

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting Room Diltz, Tylosand Hotel, Halmstad, Sweden
Saturday 28th April 2018, 14:00 h

Minutes

1. Welcome and Opening

1.1 President's opening remarks

The President thanked everyone for attending the meeting and thanked the Swedish Table Tennis Association (STTA) for their preparation for what should be a fantastic World Table Tennis Championships (WTTTC). He also welcomed Mr. Ryu Seung Min for participating for the first time as Athletes Commission representative.

1.2 Local organizers welcome

Mrs. Petra Sörling, President of the STTA, welcomed everyone, gave a short update on the WTTTC and wished everybody a comfortable time in Sweden. She outlined the amazing team effort between the Local Organizers, STTA and the ITTF.

1.3 Roll call

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| Thomas Weikert | President |
| Khalil Al-Mohannadi | Deputy President |
| Petra Sörling | Executive Vice-President |
| Bruce Burton | Executive Vice-President |
| Masahiro Maehara | Executive Vice-President |
| Alaa Meshref | Executive Vice-President |
| James Morris | Executive Vice-President |
| Nestor Tenca | Executive Vice-President |
| Shi Zhihao | Executive Vice-President |
| Ryu Seung Min | Athletes Commission Representative |

In attendance

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| Steve Dainton | CEO |
| Raul Calin | Secretary General |
| Michael Brown | CFO |
| Iulia Necula | Executive Assistant & Athletes Manager |
| Claudia Vatheuer | Assistant to the President |

1.4 Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted by prioritizing the topics related to the ongoing WTTTC and the upcoming meetings, specifying that the remaining points will be deferred to the 2nd EC meeting.

2. Minutes of the previous Executive Committee meeting

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed by the President.

2.2 Business arising from the Minutes

No business arising from the previous Minutes.

3. Operation program

3.1 WTTC 2018 Halmstad General Event update

The CEO informed the EC that the general feeling coming from the staff as well as the players and coaches is very positive. He also wanted to highlight the amazing venues and playing conditions.

Mrs. Petra Sörling informed the EC about the activities and promotion of the WTTC around the city of Halmstad and introduced the official song of the event "Name you beautiful" by Per Gessle.

3.2 Preparations for AGM

3.2.1 Propositions and resolution

There were no updates from the previous meeting.

3.2.2 Date of implementation of the adoption of a new Constitution

In case of the approval at the AGM, the new Constitution would become effective immediately after the Annual General meeting on 1st of May 2018.

3.2.3 2020 WTTC Bid Update

The CEO updated the EC on the situation of the bids and informed that since the last EC meeting, Russia had officially withdrawn and that the USA TT has sent a letter indicating that they would officially withdraw at the AGM, meaning Busan, Korea would be the only candidate for 2020.

Mr. Ryu Seung Min was excited that Korea would most likely host for the 1st time a WTTC and it will be a great opportunity for the development of table tennis in the country and he thanked everyone for that.

3.2.4 Award Presentations

It was agreed that Mr. Raul Calin will be the responsible staff to coordinate with the EC members the Award presentations both during the AGM and the medal ceremonies at the WTTC.

Mr. Steve Dainton thanked the local organizers for helping with the preparation and presentation for the meetings which he expected would be the presented in an extremely professional manner.

3.2.5 Application for Personal Honorary Membership

The EC received an application from the French Table Tennis Association to consider Dr. Jean-François Kahn as candidate to become ITTF Personal Honorary member. The EC agreed to submit a favorable recommendation to the BoD.

The Secretary General requested to the EC to assign an EC member to work with the Nomination Committee on the eligibility criteria for the Merit Award, as there were many questions about the current system.

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The EC decided that the French Table Tennis Federation application for Dr. Jean-François Kahn to become ITTF Personal Honorary member should be presented to the BoD with the EC favorable recommendation.

3.2.6 Financial Report

Mrs. Petra Sörling was proud to present the financial statements emphasizing that for the first time, the ITTF had a detailed report including the quarterly reports of 2018 and budgets of 2018, 2019 and 2020 released prior to the AGM, which gives a chance for comments and discussions.

She also thanked Mr. Michael Brown, the CFO, for the huge amount of work. Mr. Brown then updated and clarified different aspects of the Financial report to the EC members. He explained that the final balance was negative mainly due to the decision to absorb the entire amount paid for buying the commercial rights back in 2017 rather than amortizing the total amount over 4 years.

Mr. Brown also mentioned that there were some differences due to the revised treatment of the ITTF Museum contract.

Mr. Thomas Weikert proposed to Mr. Shi Zhihao to relook at the contract regarding the ITTF Museum.

The CFO, Mr Michael Brown also stated that from now onwards and thanks to the professional staff, more frequent updates are to be presented to the EC members, aiming for quarterly financial statements in line with the EC meetings.

3.2.7 Appointment of the Chair for the AGM

The EC decided to nominate Mr. Thomas Weikert to be elected as Chair of the 2018 AGM.

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3.2.8 Strategic Plan

Mr. James Morris distributed to the EC the final version of the Strategic Plan, to be presented during the AGM, and seek its endorsement. He was proud of the work done and thanked everyone involved in the project, especially Mr. Steve Dainton, Mr. Michael Brown and Deloitte representatives.

