

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Hotel Intercontinental Century City, Longquan Hall (5th floor), Chengdu, China
Friday 30th September 2022 – 19h00 to 22h00 China Standard Time

MINUTES

EC members in attendance:

SÖRLING Petra	ITTF President
AL-MOHANNADI Khalil	Executive Vice-President
AZEVEDO Alaor (via Zoom ®)	Executive Vice-President
LIU Guoliang	Executive Vice-President
MAEHARA Masahiro	Executive Vice-President
MESHREF Alaa (via Zoom ®)	Executive Vice-President
NATRAN Roland (via Zoom ®)	Executive Vice-President – Finance
OSHODI Wahid (via Zoom ®)	Executive Vice-President
PRIMORAC Zoran	Athletes Commission (AC) Chair
RYU Seung-Min	IOC Member

Staff in attendance:

DAINTON Steve	ITTF Group CEO
CALIN Raul	ITTF Secretary General

Invited guests:

XIAN Rongsheng	Vice-Mayor of Chengdu
HE Xiao	CTTA Deputy Secretary General
MOURA Pedro	ETTU Acting President
EL-SALHY Khaled	ATTf President
MOORE Anthony (via Zoom ®)	ITTF-Oceania President
VILA Juan (via Zoom ®)	ITTF Americas President

Apologies:

SYMONS Graham	Executive Vice-President
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1. Welcome from the ITTF President

Ms SÖRLING welcomed the Deputy Mayor of Chengdu, Mr XIAN Rongsheng, the Deputy Secretary General of CTTA, Mr HE Xiao, the Continental Presidents invited and attending either physically or remotely, and the EC colleagues, thanking Mr LIU Guoliang and the CTTA as the hosts for the events.

Ms SÖRLING reflected on the memorable opening ceremony held the previous day, the matches that already were held on the day, and the fact that due to the pandemic, the ITTF had to wait four years to see again a World Team Championships being held. Ms SÖRLING concluded it was only possible because of the joint work and efforts of all the stakeholders, particularly the city of Chengdu and the CTTA, and with the commitment of the Member Associations that decided to attend and praised the fact that it was a collaborative work from all parts which made it possible. Without further remarks, Ms SÖRLING passed the word to the CTTA President and EC member, Mr LIU Guoliang.

2. Welcome from CTTA President

Mr LIU reflected on the challenges associated with the organisation of the WTTTC Finals in Chengdu due to the pandemic, however, with the Opening Ceremony just completed the ITTF could celebrate a historic day that confirmed the decision taken by the AGM in 2019 was the right one. The fact that the ITTF continued supporting the event in Chengdu gave the CTTA and Mr LIU the encouragement to go ahead and, with pride, assist the ITTF in the development of the sport.

Mr LIU added that the success of the WTTTC Finals happening is the fruit of the collective effort under the leadership of Ms SÖRLING, and the CTTA and the ITTF are showing unity in Chengdu.

Mr LIU indicated more details will be given by Mr XIAN, Vice Mayor of Chengdu.

3. CTTA and LOC Presentation

The attendees noted the presentation from Mr XIAN on the preparations and update on the 2022 ITTF WTTTC Finals, Chengdu, which touched on the travel to Chengdu, the competition venue, the hotels and bubble area, and the services provided to the participants.

The EC noted the cultural activities, and other special services which were made available to ensure the participants' experience was as best as possible within the bubble system.

4. Housekeeping

The EC noted that the meeting of the day will focus on the Propositions and Resolutions to be submitted to the AGM and BoD, as the deadline for circulation is two months before the AGM, letting the usual EC agenda general points for the second meeting to be held in Chengdu, on the 9th of October.

5. Propositions and Resolutions for the 2022 AGM and BoD

The EC noted that the propositions and resolutions to be discussed are those received from the different stakeholders by the deadline of 5th September 2022 and that as in the previous years, in the period from the publication to the AGM and BoD meeting, amendments can be made as necessary following the feedback received, particularly, at the now traditional videoconference of presentation to the Membership.

5.1. Governance Review Working Group report

Mr OSHODI explained the process carried out with the Governance review working group, with the aim to better structure the ITTF Handbook and to further align with the modern principles of good governance as recommended by the IOC and the ASOIF.

5.2. Constitutional-related propositions from the EC for discussion.

The EC noted the presentation by Mr CALIN who went through the detailed argumentation on the reasons for the proposed changes. The rationale of the proposed changes will be submitted to the Member Associations alongside the reviewed Constitution and will be also presented on the videoconference on propositions and resolutions to be held in November, ahead of the AGM and BoD meetings.

By adopting this new text, the ITTF Foundation and World Table Tennis will be formally recognized in the ITTF regulations, the names of the ITTF bodies will be adapted to ensure less confusion, new timelines and processes will be put in place for receiving propositions and resolutions for the AGM and BoD, existing gaps in the regulations will be filled and a new section of definitions will be included.

5.3. Events-related propositions from the EC for discussion.

The EC and Continental Presidents discussed the events-related propositions, particularly about the World Cups, and noting that the propositions related to events are to be submitted to the BoD, for which documents are to be circulated one month before the meeting, the EC will be called for another specific session in the middle of October, after the end of the WTTTC in Chengdu, so hopefully, by then there will be more clarity about the future of the World Cups.

Mr OSHODI highlighted the positive feedback received so far, particularly from the Governance Review Working Group, which includes representatives of different continents. Pending on further feedback following the publication, Mr OSHODI suggested to put forward the proposed propositions to the AGM.

Mr CALIN wanted to put on record his appreciation of the work done by the Head of Legal and Corporate Affairs, Mr Dylan MAH.

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The Executive Committee agreed to put forward the set of Executive Committee propositions and resolutions submitted by the deadline, pending the feedback to be received from the stakeholders, particularly during the videoconference on propositions and resolutions to be held in November, ahead of the AGM and BoD meetings.

5.4. Propositions and Resolutions from other stakeholders.

The EC members and Continental Presidents noted the propositions and resolutions presented by other stakeholders.

The EC noted the comment from Mr CALIN in reference to the fact that two of the JTTA propositions to the BoD refer to regulations of the WTT Handbook, which is not part of the scope of attributions of the BoD. It was agreed to write to JTTA clarifying them this matter.

Before moving to the next item of the agenda, Mr VILA asked the EC to consider the situation of the Venezuela Table Tennis Federation (FEVETEM).

Mr CALIN indicated discussions are being held with the IOC Associate Director for Institutional Relations and Governance, Mr Jérôme POIVEY, being this case slightly different than the case of TTFI, as the entire board of FEVETEM resigned.

6. Any Other Business

Ms SÖRLING wanted to particularly welcome Mr MOORE, ITTF-Oceania President, being the first time that Mr MOORE he takes part in this kind of meeting in his new capacity.

Mr RYU took the floor to congratulate Ms SÖRLING for her appointment to the IOC Gender Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Commission.

Mr MOURA, Mr EL-SALHY, and Mr VILA thanked CTTA and Chengdu for hosting the WTTTC Finals despite all the difficulties and looking forward to the next opportunity to meet physically.

Mr LIU congratulated everyone for the great atmosphere of the meeting, thanking all those physically present and looking forward to meeting in person those who could not come to Chengdu.

7. Next Meeting

The next EC meeting will be held on the final day of the 2022 ITTF WTTTC in Chengdu, 9th of October 2022, at 2 pm China Standard Time, following the meeting of the Continental Council scheduled at 1 pm China Standard Time.

8. Adjournment

Not having further matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 21h10.

Petra SÖRLING
ITTF President

Date

Raul CALIN
ITTF Secretary General

Date