



**2019 WBTF Winter Meeting
MINUTES
Limoges, France**

CALL TO ORDER

At 11h00 Saturday January 26 2019, President Sandi Wiemers called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

		SATURDAY	SUNDAY
President	Sandi Wiemers	Online	Online
Vice President	Jean Patrick Rousset	X	X
Secretary	Jeff Johnson	X	X
Treasurer	Paul Rutten	X	X
Sport Administrator	Moto Tsuchiya	X	X
Country Representatives in Attendance:			
Armenia	Artashes Mesropyan		
Australia	Ainslie Hunt	X	X
Belarus	Aleksandr Lavrinovich		
Belgium	Lilianne Comans		
Bulgaria	Milko Kralski	X	X
Canada	Joanne Moser	X	X
Croatia	Marina Milhecic	X	X
Czech Republic (CFMT)	Michaela Holmanova	X	X
England	Nicky O'Neill	X	X
France	Jean Patrick Rousset	X	X
Georgia	Valentina Kuzmidi		
Germany	Larissa Cissell		
Greece	Theodoros Tsaganos		
Hungary	Vadoc Laszlo		
India	Santosh Deshmukh		
Ireland	Bernadette Doyne	X	X
Italy	Stefania Lenzini	X	X
Japan	Moto Tsuchiya	X	X
Kazakhstan	Aliya Tussupbekova		
Kyrgyz Republic	Oksana Polyanichko	X	X
Malta	Anita Pariani		
Netherlands	Martin Stevens		
Norway	Mona Kristiansen		

Pakistan	Malik Musleh-ud-din		
Philippines	Lily Brackenbury		
Poland	Marcin Piróg	X	X
Puerto Rico	Sammy Torres		
Russia	Andrey Kokoulin	X	X
Scotland	Fiona Howat	X	X
Slovenia	Nada Skuk		
South Africa	Baile Pule		
South Korea	Jeonghee Kim		
Spain	Sara Abad	X	X
Sweden	Amelie Nilsson	X	X
Switzerland	Alessia Dolci	X	X
USA	Karen Cammer	X	X
Uzbekistan	Victoria Mikhalyeva		
Ukraine	Pavel Boyko		

15 voting members present

Board Motion #1 – Approve Agenda

PASSED

Move to accept the Board Meeting Agenda, with one addition:
- Concerns from FFSTB President

Moved by: USA
Seconded by: IRE

In Favour: 15
Opposed: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 0

Minutes

Secretary Jeff Johnson presented the Minutes from the 2018 Summer Meetings.

Ireland asked that the following note be included in the 2018 European Cup section:

The problems that arose in Dublin with respect to tabulation were not the problem of the Organizing Committee. They were a reflection of the changes in the rules mid-way, that came so late that it just wasn't possible to incorporate them all.

Changes simply cannot be made within 4 months of a major competition with the expectation that this won't introduce other problems.

The revised Minutes have been posted on the WBTF website.

Revision attached: **[01a 2018 WBTF Summer Board Meeting Minutes (Final AMENDED).pdf]**.

Business arising from the Minutes, time permitting:

- Discuss financial policies as they relate to the Continental Commissions
- Discuss the role of the Continental Commissions as we move toward the IBTF integration

Board Motion #2 – 2018 Summer Minutes**PASSED**

Move to approve the Minutes of the 2018 Summer Meeting, with addition to the 2018 European Cup Report.

Two New Business items:

- 1) Discuss financial policies as they relate to the Continental Commissions
- 2) Discuss the role of the Continental Commissions as we move toward the IBTF integration

Moved by: IRE

Seconded by: CRO

In Favour: 15

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Also included are the Minutes from the 2019 European Commission meeting.

Document attached: [01b 2019 European Commission Meeting Minutes.pdf].

REPORTS

Audit Committee Report

The WBTF Audit Committee met prior to the Board Meeting to review the financial records and the Audit Committee submitted its report:

The Financial Statements, include Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet, have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and have been found to be satisfactory.

