Kappet from Estonia explained that the Nordic countries had problems with the amount adjudicator and Chairmen fees. They would like Items 6.3 and 6.4 of the regulations to be CHF200 for both Adjudicators and Chairmen. In addition, the Nordic countries would like the fees for IDSF Rising Star Competitions at 4.2.7.11 to be zero and not CHF200.

Mr Ivo Kappet also sought clarification as to which events were covered by 4.2.8.

Mr Spaeker answered but Mr Kappet still wanted this item removed from Update.

Mr Richards from USA asked what happens to the fees for events already granted?

In response to Mr Richards question, Mr Tilenni explained that there were two ways to look at this matter. The first could be that the fees do not change, however, the

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second and preferred way is that members would have the opportunity to withdraw if they did not want to pay the increased granting fees.

Carola Tuokko of Finland said not to forget that the 50% reduction in fee increases would apply.

**The following amendments from Estonia were considered by the meeting:**

That 4.2.8 be removed from the Update.

**THE MOTION FAILED BECAUSE IT DID NOT OBTAIN THE 2/3 MAJORITY REQUIRED UNDER THE *IDSF Statutes***

That 4.2.7.11 be reduced from CHF200 to zero.

**THE MOTION FAILED BECAUSE IT DID NOT OBTAIN THE 2/3 MAJORITY REQUIRED UNDER THE *IDSF Statutes***

That the fee for Adjudicators and Chairmen be set at the same amount of CHF200.

**THE MOTION FAILED BECAUSE IT DID NOT OBTAIN THE 2/3 MAJORITY REQUIRED UNDER THE *IDSF Statutes***

**The following motion was then considered:**

**To amend the Presidium's Motion so that only 50% of the increases in the Membership and Granting fees for IDSF Competitions highlighted in red and blue in text of the Motion be effective on January 1, 2010 and the remaining 50% of those increases be effective on January 1, 2012.**

**APPROVED WITH THE MAJORITY REQUIRED BY THE *IDSF Statutes*.**

**EDITORS NOTE : Please refer to the two attached sets of IDSF Financial Regulations. The first set as approved by the AGM is effective January 1, 2010 and the second set is effective January 1, 2012.**

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## **18. Member's Motions:**

### **18.1 Motion from USA**

The Presidium confirmed that it did not support this change.

Per the situation that happened in the 2008 World 10-Dance Championships, the **US wishes to move for a rule modification, at the 2009 AGM, as follows:**

#### Current Language – Rule 13, 2.1:

A couple can only represent a country in any IDSF Championship or Cup if one of the partners holds a valid and subsisting passport of the represented country at the time of registration and the time of the relevant competition.

#### Suggested Modification – Rule 13, 2.1:

A couple can only represent a country in any IDSF Championship or Cup if one of the partners holds a valid and subsisting passport of the represented country, or in the case of countries that provide other forms of legal/permanent residency, one of the partners must have such legal residency status at the time of registration and the time of the relevant competition.

#### Reasoning:

USA Dance believes that the IDSF has always treated Permanent Resident status in the United States as equivalent to citizenship for participation in non-Olympic/IWGA events. In the USA (and probably other countries) obtaining citizenship is a long and laborious process – particularly since September 11 2001. Many countries probably offer some sort of status that is equivalent to citizenship without the actual seal of approval or ability to get a passport from that country. These athletes that are going through the process of establishing citizenship should not be penalized or deemed ineligible for reasons outside of their control.

Mr Ken Richards spoke to the motion

Presidium Members and some other Delegates argued that with 86 member bodies that it would be impossible to enforce these rules.

**THE MOTION FAILED BECAUSE IT DID NOT OBTAIN THE MAJORITY REQUIRED UNDER THE *IDSF Statutes***

### **18.2 Motion from Russia**

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## 1.1.1 Dance Sport Federation of Russia

### 1.1.2 Motion № 1

DSFR introduces once again its motion of 2008, envisaging a new division of years of birth in existing Junior II, Youth and Adults Age Categories.

