



INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION

2014 BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors held on Friday 2 May 2014 at 09h00 in the Zuiko Room, Pamir Conference Centre, Takanawa Prince Hotel, Tokyo, Japan

1. Welcome and opening address: the President noted that this was the last meeting of the Board he would chair and he asked for full cooperation to achieve the best results for the ITTF. The President also thanked the JTTA for the arrangements for the meeting.

The Board acknowledged the presentations made to:

- Liebherr for its long-time support of table tennis and major sponsorship support to the World Championships.
- Japan Anti-Doping Agency for its outstanding service at the World Championships.

2. Roll call and welcome of new members: there were 44 voting members of the Board present (see attached list).
3. Confirmation of the minutes of the BoD held on 17 May 2013 in Paris, France: the minutes were confirmed by the Board and signed by the president.
4. Change in members of the Board of Directors: the Board considered the appointments of:
 - 4.1 **Michael Babuin** replacing Mike Cavanaugh who had resigned from the Board.
 - 4.2 **Ronald Kramer** replacing Stefano Bosi, having been elected president of ETTU.
 - 4.3 **James Morris** replacing Patrick Gillmann, having been elected president of OTTF.
 - 4.4 **Paul Kyle** replacing James Morris, who had been elected president of OTTF.
 - 4.5 **Bruce Burton**, having been nominated as Executive Vice-President, to fill the consequential vacancy created by the retiring of the President on 1 September 2014, and to maintain the continental representation balance; a replacement on the Board as President of NATTU would be submitted before the next Board meeting.
 - 4.6 The resignation of Aleksandar Matkovic, who had resigned for personal and business reasons with effect from the end of this Board meeting,

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The Board resolved to appoint the following Directors to the Board:

- a) Michael **Babuin** (North America)
- b) Ronald **Kramer** (President: Europe)
- c) James **Morris** (President: Oceania)
- d) Paul **Kyle** (Oceania)

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The Board voted unanimously to appoint Bruce **Burton** as ITTF Executive Vice-President with effect from 1 September 2014.

- 5. Annual reports from commissions and working groups: the Board approved the following reports:
 - 5.1 Athletes' Commission (document G1) and noted that:
 - 4 manufacturers had approved balls but had also requested some relaxation in the tolerances for weight, bounce and hardness in order to get better and more durable balls.
 - An extension of until 1 Jan 2016 had been agreed with the manufacturers for the modified tolerances after which the current requirements of T3 would be implemented.
 - There would be a report back via the Executive Committee on the suggestions made by the Athletes' Commission.
 - Negotiations were underway for the experiments proposed by the AC to be undertaken at 2 events before the end of the year.
 - 5.2 Junior Commission (document G2)
 - 5.3 Veterans' Committee (document G3) and noted that the World Veterans' Table Tennis Championships would be held later in May 2014.
 - 5.4 Women's in Sport Commissioner (document G4)
- 6. Propositions and resolutions (document H): the Board considered the following propositions, which required a simple majority of votes cast. The President was granted the option of using a secret ballot for propositions 18, 19 and 21:

14	<p><i>Proposed by the Equipment Committee</i></p> <p><i>To amend 3.2.1.1:</i></p> <p>3.2.1.1 The approval and authorisation of playing equipment shall be conducted on behalf of the Board of Directors by the Equipment Committee; an approval or authorisation may be <u>suspended</u> withdrawn by the Board of Directors <u>Executive Committee</u> at any time if its continuation is found to be detrimental to the sport and subsequently the approval or authorisation may be withdrawn by the Board of Directors.</p>	<i>Passed as amended</i>
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15	<p>Proposed by the Equipment Committee</p> <p>To amend 3.2.1.3: 3.2.1.3 The covering material on a side of the blade used for striking the ball shall be currently authorised by the ITTF and shall be identified by <u>attached to the blade so that the ITTF logo,</u> the ITTF number (when present), the supplier and brand names and shall be attached to the blade so that this identification is <u>are</u> clearly visible nearest the handle.</p>	Passed
16	<p>Proposed by the Luxembourg Table Tennis Federation</p> <p>To amend 3.4.2.1.1: 3.4.2.1.1 Wherever possible players shall be given the opportunity to choose one or more balls before coming to the playing area and the match shall be played with <u>the ball chosen by the players</u> or, in case of no agreement between players, one of these balls, taken at random by the umpire. 3.4.2.1.2 If a ball has not been chosen before players come to the playing area, or the players cannot agree on the ball to be used, the match shall be played with a ball taken at random by the umpire from a box of those specified for the competition.</p>	Passed
17	<p>Proposed by the Executive Committee</p> <p>To add to 4.1.3.1: 4.1.3.1 Only an Association which is not in arrears (1.16.3.3) <u>and has taken part with at least one player or team (an entry) in its preceding Continental Championships including qualification tournaments or Continental Games</u> shall be eligible to enter teams or individual players in the Championships.</p> <p><u>Effective date:</u> to be applied from the 2014 continental championships and continental games</p>	Passed as amended
18	<p>Proposed by the Chinese Table Tennis Association and Athletes' Commission</p> <p>To delete to 4.1.9.2 (World Championships): 4.1.9.2 In doubles events, both players shall be from the same Association. 4.1.9.2 In doubles events both players may be from different Associations.</p>	Passed (by secret ballot) 24 In favour 20 Against

<p>19</p>	<p>Proposed by the Executive Committee</p> <p>At the World Championships (Individual events), an association may enter 3 men and 3 women as a basic entry. Any association with at least one player ranked in the top-100 in the ITTF January Ranking list may enter an additional player, in addition any association with at least one other player ranked in the top-20 (January Ranking) may enter an additional player, for a maximum of 5 men, 5 women, 2 men doubles, 2 women doubles and 2 mixed doubles. The host association has the right to enter the maximum allowable entries plus an additional entry to each event (for a total of 6 M, 6 W, 3 MD, 3 WD and 3 XD) regardless of ranking. Hospitality will be provided to a maximum of 3 men, 3 women and one delegate from each entered association.</p> <p><u>Effective date:</u> to be applied at the 2015 WTTC</p> <p>4.1.9.6 Each Association shall be entitled to enter 3 entries in each singles event with one additional player ranked in the top 100 and one other additional player ranked in the top 20 of the ranking list issued in January of the year of the Championships to a maximum of 5 men and 5 women in singles. The maximum entry for each association is 2 men’s doubles, 2 women’s doubles and 2 mixed doubles. All players may be different.</p> <p>4.1.9.6.1 The host Association may enter up to 6 men and 6 women in each singles event, 3 men’s doubles, 3 women’s doubles and 3 mixed doubles regardless of ranking.</p>	<p>Passed as amended (by secret ballot)</p> <p>31 In favour 13 Against</p>
<p>20</p>	<p>Proposed by the Chinese Table Tennis Association and Athletes’ Commission</p> <p><i>To amend 4.1.9.6:</i></p> <p>4.1.9.6 Each Association shall be entitled to 5 entries in each singles event, with one additional player in the appropriate event for each player in the first 20 places of the first issue of the ITTF world ranking list in the year of the Championships up to a limit 2 men and 2 women in singles with <u>6</u> 3 men and <u>6</u> 3 women players <i>pairs</i> in the doubles and 3 pairs in the mixed doubles; all players may be different <u>and each pair can come from a different association.</u></p>	<p><i>Withdrawn as 19 passed</i></p>