Board Motion #3 – Audit Committee Report

PASSED

Move to accept the report of the Audit Committee.

Moved by: USA

Seconded by: CAN

In Favour: 15

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Rutten confirmed that the entry fee split for the European Cup is 70% (Host) / 30% (WBTF).

Report attached: [02a 2018 WBTF Balance Sheet.pdf]

Report attached: [02b 2018 WBTF ProfitandLossbyClass.pdf]

Board Motion #4 – Treasurers' Report

PASSED

Move to accept the report from the Treasurer's Report, as presented.

Moved by: Scotland

Seconded by: Sweden

In Favour: 15

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

2019 European Championship Update

The report on the 2019 European Championship was delivered at the European Commission meeting Friday.

2019 International Cup/Grand Prix Update

FFSTB provided an update on preparations for the 2019 International Cup and Grand Prix.

- Ticket price will be between €25-30 per day
- A reminder that the Stay to Play policy is in place. This is not to 'annoy' the visiting delegations but it is necessary because of the situation with the hotel properties. The FFSTB has had to pay a financial deposit in order to secure the necessary hotel space for the ICup/GPrix.

- There are currently over 800 room-nights reserved by FFSTB and more may be necessary.
- There are currently 3 or 4 practice gyms set aside but more will likely be necessary. IN March, FFSTB will provide a list of the facilities.
- Will work to provide lunch and dinner options for athletes and coaches. Price hasn't been established, but will likely be in the area of €15. Details will be provided as soon as they are available.
- There will be some restrictions on majorette footwear in order to protect the wood floor from damage. There is also not a large area for storage of Accessories, so majorette groups will also be limited in this regard.
- WBTF Meeting will be held Sunday prior to the ICup, at the Novotel. The IBTF Meeting will be held Monday following the GPrix also at the Novotel.

IRE: Haven't received a reply to several emails

CRO: Will you have visual material (posters, banners, etc) available so they can be posted and shared online.

FRA: Yes, soon.

JPN: Where will the Judges Focus Meeting be held?

FRA: This is not finalized, but the Novotel is most likely.

JPN: Practice gym reservations... Will you try to allocate space as fairly as possible or will it be done first-come-first-serve? We would like to see a system where space is allocated as fairly as possible for all requests made by a particular deadline, and then first-come-first-served for requests made after that deadline.

FRA: We will be working to provide as best a match as possible.

Sandi Wiemers: We will circulate a sheet (after lunch) for the countries to provide an estimate of their delegation size (number of athletes, number of coaches, number of officials)

FRA: The contact point for all ICup/GPrix questions is Benjamin Rousset.

Website/Technology Report

Paul Rutten confirmed that there are no copyright restrictions on the use of any photos found on the WBTF Photo Site.

Jeff Johnson reported that WBTF.ORG received over 40,000 visitors with over 250,000 pageviews in calendar 2018.

Report attached: [03 Analytics www.wbtf.org Audience Overview 20180101-20181231.pdf]

GAISF Report

From the agenda document:

VALUE STATEMENT:

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ONE NATIONAL MEMBER FEDERATION FOR
THE IBTF 2020 VISION PROJECT:

IF and WHEN we are accepted as members of GAISF all member countries of IBTF must have only one official member in their country (there may be only one) then we will have an additional yearly member fee payable to GAISF.

At the very least, all countries with two affiliated federations (one WBTF and one WFNBT) should strive to create a national umbrella IBTF federation within the next two

years to submit one IBTF national membership fee and to work together to establish a unified qualifying event under one National umbrella to select the athletes who will represent their country on the international level.

We know there are various problem scenarios in some of our member countries and we must find solutions. Problem example: WBTF member federations who have National Olympic recognition should not expect the NBTA member to be absorbed into your federation. There should be an open door with cooperation to bring some of their officials into your Board & Technical room for representation.

