

## OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC COMMISSION

Orda meeting room - Rixos President Astana Hotel, Astana, Kazakhstan  
09h00, Friday 15th December 2017

### Minutes

#### **1. President's welcome and opening remarks**

The President welcomed everyone to Astana, Kazakhstan, and highlighted the excellent Star Awards Gala of the previous night, congratulating the local organisers for the arrangements.

#### **2. Roll call**

Thomas Weikert	President
Khalil Al-Mohannadi	Deputy Vice-President
Petra Sörling	Executive Vice-President (Finance)
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
Khaled El-Salhy	Continental President (Africa)
Tony Yue	Continental Representative (Asia)
Ronald Kramer	Continental President (Europe)
Juan Vila	Continental President (Latin America)
Tony Kiesenhofer	Continental Representative (North America)
Antony Ho	Continental President (Oceania)
Sachiko Yokota	Tokyo 2020 Representative

#### **In attendance**

Ashu Jain	Athletes Commission Representative
Steve Dainton	CEO
Raul Calin	Secretary General
Arne Madsen	Media Committee Chair
Didier Leroy	Head of World Championships

#### **Apologies**

Shi Zhihao	Executive Vice-President
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#### **3. Approval of the agenda**

The OPC approved the agenda.

#### **4. Minutes**

##### **4.1. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017**

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

##### **4.2. Business arising from the minutes not otherwise covered by the agenda**

Mr Tony Yue asked about the contribution to the YOG Qualification events as requested by Mr Ronald Kramer on the December 2016 OPC. The CEO confirmed that ETTU received support within the continental strategic agreement. Mr Tony Yue asked for support for Asia as well. Mr Dainton asked Mr Tony Yue if Asia had financial difficulties to host the event and Mr Tony Yue answered that this was the case. Mr Dainton stated that in the future, it is better that the ITTF

organizes the event, to avoid these financial problems for the ATTU. Mrs Sorling stated that any support given in the future should be equal for all organizes and not case by case.

## **5. Youth Olympic Games update**

### **5.1. Qualification events**

The Secretary General reported that 5 out of the 6 continental qualification tournaments have been completed and all qualified athletes have been confirmed by their NOC's. The last continental qualification event to be held in Las Vegas, USA, on 17<sup>th</sup> December.

The Road to Buenos Aires series will start in February 2018 and in general all is running smoothly in terms of qualification events.

### **5.2. Universality**

The IOC informed the ITTF about the Universality places having been allocated to BLZ and NGR in men and to FIJ and SMN in women.

### **5.3. Youth Umpires' Project**

The SG reported about the process of selection, following the model initiated in Singapore 2010 and continued in Nanjing 2014. A group of 16 candidates has been pre-selected and from those 16 candidates will be coming the final nominations for Buenos Aires together with local umpires from Argentina.

## **6. Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games**

### **6.1. Request for extra events update**

The Secretary General reported on the extra event request (Mixed Doubles) that was accepted by the IOC on the 9<sup>th</sup> of June for the Tokyo 2020 program, and thanked Mrs Sachiko Yokota and Mr Masahiro Maehara for their support.

The President and Mr Kiesenhofer thanked the SG for the work done in this area.

### **6.2. Olympic Team Format working group results**

A working group was established to study the format of play for the team event at the Olympic Games following the mandate of the OPC meeting in June.

Mr Tony Yue pointed that the ATTU was not informed of the ongoing work of the Working Group and that in the future he would appreciate an earlier communication of the matters being discussed, because receiving the information only at the meeting he is not in a position to share with the technical experts of Asia. The SG noticed the request of Mr Tony Yue.

After the work done by the working group, the following system was proposed:

Match 1: BC vs YZ

Match 2: A vs X

Match 3: C vs Z

Match 4: A vs Y

Match 5: B vs X

With the only open question on whether the number 1 of each team should be fixed (according to the WR) or should be let up to the decision of the coach. After some deliberations it was agreed that the decision should be let up to the decision of the coach.