<p>21</p>	<p><i>Proposed by the Executive Committee</i></p> <p><i>To amend 4.1.9.3:</i></p> <p>4.1.9.3 The system of play in team and individual events, <u>the system of qualification in the team event</u> and its implementation date, shall be decided by the Board of Directors, on the recommendation of the Technical Commissioner and the Competition Program.</p> <p>At the 2016 World Team Championships 96 men's teams and 96 women's teams will take part and will qualify as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 48 through previous World Team Championships results (top 44 teams plus top 2 of 3rd and 4th Divisions); • 42 through Continental Championships results (7 Africa, 12 Asia, 12 Europe, 7 Latin America, 1 North America and 3 Oceania); and • 1 Host nation, if not already qualified; and • 5 or more through the ITTF Team Ranking to fill all remaining places. • Continental qualification quota is fixed and in addition to previous WTTC quota • Any unused qualification quotas by deadline would revert to ITTF Team Ranking • Free hospitality will be provided to maximum 2 men, 2 women and 1 delegate from each entered association. • Hospitality for 2016 and 2017 World Championships will be the same <p><u>Effective date:</u> to be applied at the 2016 WTTC</p>	<p><i>Passed</i> (by secret ballot)</p> <p>34 In favour 9 Against 9</p>
<p>22</p>	<p><i>Proposed by the Sports Science and Medical Committee</i></p> <p>To adopt the changes to Chapter 5 (ITTF Anti-Doping Rules) necessitated the adoption of the 2015 World Anti-Doping Code (separate document) with the additional changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • required by WADA • with fines up to US\$500 instituted in terms of articles 5.10.10, 5.12.3.1 and 5.12.3.2 • to come into effect on 1 January 2015. 	<p><i>Passed as amended</i></p>
<p>23</p>	<p><i>Proposed by the Equipment Committee</i></p> <p><i>To modify Technical Leaflets:</i></p> <p>22.1 T3 Ball (update) 22.2 T4 Racket Coverings (update)</p>	<p><i>Passed as amended</i></p>
<p>24</p>	<p><i>Proposed by the Equipment Committee</i></p> <p><i>To adopt a new Technical Leaflet:</i> T5 Net Gauge</p>	<p><i>Passed</i></p>

25	<p><i>Proposed by the Executive Committee</i></p> <p><i>To amend the terms of reference for all committees as follows:</i></p> <p>1.1 a chairperson appointed by the Board of Directors (BoD) from nominations received from national associations in odd numbered years; X members and Y corresponding members appointed by the Annual General Meeting (AGM) or the Board of Directors from nominations received from national associations on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee in odd numbered years, <u>one of whom shall be appointed chairperson by the Board of Directors.</u></p> <p><u>Effective date:</u> to be implemented from 2015</p>	<i>Passed</i>
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In relation to proposition 21 above, the Board noted that:

- This proposal would apply for 2016 WTTC only as Sweden would, in due course, confirm the number of teams it could accommodate with different hospitality options for 2018 within a time period defined by the Executive Committee.

The Board considered the following resolution, which required a simple majority of votes cast:

B	<p><i>Proposed by the Luxembourg Table Tennis Federation</i></p> <p>To evaluate pros and cons of the following approach and report to AGM in 2015:</p> <p>Entitle the umpire to accept a service as correct if he/she judges that the non-observance of a single requirement of the service law by the server is not significant or important enough for affecting in an adverse way the return of the receiver.</p>	<i>Defeated</i>
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7. World Junior Championships: the Board noted the presentations made in relation to:

- 7.1 World Junior Championships 2014 (Mingha District, Shanghai, China).
- 7.2 World Junior Championships 2015 (Vendée, France).
- 7.3 World Junior Championships 2016 (bid submitted by South Africa with city of Cape Town).

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The Board resolved to allocate the 2016 World Junior Championships to the South African Table Tennis Board to be held in Cape Town.