Another problem example: NBTA USA is not an official organization (association or federation). It is a for-profit business owned and operated by one individual subsidized by the ABC Company. Therefore, the USA must find an alternative way to come together under one National umbrella. It may require that all interested coaches, athletes, professionals who compete on the international level pay an individual membership fee (similar to the present athlete participation fee of \$15 to enter the Grand Prix competition) in order to support a newly created USA umbrella-type federation. This example, as a solution is recommended in many of our member countries and does not mean that the normal activities and activities could not continue in the separate organizations. It simply means there is an umbrella organization in a country that unifies the athletes, coaches, & professionals on an international level and officially represents that country to the IBTF. *Sandi Wiemers*

President Wiemers attended the GAISF meeting with the membership committee in July. Their requirement that IBTF obtain Letters of No Objection from those sports similar to ours was reiterated.

We are now in the process of trying to achieve those letters. This will not be a short of simple process – international sport politics are complicated and some things just take time. Specifically for the WDSF, there was a turnover at the senior level recently and we felt it was advantageous to wait until after the turnover was completed.

ENG: What happens for the 2021 competition if a country has not come together under a single umbrella?

Sandi Wiemers: For 2021 and 2022, the athlete quota will be 'by country' but divided by federation if there are two.

Sandi Wiemers: The IBTF Project has been done as a top-down approach - we have begun the integration and the top level and are hoping this will generate a willingness for this to be implemented at the national level. We can continue in our 'umbrella' organization structure for the time being, but it will not be allowed (by GAISF) indefinitely.

The process of developing trust between the partners is one that simply takes time. The common ground is that we all want Baton Twirling to be relevant in the sporting world. And this is being done for the athletes - they deserve our support and our efforts for the sport to achieve this recognition and respect.

OLD BUSINESS

Federation Contact Information

Each country must provide the name and email address of the individuals that are responsible for WBTF documents.

- a) Person(s) responsible for receiving and paying invoices
- b) Person(s) responsible for submitting entry documents
- c) Person(s) responsible for receiving WBTF updates.
- d) Coaches that need or want access to the WBTF website

In particular, with the upcoming Grand Prix, federations are also asked to provide:

- a) Majorette contacts in your area
- b) Majorette photos that can be used in promotional material

Future Calendar

2020 Pan-Pacific Cup

Joanne Moser (Canada) reported that the 2020 Pan-Pacific Cup has been confirmed for Red Deer, Alberta, Canada, from January 15-21, 2020.

2020 European Cup

CRO: Are we including Majorette events at the 2020 European Cup?

ENG: Yes, the European Commission agreed to include them to continue the momentum from the 2019 Grand Prix. It will be incorporated within the existing 4-day schedule.

2021 European Championship

The 2021 European Championship remains vacant – the European Commission wanted a clear directive as to whether the European Commission was to continue business as usual in light of the IBTF integration.

President Wiemers reported that the 2021 and 2022 Bid Process information will be sent out within the next month.

2020 World Championship Hosting Bids

The WBTF Executive proposed the following process that will be followed to consider the bids received for hosting the 2020 World Championship:

- Each federation will be given 5 minutes to present to the Board about their proposal and answer any questions.
- Voting will be conducted by secret ballot
- The Winning bid must receive more than half of the eligible votes
- If no country receives more than half on the first ballot, the country with the fewest number of votes will be removed and a second round will be held with the remaining countries. These remaining countries will have an additional 5 minutes to speak or answer questions.
- If there is a tie in the second round, there will be one more round of voting. No additional discussion.
- If there is a tie after the third round of voting, the decision will be referred to the Executive

Board Motion #5 – 2020 World Championship Voting Process**PASSED**

Move to accept the 2020 Bid voting process, as presented by the Executive.

Moved by: USA

Seconded by: Australia

In Favour: 15

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

By random draw (Italy, England then Ireland), the three bidding federations spoke to the Board and responded to questions about their bid.

