



WBTF ETC winter meeting

Kissimmee, Orlando

26th-28th January 2018

Roll call; Elisabeth Slotsvik Kleive
Maureen Johnson
JM Ruelle
Dale White
Jenny Persson
Sandi Rios
Paola de Marchi (participated by skype)

1) We approved the minutes of the ETC and TA winter meeting 2017 in Croatia.

Motion no 1: We approve the minutes of the ETC and TA meeting 2017 in Croatia with the amendment: Jean Michel Ruelle was also present in the meeting.

Proposed by: Norway

Second by: Sweden

In favour: All

Effective date: Immediately

Approved

2) Coaches education:

We had a long discussion about the coaches' education program.

We all agreed that it's important for both coaches and judges to take part of this new education program.

During the clinic in Florida it will be possible for people to be certified coaches of this level 1. Those coaches can then be recommended by WBTF for future coaching opportunities.

It means that people who do not have the possibility to arrive at the clinic this summer can attend the same clinic on another place in the world. This opportunity will be possible when WBTF has listed some certified coaches.

About all international judges we think it's important that they take part of this clinic. Because it's important for our sport that we all have the same knowledge, especially now when we create a new system and we all begin from the basic terms.

One big question we discussed were that all participants at the clinic are obliged to by the DVD / material for the clinic.

How can WBTF check that all those who attend at the clinic have bought the package from WBTF and not copying it?

We will discuss this when all are present.

We also discussed the possibility to have the clinic in the future by E-learning, skype etc.

We did decide that to become a WBTF certified coach you must pay the cost of 150\$ and participate at the clinic this summer.

3) Media:

We talked about how we can reach out to our members.

It would be perfect if WBTF had a person that were responsible for different kind of media.

One way is to talk to our athlete's commission, and perhaps they can send some information to all athletes over the world. We will try to film parts of the coaches education the summer and post the film on the website. We would like to challenge the athletes commission on creating and upholding a facebook page were the film also may be shown.

4) Glossary of all the elements video made by France:

France has made a DVD, unfortunately we couldn't watch it during this meeting, but we will watch it during our summer meeting.

We need to use the same vocabulary all over the world, the material on this DVD needs to be translated into English and we need to make sure we all agree on what is displayed in the film.

5) Report from the IBTF meeting.

We went thru the report sent out from Sandi Wiemers from the meeting. There has been many discussion's during the meeting.

6) Short program for Junior.

We have an idea to make a change and remove compulsories for junior men and women and replace it with a shortprogram. It should be the same we use for seniors

The juniors will only have the required elements and not the accessory material.

But we would like to change the contact series. We all agreed that it's time to make a change on that movement.

Dale, Elisabeth and Jenny will bring a proposal on this to the summer meeting.

Jean Michel will clarify the grand jete for men.

7) Judges Panel for the 2018 World Championship

Since Jackie Stewart isn't present at this meeting we decide to talk about this during our next skype meeting with ETC. A group has been selected to review the results from the test made mad the judges that would like to judge this Summer.

8) Artistic groups:

We discussed this for the cup events.

Motion no 2:

For the artistic group category for the Cup events, all artistic groups will have two rounds of competition.

They begin with a preliminary round and end with a final round regardless of the numbers of entries.

The top 10 artistic groups move to final.

ETC:

Proposed by: USA

Second By: France

In favour: All

Effective date: September 2018

Board: Proposed By: USA

Second By: Sweden

For: 12

Against: The Netherlands

9) IC final schedule:

There has come a proposal to not have all the finals of the elite level at the same time and day. When we discussed this, we realized that the schedule for IC 2019 created questions in our group. Therefore, we send this question back to the board and had a meeting together.

10) Artistic Twirl and Artistic Pair limited floor penalty

We discussed it and decide to keep it the way it is.

11) Music Leeway:

We decide to keep it the way it is.

12) Tattoos:

There is a rule that says any tattoos must be covered.

After a discussion we decide to take away this rule.

Motion no 2:

We propose to remove the rule on covering tattoos.

Section 10 of the WBTF Policy and Procedure Manual page 11, point 10 under hair and accessories.

Under baton /costume inspection form – other – this is to be removed.

ETC:

Propose by: Norway

Second by: USA

In favour: All

Effective date: Immediately

Board:

Proposed by: Norway

Second by: Russia

For: 9

Against: Japan, Canada, The Netherlands

Abstain: Switzerland

13) Chief Judge: Role to be defined

We all agreed on this that it must be the same rule for all both Europe and World.

Jackie and Elisabeth will work on this and update it.

14) Chairs of the continental commissions role and selection

After this discussion we found out that Sandi Wiemers must clarify what all committees can decide about.

For example, that someone in ETC can be responsible for taking care of Europe and someone for Pan Pacific.

We will discuss this during our summer meeting.

15) Request to use hundreds to score at the European Cup (for all events)

We checked it up and the rules already say hundreds may be used to score at the European Cup and International Cup events.

16) Report from the European Technical Meeting in Dublin.

Elisabeth and Jenny were present at the meeting in Dublin in December.

It was a good meeting and there were many good discussions.

We think it's good to inform all countries and to listen to their ideas.

For some countries their biggest concern was the lack of information.

Our recommendation:

Plan of action to improve communication and open for all countries to have a voice in the development of the WBTF:

We propose that there be a WBTF Technical committee and judges committee meeting in the summer for 2-3 hours. This to include all countries and share information.

In addition, the ETC will invite TA/Judges reps to skype/go to meetings throughout the year. There will also be email groups formed for TA/Judges reps to share information/ progress reports/ questions etc. This groups will be administrated by the ETC.

17) 3 baton proposals

Ginnette Groom will come up with some examples, but has not been able to do so before our meeting due to illness in her family. We will look at this during our summer meeting.

18) Create a new award

We all agreed that it would be nice to involve the audience during the IC and groups event. It would be nice to create a price, a fan favourite, it means that the audience could vote for the best artistic group with the best show, best costume etc. This discussion will be continued and followed up during this summer.

19) Music test for the Worlds:

ETC did the draw:

Tuesday 31st of July:

USA
Australia
Japan
Norway
England
Canada
Croatia
Scotland
France
Italy

Wednesday 1st of August:

Spain
Ireland
Switzerland
Russia
Sweden
Slovenia
Check Republic
The Netherlands

20) On February the 6th there will be a skype /go to meeting with ETC and Technical Advisers from all over the world.

21) Dale informed us that he's responsible for the Twirl Nation Clinic and will promote this in the end of march.

The meeting finished on Sunday and we all agreed that it had been a good and effective meeting.