#### **NEW Rule 11** (new text is underlined)

#### **Age Restriction**

1. The following age division is obligatory in all international competitions and championships:

**Juvenile I:** reach 9th birthday or less in the calendar year

**Juvenile II:** reach 10th and 11th birthday in the calendar year

**Junior I:** reach 12<sup>th</sup> and 13th birthday in the calendar year

**Junior II:** reach 14<sup>th</sup> and 15th birthday in the calendar year

**Youth I:** reach 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, and **Youth II:** 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> birthday in the calendar year

**Adult:** reach 21<sup>st</sup> birthday or more in the calendar year

**Senior I:** reach 35th birthday or more in the calendar year

**Senior II:** reach 45<sup>th</sup> birthday or more in the calendar year

Putting two age-groups together, such as Juvenile I and II as well as Junior I and II **as well as Youth I and Youth II** in one class, is optional. Youth couples are allowed to participate in Adult competitions. In all age sections one partner of a couple can be younger, except in the seniors.

2. When nominating couples, member organizations must give dates of birth.

#### **MOTIVATION**

1. In many other sports the Youth Age Group ends with the 20<sup>th</sup> year. So many other sports have so called "Under 21" age category.
2. By excepting the suggested change IDSF will have a better-proportioned logic in the existing Age Categories: two years in Junior I, three years in Junior II and fore years in Youth.
3. Adult couples are not very happy to compete in Open Tournaments with physically stronger and energetic Youth couples. The suggested change will allow limiting the existing Open Ranking Tournaments only for Adults couples.

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4. By introducing the suggested changes IDSF will have an opportunity to establish a new series of Open Youth Ranking Tournaments, in which Junior II couples are allowed to compete. Couples will have a possibility to gain Ranking points within seven years. A youth couple by changing-over to adult will have a possibility to enter Open Adults Ranking Tournaments with basic ranking points collected in the Youth Ranking.
5. The suggested change will substantially increase IDSF earnings in the field of Open Ranking Tournaments.

Mr Dorokhov presented the motion as amended.

**EDITOR'S NOTE; The following provides only a very brief overview of the debate on this agenda item:**

Mr Spaeker still feels that there has not been enough discussions about this matter. Currently we can be proud of our Youth couples and prolonging the age up to 20 years is too long. He asked members to look to the open competitions in which our couples can compete. Mr Spaeker recommends that we leave the current system in place.

Mr Eric Sourdeau from France said that originally he believed that it was a good motion but 5 years for Youth is too long.

Mr Ivo Kappet from Estonia discussed this issue with many members and they do not support 16 to 20 years competing together. It would be unfair for a 16 year old couple to compete with much more experienced 20 year old couples. Mr Kappet wanted Presidium to prepare an under 20 year group to keep more athletes in the sport at a National level.

Mr Bain wanted to amend the motion with the approval of the Russian delegate to create a Youth I as 16, 17 & 18 and Youth II as 19 and 20. He also suggested that the two age categories could be combined on an optional basis. This would be reflected at the bottom of this rule. These amendments which are reflected in the colour red above were accepted by Russian delegate.

Mr Spaeker IDSF suggested that an Open under 21 category would be far better.

Mr Ivo Kappet of Estonia explained that he wants the university and IDSF dancing systems to be aligned.

NA explained that talking about under 21 means age 16 to 21. It does not mean 19,20 & 21. If you accept a change in age groups it needs to be adopted Nationally. This is not realistic because 19,20 & 21 year olds dance adult. If we split this group in two it will create problems. IDSF should only consider such changes to age groups if we have the physical and psychological basis for making such changes. It was also pointed out that many countries have different

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educational systems. We need proper research and analysis. We should not change.

Mr Allert agrees with NA not to change the age groups but to create an age group for under 21 athletes, but only for Open Competition.

The motion as amended from Russia was put to the vote

**Total Votes 82; In favour 34, opposed 44, abstentions 4**

**THE MOTION FAILED BECAUSE IT DID NOT OBTAIN THE 2/3 MAJORITY REQUIRED UNDER THE *IDSF Statutes***

**The Sports Director asked the meeting to consider the following motion:**

That a new competition category be created for couples under 21 (who reach their 16th to 20th birthday in the calendar year) but only for Open Competition and the Presidium will determine the necessary changes to the relevant regulations and the presidium has the discretion to fix the competition rules.

The Chair asked who was in favour of an URGENCY MOTION to consider the above motion?