First Ballot Results

Country	Votes
Italy	6
England	6
Ireland	3

Second Ballot Results

Country	Votes
Italy	8
England	7

A third ballot was not necessary. Italy was awarded the 2020 World Championship.

Judges and National Affiliation

A Technical Committee proposal that was tabled last summer due to time constraints:

- Excluding judges from their national contingent's photograph
- Housing the judges separately from their national contingency at a hotel selected and funded by the WBTF
- Travel expenses would remain the responsibility of their national federation.

Jeff Johnson: Is this proposal meant for the World Championship only? International Cup? European Championship/Cup and other continental competitions?

Sandi Wiemers: World Championship only

SCO: What was the motivating reason behind this? Is this about trust and integrity? Prestige? I think this would be a negative for some judges, particularly newer or first-time judges, or situations where a judge is the only one from a particular country and is then more 'on their own' than they would be if they were travelling with their national contingent. We are also concerned that, if this is a policy for the World Championship, we would automatically need to follow that for the European Championship.

IRE: We are opposed to this for several reasons... Many along the same feelings as Scotland and also for situations where the judge has other responsibilities - either to their family or if they are also a coach.

USA: Two clarifications requested... The proposal should be clarified to reflect that the WBTF is selecting the judges but they are being *funded* by the participating countries. Could a country still have a photo that isn't published but does include the judges - because for us, including the

judges in our photo has been a tradition dating back to the beginning and not one we would want to discontinue.

FRA: What is the objective for this proposal? What is the problem this is trying to solve? Some countries don't have enough money to send judges to the competition. There was a proposal within the European Commission to help more countries send judges

Sandi Wiemers: This proposal comes from the Technical Committee - this was their request. They feel it is important to separate the judges for reasons of nationalism and focus. Plus, for the perception that they are not there as part of their country but are instead representatives of the WBTF itself.

ENG: Would the \$800 would be paid by the participating countries? ie. only those that have sent athletes to the competition?

Sandi Wiemers: That is how it is written now, yes.

FRA: This seems to be more a problem of organization. A country that is bringing a judge may not actually be paying \$800 now for that as they may have different circumstances for the hotel room (e.g. they may bring a spouse).

CRO: We allocate a particular amount to each athlete to fund our judges' travel.

AUS: I prefer a per-athlete assessment rather than per-country. If we had only one athlete coming to the WC and that athlete had to carry the full \$800, they could not attend. But if the judges' cost was per athlete it could be more cost-efficient.

USA: This could be unrealistic anyway... Would the hotel be exclusive to the judges or would (some) other countries be staying at the same hotel as their country anyway?

USA (from their Technical Advisor): We made this proposal because the judges are *selected* and should not be affiliated with their country.

FRA: This is a proposal from the WBTF Tech Committee to the WBTF Board. But, 2020 is the last WBTF World Championship. Today we can debate and make this decision but we only control what happens at 2020 - we do not control what the IBTF will decide for 2021 or 2022. So, why debate this decision that would only apply to one more competition?

Sandi Wiemers: Straw poll of who is in favour, in principle...

Yes: 6

No: 9

Japan presented a motion to table the WBTF Executive proposal regarding sequestered housing for the World Championship judges.

No action taken on the Proposal about World Judges National Affiliations.

Board Motion #6 – National Affiliation of Judges**WITHDRAWN**

Move to table the proposal regarding 'National Affiliation of Judges' until a different funding model can be proposed or for a solution that will apply beyond 2020.

Moved by: Japan
Seconded by: USA

In Favour: 13
Opposed: 1 (Scotland)
Abstain: 1 (Czech Republic)
Absent: 0

Clinician Pay Scale Increase

JPN: Is the \$300/day a fixed amount or is that a minimum amount?
Sandi Wiemers: This is a minimum amount

Board Motion #7 – Clinician Pay Scale**PASSED**

Move to accept the proposal regarding the WBTF Judges Clinician Pay Scale increase.