He also mentioned that the development of an Operational Plan will be an important factor to implement the Strategic Plan.

The CEO expressed his satisfaction of having the first ever ITTF Strategic Plan during the first year of this mandate, especially giving the opportunity to all stakeholders to participate and to be involved.

The Secretary General stated that the adoption of a Strategic Plan would align the ITTF with the good governance principles recommended by the IOC, and stated that so far the ITTF was one of the last, if not the only one International Summer Sport Federation not having one. He then congratulated the EC members, especially Mr. James Morris, on leading the project and the great achievement.

3.3 Preparation for the BOD

3.3.1 Propositions and Resolutions update

The EC agreed that a correction of point 4.7.3.4 regarding eligibility would be necessary and a proposal was formulated to be presented to the BoD.

3.3.2 World Junior Table Tennis Championships (WJTTC) update

The Secretary General informed the EC that after Argentina withdrew their bid due to lack of financial guarantees from the regional government, Portugal remained the sole candidate for the 2020 WJTTC to be presented to the BoD.

3.3.3 OPC Meeting Update

Mr. Raul Calin informed the EC that the IOC Summer Sport Department had concluded the revision of the section of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games Qualification system related to the reallocation of unused quota places.

Also the IPC had reviewed the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games Qualification system.

The two documents were circulated to the members of the OPC giving them enough time to share with their technical committees. The final versions of the Olympic and Paralympic Qualification system would be discussed and eventually adopted at the OPC meeting to be held on 2nd of May.

4. **ITTF Foundation Update**

4.1 Zaatari Project

The ITTF President reported about the soft launch of the ITTF Foundation with an event held in the Zaatari refugee camp. He also thanked Ryu Seung Min for his participation and involvement. He stated that although the EC decided to propose the creation of the ITTF Foundation, in order to finalise the constitution, the approval of the AGM will legitimize the establishment.

He also informed the EC that under the German law, the ITTF Foundation needs the ITTF to be officially registered in the Chamber of Commerce in Switzerland. It was acknowledged that this hasn't been done in the past although that was the auditor's recommendation for many years.

The President recommended that in the future it needs be better to be consider the dependency of the ITTF Foundation on the ITTF.

4.2 ITTF Foundation Reception

It was announced that an ITTF Foundation reception will be held on 2nd of May at 8 pm at the Tylosand Hotel.

5. **Athletes Commission Elections update**

5.1 Nomination Information

The Secretary General provided an update on the preparations for the Athletes Commission elections, which will be held on the 29th - 30th of April and 2nd of May.

5.2 Procedure update

The CEO, provided an update on the election and appointment process as per the Athletes Commission' Terms of Reference.

Mr. Dainton also recommended to reconsider the election/appointment process in the future to give more responsibility to the athletes themselves. It was proposed that Mr. Ryu Seung Min should have discussions with the athletes and make a proposition for a new Athletes Commission composition process.

6. **Nominations Committee Appointments**

Deferred to the 2nd EC meeting to be held on 6th of May.

7. **ITTF Africa Update**

Dr. Alaa Meshref provided an update on the items of the agreement made during the meeting held on 15th December 2017 in Astana, with Mr. Khaled El-Salhy and Mrs. Hajera Kajee, with the attendance of Mr. Thomas Weikert, Mrs. Petra Sörling and Mr. Steve Dainton. The ITTF was now waiting for the adoption of the new ATTF Constitution.

8. **Proposal for 100 Years of ITTF**

The Deputy President proposed to the EC to form a working group in order to plan and organize a celebration of the 100 years of the ITTF. The Deputy President had the idea that it would be historically symbolic to have the celebration held in 2026 in England, which is widely recognized as the birth place of table tennis.

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The EC agreed to form a working group in order to plan and organize a celebration of the 100 years of the ITTF.

9. **Any other business**

9.1 WR points for Continental Events

Mr. Masahiro Maehara asked the EC to reconsider the WR point allocation for the continental results given the discrepancy between the level of the continental events. The CEO informed

Mr. Maehara that if the continental representatives prefer, an official request from the Continental bodies should be received, as ATTU and ETTU were asking ITTF to increase the continental points originally.

With an Official Request, the ITTF will reconsider the point allocation.

9.2 Separation by Associations

Mr. Maehara also asked to reconsider the current rule of no separation per association in the first round of the World Tour.

The CEO, informed that after receiving various complaints the Competition Department will be considering this proposal in the future.

9.3 Registration in the Chamber of Commerce in Switzerland

The EC members were informed about the necessary documents required for the ITTF registration in the chamber of Commerce in Switzerland and they will be required to sign the documents in the next EC meeting.

9.4 Digitalization of all official documents

The Secretary General informed the EC that a new section of documents is available on the ITTF website, containing the minutes of all major ITTF meetings since 2009. The plan is to include minutes from previous meetings progressively.

10. **Next EC meeting**

To be held on Sunday 6th of May 2018 in Halmstad.

11. **Adjournment**

Without further subjects the meeting was adjourned at 16:30.

Thomas Weikert
President

Date

Raul Calin
Secretary General

Date