**1-OPC-20171215**

The OPC approved to propose to the ITTF Executive Committee the use of the system above presented at the Team World Cup in London, and following the assessment of the outcome, to decide the format of play for the team events at Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games during the OPC meeting to be held in Halmstad.

**6.3. Qualification System working group results**

Mr Tony Kiesenhofer, chair of the working group, reported on the work being done by the during the past few months. At the same time, he felt that it would be good for the OPC to consider more than one alternative, being that the reason of the second option presented to them the day before.

A similar remark in regard to request anticipated information was raised by Mr Yue and the meeting noted it for the future.

A detailed debate over the two propositions was held, and following the contributions from all members, the CEO suggested to combine "the best of both options" and to try to find a compromise that would be to the satisfaction of the OPC members.

After discussing the technical aspects and implications, it was agreed the framework of the qualification system, and that a document with the technical details should be distributed to all OPC members asking for their feedback prior to the presentation to the IOC Summer Sports Department in January, for their ratification at their IOC Executive Board meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2018 in Pyeongchang.

**2-OPC-20171215**

The OPC approved the framework of the qualification system for Tokyo 2020 pending of ratification of the details via email by the OPC members.

**6.4. Schedule**

The SG explained that the ITTF has made a proposition to Tokyo 2020 to have thirteen (13) days of competition over a period of fourteen (14) days. This would allow to have a day of rest for the athletes between the individuals and the team events. The recommended system has been discussed with Olympic Broadcasting Services and will avoid as much as possible clashes with Badminton. The ITTF will wait the feedback from Tokyo 2020.

**6.5. Appointment of second Technical Delegate**

The SG, on the behalf of the Executive Vice-President with the Olympic Games portfolio, Mr Shi Zhihao, proposed to the OPC the appointment of Prof. Chan Cheong-ki as the second Technical Delegate for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. The proposition was accepted unanimously.

**2-OPC-20171215**

The OPC approved the appointment of Prof. Chan Cheong-ki as the Technical Delegate for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

**7. Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games****7.1. Request for extra events update**

The Secretary General reported on the two extra events (split of Women Team classes 6-10 into Women Team classes 6-8 and Women Team classes 9-10 and split of Men Team classes 6-8 into Men Team classes 6-7 and Men Team class 8), that was accepted by the IPC in their

September 2017 Governing Board meeting, for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games program, and thanked all those contributed for this achievement.

### **7.2. Request for two bronze medals update**

The Secretary General reported on the approval by the IPC in their September 2017 Governing Board meeting, of the award of two bronze medals to the teams and individuals not progressing to the final, without having to contest a play-off match, for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games program, and thanked all those contributed for this achievement and particularly, Mr Juergen Padberg, Paralympic Games Sport & NPC Services Senior Manager.

The President and the Executive Vice-President with the Para Table Tennis Portfolio, Mrs Petra Sorling, in turn also thanked the SG and all those contributed for this important step, and Mr Tony Yue also congratulated the efforts made to reach this outcome.

### **7.3. Appointment of Technical Delegate**

The SG, on the behalf of the Executive Vice-President with the Paralympic Games portfolio, Mr Petra Sorling, proposed to the OPC the appointment of Mr Edimilson Pinheiro as the Technical Delegate for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games. The proposition was accepted unanimously.

#### **3-OPC-20171215**

The OPC approved the appointment of Mr. Edimilson Pinheiro as the Technical Delegate for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.

### **7.4. Qualification System**

The SG explained the situation in relation to the ITTF classification code alignment with the IPC Classification Code. This exercise will imply adjustment in the classes of certain athletes, some of them of elite level. At the same time, with the transition in the ITTF organization by having a new staff in charge of Para Table Tennis matters, it was seen as important to engage him in the preparation of the new system.

After deliberations with the IPC, it was advised not to deal with the Tokyo 2020 qualification system at this OPC meeting, but to defer the matter to the next meeting, having the necessary time to prepare a proper qualification system proposal which will be to the satisfaction of the OPC and of the IPC.

### **8. Any other business**

There was no further business.

### **9. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12h55.

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Thomas Weikert  
President

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Date

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Raul Calin  
Secretary General

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