Effective date: September 1 2019

Moved by: USA
Seconded by: Japan

In Favour: 14
Opposed: 1 (France)
Abstain: 0
Absent: 0

Proposal attached: **[04 WBTF Judges Clinician PayScale .pdf]**

NEW BUSINESS

2019 Budget

Treasurer Paul Rutten presented the preliminary 2019 Budget

Proposal attached: **[05 2019 Budget Proposed.pdf]**

There was discussion about the differences and similarities between the way the Pan-Pacific and European Commissions are funding their respective activities.

CRO: Is it correct that CRO is paying both NBTA Europe, WFNBT and WBTF membership fees?

Paul Rutten: Yes, and this is true for any of those countries that are members of both/all these organizations.

Sandi Wiemers: This is one of the compelling reasons to get to a full merger to IBTF. But how long this will take is unpredictable.

FRA: WFNBT April meeting may discuss WFNBT fees that are going to pay for WFNBT's participation within IBTF. For now, a WBTF member already pays an IBTF assessment, but WFNBT members do not (or, it is not visible). We see that in WBTF there is good financial management and WBTF is very sound. For WFNBT we simply don't know. When we get to the merger, the finances may be a very big problem for us. We are concerned about this problem, and all WBTF countries should also be concerned about this and not simply wait for it to happen. Those WBTF federations that are also part of NBTA Europe and/or WFNBT should seek answers to these questions from their NBTA/WFNBT partners. As we understand it... NBTA Europe is wealthy, but WFNBT has almost nothing.

Jeff Johnson: The Board needs to recognize that WBTF is coming to the IBTF merger table with many more assets than WFNBT does. Real assets (cash) and other assets (systems and processes). Specific example: 10K for new tabulation system.

At 17h20, the Board recessed until Sunday morning.

At 9h10, Sandi Wiemers called the meeting back to order.

Business and Financial Policies

Sandi Wiemers: Some minor updates are yet to be incorporated, because of a change in the Grand Prix revenue-sharing formula, very recently agreed to by the IBTF Executive.

USA: Is any Late Fee included within the overall entry fees, which are then split 70/30?

Paul Rutten: Yes

IRE: We presented the proposed policy document to our financial advisor and received a number of recommendations for change and also some areas of concern. We could not vote in favour of the proposed policies until these issues are addressed.

Document attached: **[06 WBTF Finances Critique.pdf]**

CRO: Marketing & Promotion is listed as a President responsibility. This is very important responsibility and should it be a separate position?

ENG: Should we / can we hire a professional marketing company?

Paul Rutten: That could be a very large expense, and is probably beyond our means.

USA: Could the countries get some guidelines as to what type of marketing they could do, or what is being done, what is working in other places, then all of the countries could develop policies to use within their own country.

CRO: We see value in our national federation being attached to and associated with the promotion done at a world level.

ITA: We would have liked to receive the comments from Ireland before the meeting. If this document is important we can talk about it and then vote. If there are additions it would have been better to know about them in advance.

SWE: Agree with Italy, but do understand that IRE may have felt it was not their place to send their comments/issues in advance.

SWE: Can we vote on the Policy Document as it was distributed, but include Ireland's concerns as work to be done in a future amendment?

USA: We do have financial procedures in place, so things don't simply stop working if we don't approve this version.

Board Motion #8 – Business and Financial Policies

PASSED

Move to accept the Business and Financial Policies in principle, as presented, with future amendments at the 2019 Summer Meeting.

Moved by: Canada

Seconded by: Japan

Effective immediately

In Favour: 11

Opposed: 2 (Sweden, USA)

Abstain: 2 (Czech Republic, Scotland)

Absent: 0

New Membership Applications

President Wiemers invited any federations attending to speak in support of their application for membership.

POL: The Polish Dance Federation was founded in 1996 and has a well-established history. Last year, this same group founded the Polish Twirling Sport Association and is now seeking membership in the WBTF. So, while the PTSA is a new organization, the people

Board Motion #9 – Membership Applications process

PASSED

Move to consider all applications in one collection motion.

