

MINUTES

Extraordinary meeting dd. March 29th 2013

Venue: Amsterdam

Meeting begins at: 11:30

Barbara Gandolfi is appointed reporting secretary.

Presidents of the Member Sections participating in the meeting:

Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Belgium, Norway, Germany, Czech Republic, England, Croatia, France, Holland, Ireland.

NBTA President welcomes the participants. A few changes to the agenda are made known.

- 1) Approval of the changes proposed to the statutes of NBTA Europe
- 2) Constitution of WFNBT (world federation of NBTA)
- 3) NBTA Statutes
- 4) Sharing of information concerning the meeting with WBTF
- 5) Technical handbooks project (Christine Bel)
- 6) Any other business

1) The changes to present NBTA statutes are presented for approval by Mr Ory.

After clarifying that the changes proposed basically regard a few terms, the participants vote by open ballot.

The President of England does not take part in the vote. She left for judging beforehand.

Result of the vote: 8 (eight) voted for, 1 (one) voted against, 1 (one) abstention from voting.

The reasons underlying the contrary vote and the abstention from voting are that the draft of the statutes with the proposed changes was not distributed in due time before the meeting and – on top of that - the draft is in French only.

2) The participants are informed that WFNBT has been established and the registration procedures are in progress in California. Within 5 (five) weeks the registration number is likely to be granted. In addition, the logo of WFNBT is presented. The members of WFNBT Executive Board are: Ms Beverly Johnson (President), Mr Maurizio Chizzoli (Vice President), Christine Bel (Technical Director), Darlene King (Technical Director), Amy William (Sports Legal Liaison).

During the meeting held in Amsterdam on January 24th 2013 the collaboration of a Treasurer and of a General Secretary was deemed necessary; in Sélestat - on October 5th 2012 during the NBTA meeting - Ms Veronique Tassy and Mr Roland Ory had already been proposed respectively as Treasurer and General Secretary. When WFNBT was established Canada and the USA proposed Ms Denise instead of Mr Ory because she speaks English. On that occasion both Ms Veronique Tassy and Ms Denise Pearse were called and asked whether they were available for this possible charge. They confirmed they were available.

In the present meeting the participants agree on Ms Tassy's collaboration as Treasurer who shall have to issue a budget with the possible expenses for WFNBT. This will allow the AGM to make decisions about the amount of financial resources to allocate to the world federation, and to separate the accounting of the NBTA Europe from the one of WFNBT.

As far as the General Secretary is concerned, the proposed name of Mr Ory is kept valid. In the meeting it is again highlighted that neither the Treasurer nor the General Secretary are members of the WFNBT Executive Board.

3) It is agreed upon that WFNBT statutes will be issued by taking the NBTA Europe ones as a model with the due changes to turn them into world statutes. Since the official language of the world federation is English, the statutes will be in English. Mr Ory will deal with the necessary changes and a copy of the draft of the world statutes will be sent before September to all Member Sections. The world statutes shall be approved during the World AGM in September in Lignano Sabbiadoro (Italy).

The proposal of adding an article to the statutes is approved unanimously. The aforesaid article provides that there shall be 1 (one) representative for each non-European Member Sections attending the meetings of the world Executive Board and the various commissions: they will have a right to vote so as to guarantee transparency and democracy in the world federation.

4) The participants are presented the draft of an agreement between NBTA and WBTF. This agreement aims to open talks between the two federations for possibly uniting them into one organization. The ultimate goal is the recognition of Baton Twirling as an Olympic sport from the IOC. After a heated

discussion because the agreement was not shown and its content was not known, the participants finally vote for approving this collaboration. The result is unanimously favourable.

The two representatives for Europe working on this agreement are Mr Maurizio Chizzoli and Ms Christine Bel, who commit themselves to keeping all the Member Sections updated and well informed about it.

The participants are informed about a video conference with WBTF being scheduled for April, 21st . After that video conference - if the agreement is better defined - both WFNBT and WBTF will agree on the date when all information about this agreement can be spread to all their Member Sections. So, every Member Section will receive a copy of the agreement.

5) A project aiming to standardize twirling technical rules and levels worldwide is presented. Christine Bel is in charge of it. Further details will be presented and discussed for approval during the AGM in September.

6) Any other business

Adjudication of 2014 Majorettes European Championship.

Candidates: Sélestat (France); Gillingham (England); Pozega (Croatia).

Vote proceeds by secret ballot.

The Presidents of England, Germany and Ireland are not present at the vote, because committed in the procedures of the ongoing competitions.

Result of the vote:

Sélestat: 2 votes

Gillingham:0 vote

Pozega: 6 votes

Consequently the 2014 Majorettes Championship will be hosted in Pozega, in Croatia.

Proposal to be discussed in September: championships to be held in July instead of Easter time - as of 2016.

The meeting closes at 15:45.