**Total Votes 91 In Favour 67 Opposed 16 Abstentions 8**

**APPROVED WITH THE MAJORITY REQUIRED BY THE *IDSF Statutes*.**

**The motion was then considered by the meeting:**

**That a new competition category be created for couples under 21 (who reach their 16th to 20th birthday in the calendar year) but only for Open Competition and the Presidium will determine the necessary changes to the relevant regulations and the Presidium has the discretion to fix the competition rules.**

**Total votes 95 In Favour 73 Opposed 14 Abstentions 8**

**APPROVED WITH THE MAJORITY REQUIRED BY THE *IDSF Statutes*.**

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### 18.3 Motion from Canada

Motion for the 2009 IDSF AGM in Macao

The Canadian Amateur DanceSport Association proposes the following changes to Rule 11:

#### 1.1.2.1 Age Restriction

1. The following age division is obligatory in all international competitions and championships:

Juvenile I:	reach 9 <sup>th</sup> birthday or less in the calendar year
Juvenile II:	reach 10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> birthday in the calendar year
Junior I:	reach 12 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup> birthday in the calendar year
Junior II:	reach 14 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> birthday in the calendar year
Youth:	reach 16 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup> birthday in the calendar year
Adult:	reach 19 <sup>th</sup> birthday or more in the calendar year
Adult 2	reach 35 <sup>th</sup> birthday or more in the calendar year
Adult 3	reach 45 <sup>th</sup> birthday or more in the calendar year

We are proposing to eliminate the titles "Senior 1" and "Senior 2" and replace them with the titles "Adult 2" and "Adult 3".

This request has been put forward by many of the Senior competitors. Society, today, usually views seniors to be people who are 60 years and older. Often we have to give the media and spectators a definition of what the term "Senior" age refers to in DanceSport. This would eliminate the perception that a Senior dancer is an older or retired person.

Mrs Sandy Brittain spoke to the motion.

**Total votes 83; In Favour 14 opposed 56 abstain 13**

**THE MOTION FAILED BECAUSE IT DID NOT OBTAIN THE 2/3 MAJORITY REQUIRED UNDER THE *IDSF Statutes***

**Mr Fraser retired from the Chair and Mr Freitag resumed the Chair and thanked Mr Fraser for his work during the last very difficult sections of the AGM.**

### 19. General Business (Miscellaneous)

Mr Freitag asked if there were any additional items that members wished to bring up?

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### **19.1 IDSF Adjudicator's scarves & ties and new Logo**

Mrs Lonsdale expressed her thanks for the ties and scarves for the Adjudicators and for the work on the new IDSF logo. She believed that this work would not have been easy and the results were excellent marketing tools.

### **19.2 General**

Mr Freitag thanked the President and Committee of the Macao DanceSport Federation for the wonderful hospitality and dinners courtesy of Mr & Mrs Ho and the Macao Government and for their excellent organisation for this AGM. Mr Freitag confirmed that all delegates were very happy with the hospitality and all the work performed by our Macao Member.

Mr Freitag also expressed his sincere thanks to Marco Sietas for his many, many hours of work and, to Txus for all her efforts during the year and leading up to the AGM.

A special thanks was expressed by Mr Freitag for his wife Evelyn for her continuous support because the work of the President is not very easy.

At this point, Lukas Hinder in his capacity as First Vice-President addressed the members to re-confirm his total support for Mr Freitag, his vision, his leadership and his policies. Having worked with Mr Freitag over seven years Mr Hinder knows that Mr Freitag is determined to move DanceSport forward and that he is very demanding of his Presidium. Mr Hinder also recognised the contribution of Evelyn Freitag and made a presentation of some of the very best Swiss chocolates known as "Number One" for the number one supporter of the President and IDSF.

The delegates applauded the presentation.

## **20. Adjournment**

The President asked for a Motion to adjourn, and the Meeting voted unanimously to adjourn at 7.00 pm.

## **International DanceSport Federation (IDSF)**

### **Marco Sietas, General Secretary**

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**Any proposed changes to the minutes must be submitted to the General Secretary no later than 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2009**

**MINUTES PREPARED BY TONY TILENNI, IDSF TREASURER**