Moved by: USA

Seconded by: Australia

In Favour: 14

Opposed: 1 (Spain)

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Board Motion #10 – Membership Applications**PASSED**

Move to accept the following federations as new Provisional Members of the WBTF:

- Armenia
- Belarus
- Georgia
- Greece
- Malta
- Poland
- Ukraine
- Wales

Moved by: USA

Seconded by: Sweden

In Favour: 15

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

New Continental Commission**Board Motion #11 – Asia-Oceania Commission****PASSED**

WBTF now has 8 member federations in Asia and Oceania: Australia, India, Japan, Kazakstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Pakistan, Philippines, South Korea, and Uzbekistan.

Formation of the Asia-Oceania Commission would be very beneficial in helping them with growth and development, with guidance and assistance from our long-time member, Japan.

Moved by: Australia

Seconded by: USA

In Favour: 15

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

IBTF Matters**2021 Baton Twirling Championship and Nations Cup**

ENG: Will we still have content restrictions in the Nations Cup?

Sandi Wiemers: The IBTF Technical Committee recommendation was No Restrictions.

ENG: If there are no competitive protections for the Nations Cup participants, why bother with the second competition?

CRO: What are age divisions?

Sandi Wiemers: Women Junior 12-14, Women Junior 15-17, Women Senior 18-21, Women Adult 21+, Men Junior 12-17, Men Senior 18+. These age groups apply for all events, whether the event originated from WBTF or WFNbTA.

Sandi Wiemers: Any thoughts about the acrobatics restrictions?

ENG: This has been a very significant discussion (along with the content restrictions issue) within the Technical Committee, but we don't know the outcome.

CRO: Why is 12-14 and 15-17 both called Jr... why not something like 'Cadet'?

Sandi Wiemers: Terms like 'Cadet', 'Atom', 'Bantam', et cetera do not have standard meanings across sports or countries. Several options were discussed at previous meetings and that is what was decided. Jr 12-14 and Jr 15-17 are the full names (changed from Jr1 and Jr2).

President Wiemers reviewed the specific changes between IBTF and WBTF hosting protocols:

IBTF: Host country is responsible for the medals and awards

IBTF: 2021 revenue share is 50/50 (same as WBTF)

IBTF: 2022 revenue share is 50/50, currently being changed to 60/40

ENG: Does WBTF Commission events revenue-split stay the same as current WBTF policy?

Sandi Wiemers: Yes

ENG: If the host country is choosing and providing the awards, can they do anything they want?

Sandi Wiemers: Not entirely. The IBTF will provide minimum specifications such as weight, dimensions, ribbon length and colour.

FRA: Those decisions were initially taken at the 2017 IBTF meeting Orlando. Did WBTF Board members know/understand these decisions? If not, this is a communication concern...

Sandi Wiemers: This is why I am trying to highlight these specific differences

FRA: When we (WBTF Board) decide to work together with WFNBT, we weren't aware (at that moment) how many decisions would have to be made by our representatives. If we continue in this way, the IBTF will struggle. I think it is necessary to propose a better solution about the working relationship between WBTF and WFNBT.

Sandi Wiemers: In the meantime, I have asked the IBTF Exec members (WBTF and WFNBT) to approve a 60/40 split on the 2022 formula. That is holding back the hosting bid process documents.

At time, the FFSTB presented two proposals for the WBTF Board to consider to be passed on to the IBTF Executive for adoption.

JPN: For the conflict proposal... We don't think this helps a lot as it leaves the responsibility for acknowledging the conflict of interest on the individual with the conflict – they may not think they have a conflict. The more difficult issue is when *other* members of the Executive feel someone is in conflict but that person continues to participate in votes.

FRA: We agree, there are two different parts. For one, the person should remove when they know they have a conflict. But we do also have to allow for the possibility that another member may challenge another with respect to a conflict of interest. The Code of Conduct should also include a penalty if it is not respected (e.g. if they didn't recuse themselves but it is later found out they *did* have a conflict of interest).

FRA: In April, at the WFNBT general meeting, JPR will propose this motion at the WFNBT meeting also.

SWE: For the conflict of interest proposal, the next most important question is that should the conflict of interest guidelines be.

USA: Until there is a written Code of Conduct, this could become a procedural control prior to each vote to remind everyone to consider their conflicts of interest and this would create the opportunity for IBTF Executive members to challenge/question one another about potential conflicts of interest.

Sandi Wiemers: I would like to understand what 'conflicts' are being imagined or considered under this proposal.

FRA: The first thing that is very important is to allow individuals to recuse themselves. The second part is to use the Code of Conduct to more completely define the conflict of interest guidelines.

FRA: In addition, the FFSTB undertakes to prepare a draft Code of Conduct and present this to the IBTF Executive at their next meeting.

USA: I would like to personally, and on behalf of USTA, thank Jean-Patrick Rousset for his openness in presenting his concerns to the Board. This helps us move the IBTF project forward.

Board Motion #12 – FFSTB Proposal: IBTF Vote Suspension

PASSED

Move to accept Proposal 1 from France, regarding IBTF vote suspension.

“From the WBTF Board of Directors, to be approved by the IBTF Executive.

One of the fundamental principles of the gathering between WFNBT/IBTF to create IBTF is the respect of each part and discipline.

In this context, each member of the IBTF Executive Board must have the right, at any time, to ask to postpone a vote in order to consult the members of its origin federation.”

Moved by: France
Seconded by: Italy

In Favour: 15
Opposed: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 0

Board Motion #13 – FFSTB Proposal: IBTF Conflict of Interest

PASSED

Move to accept Proposal 2 from France, regarding Conflicts of Interest within the IBTF Executive Board.

“From the WBTF Board of Directors, to be approved by the IBTF Executive.

During a vote of the IBTF Executive Board, any member concerned by an eventual conflict of interest has to, by himself, renounce participation in the vote.

The establishment by IBTF of a ‘Code of Conduct’ regarding the IBTF Executive Board, has to be a priority.”

Moved by: France
Seconded by: USA

In Favour: 12 (Canada, England, France, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Russia, Scotland, Sweden, Switzerland, USA)
Opposed: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 0

Technical/Judges/Coaches Chairs

Paola deMarchi and Jackie Stewart joined the Board Meeting in order to present their report from the Technical Committee and Judges Committee meetings.

Paola deMarchi: The Grip Tape proposal is merely a clarification – it explains that the ‘length’ being divided in half is the shaft only, and does not also include the ball and tip. For example, if the shaft is 28 inches and the shaft+ball+tip is 29 inches, it is only 14 inches (half of the shaft) that can be covered with tape.

The Technical Committee discussed the topic Content Restrictions and the IBTF Nations Cup at length. We will be asking the IBTF to adopt 2 levels of content restrictions for athletes at the Nations Cup (the IBTF World Championship would have no restrictions).

We will be asking the WFNBT A to provide supporting material (coaching and judging) for the WFNBT A events that will be part of the 2021 competition: X-Strut, Twirl Team, DanceTwirl Team, and Twirling Corps.

The Technical Committee had no discussion regarding the acrobatic element restrictions proposed by the IBTF.

We also had no discussion about the athlete quotas for the 2021 and 2022 competitions. We can discuss and provide our suggestions but this is actually more governed by how long the events will take and how many athletes could be fit into each competition day.

CRO: After Limoges, we will have a better idea about how much time should be allocated to the Majorette competition in 2021.

Paola deMarchi: The Technical Committee did think there are a lot of disciplines proposed to be part of World Championship. They felt the IBTF should be more selective on the choice of disciplines included in the World Championship. Perhaps some events should not be part of the World Championship at all, should instead only be at national and continental competitions. While having a large number of events does help to provide lots of opportunity, it also tends to diminish the prestige of the ‘World Championship’ title for any particular event when there are so many.

At the 2018 World Championship, we ran the Level 1 Coaches Workshop. We were not totally satisfied with how that workshop was completed. We would like to schedule 1/2 day with the clinicians certified from the 2018 Workshop in order to complete the training with these clinicians and better prepare them for teaching the material. We are looking at doing this on the Sunday before the competition begins.

The goal of this work is not the certification in and of itself, but to spread the teaching strategies and good technique.

We have also found that some of our countries are not even aware of the Coaches Certification and the Six Degrees program. We must work harder at promoting this material within our own countries.

Board Motion #14 – Technical Proposal: Grip Tape rule**PASSED**

Move to accept Proposal 1 from the Technical Committee.

“8.0 Costume and Baton Inspection

Use of grip tape on batons.

Grip tape can cover up to ½ of the shaft, equally divided from the centre.

When measuring, only the shaft is measured not including the Ball/Tip.”

Moved by: USA

Seconded by: Scotland

In Favour: 14

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 1 (France)

Absent: 0

Board Motion #15 – Technical Proposal: Footwear**PASSED**

Move to accept Proposal 2 from the Technical Committee.

“If painted shoes leave marks/colour on the venue flooring, the country of the athlete/group will be financially responsible for any damage.

The Floor Monitor has the right to ask the athlete/group to change shoes, if a potential problem is identified.”

Moved by: Croatia

Seconded by: Ireland

In Favour: 14

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 1 (Czech Republic)

Absent: 0

Board Motion #16 – Technical Proposal: Men’s Short Program Music**PASSED**

Move to accept Proposal 3 from the Technical Committee.

“Men’s Short Program music is to be slowed to the same tempo as women, as provided by Japan (no change to the actual music).”

Moved by: Japan

Seconded by: Australia

In Favour: 14

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 1 (France)

Absent: 0

Board Motion #17 – Technical Proposal: Horizontal Release**PASSED**

Move to accept Proposal 4 from the Technical Committee.

“Clarification – All Content Restriction Charts

Standard release – vertical RH or LH thumb toss, vertical RH or LH backhand toss, or horizontal RH or LH forward or reverse toss.”

Moved by: USA

Seconded by: Czech Republic

In Favour: 13

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 2 (France, Spain)

Absent: 0

Board Motion #18 – Judges Proposal: Artistic Group Performance Examples**PASSED**

Move to accept Proposal 1 from the Judges Committee.

“We as the judges accept the examples of Artistic Group present for Fair, Average, Good and Superior ranges.

The two examples of High Good will be used for training purposes.

Effective Immediately”

Moved by: Switzerland

Seconded by: Croatia

In Favour: 14

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 1 (France)

Absent: 0

Board Motion #19 – Judges Proposal: Short Program Performance Examples**PASSED**

Move to accept Proposal 2 from the Judges Committee.

“We as the judges accept the examples of Composition and Performance for Short Program: mid Fair, mid Average, mid Good, mid Excellent and low Superior.

Effective Immediately”

Moved by: Switzerland

Seconded by: Scotland

In Favour: 14

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 1 (Spain)

Absent: 0

2019 Budget

Treasurer Paul Rutten presented the budget proposal for 2017, revised to include the Technical Committee requests.

Report attached: [07 BudgetWBTF2019-final.pdf]

Board Motion #20 – Budget

PASSED

Move to accept the budget, as amended.

Moved by: Scotland

Seconded by: Ireland

In Favour: 15

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

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Board Motion #21 – Honorary Membership

PASSED

Move to accept Noriko Sugiura and Ron Kopas for WBTF Honorary Membership.

Moved by: France

Seconded by: USA

In Favour: 15

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Board Motion #22 – Adjourn

PASSED

Move to adjourn.

Moved by: USA

Seconded by: Australia

Respectfully Submitted:

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