8. Global Junior Programme: the Board noted the presentations on:
- 8.1 2014 World Cadet Challenge presentation from the Barbados Table Tennis Association and the Barbados Olympic Association.
- 8.2 Update on Global Junior Circuit and Finals:
- 31 events were organised in 6 continents in 2013 and the same number would be organised in 2014.
 - 105 associations had participated in the Circuit.
 - As a result of the "Road to Nanjing Series", there had been an increase in participation in events in 2013.
 - The World Cadet Challenge had been held successfully and at short notice in Slovenia.
 - There had been full participation (96 boys and 96 girls) at the 2013 World Junior Championships.
 - The 2013 Global Junior Circuit Finals had been successfully combined with the YOG qualification event in Portugal.
 - The Circuit had been re-named "World" instead of "Global".
- 8.3 Youth Olympic Games:
- The last qualifier would be held soon in Cook Islands.
 - All players who had qualified to date had been confirmed by their NOC.
 - The individual events in the Youth Olympic Games would be held from 17 to 20 August 2014 and the team event from 21 to 23 August 2014.
9. World Title Events and World Tour update: the Board noted that:
- The Liebherr Men's World Cup would be held from 24 to 26 October 2014 in Dusseldorf, Germany, and the Women's World Cup would be allocated later this month.
 - The World Junior Championships would be held from 30 November to 7 December 2014 in Shanghai, China.
 - The World Team Cup would be held from 8 to 11 January 2015 in Dubai.
 - There were 21 events in the World Tour in 2014 in addition to the World Tour Grand Finals (6 super, 4 major and 11 challenge series events) and there were 4 new organisers.
 - With GAC sponsoring the World Tour, there was now US\$2.8m available for prize money.
10. Updates of technical leaflets: the Board noted this had been approved in point 6 above.
11. Special appointment: the Board approved Dr Sbutega as a special advisor to the Sports Science and Medical Committee.
12. Ratification of the work done by the committees, commissions and working groups

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The Board resolved to ratify the work done by the committees, commissions and working groups.

13. Next meeting: the Board noted that its next meeting would be held in Suzhou on 30 April 2015.

14. Any other business: the Board noted:

14.1 the resignation of Mr Matkovic as a Board member

14.2 according to the ETTU's own constitution, its Deputy president is nominated to the ITTF's Board of Director. Therefore, the ITTF received only one nomination for the vacated position from Croatia. The Board considered the nomination of Mr Ivo-Goran Munivrana as the new Board member from Europe.

14.3 Brazil had received from a supplier an unapproved floor, which had been replaced subsequently. It is important that the ITTF control the floors provided for the sponsored continental events.

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The Board resolved to approve the appointment of Mr Ivo-Goran Munivrana as a new member of the Board.

15. Adjournment: in closing, the President thanked the Board members for their continued cooperation and all those who had served over the past 15 years. The president wished his successor a lot of success and promised to be available for any task assigned to him in his new function of Chair.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 14h17.

Adham Sharara
Meeting Chair

Date

ATTENDANCE REGISTER

Function	Name	Present with vote
President	Adham Sharara	
Deputy President	Thomas Weikert	
Senior Executive Vice-President	Khalil Al-Mohannadi	
Executive Vice-Presidents	Patrick Gillmann	
	Chérif Hajem	
	Masahiro Maehara	
	Melecio Rivera	
	Shi Zhihao	
	Petra Sörling	

	Continental Presidents	Present with vote
Latin America	Oswaldo Borges	
Africa	Khaled El-Salhy	
North America	Bruce Burton	
Asia	Cai Zhenhua	
Europe	Ronald Kramer	
Oceania	James Morris	

	Board of Directors	Present with vote
Africa	Berthe Bakhary	
	Fortuné Luc Olivier Guezo	
	Monqid El Hajji	
	<i>Hao Thyn Voon</i>	Apologies
	<i>Henry Djombo</i>	Apologies
	<i>Olabanji Oladapo</i>	Apologies
	Thomas Kiggundu	
Asia	Afshin Badiee	
	Ali Sultan Al-Muftah	
	Mohammad Sibtain	
	Park Do Cheon	
	Dhanraj Choudhary	
	Thana Chaiprasit	
	Tony Yue	
Europe	Alexander Murdoch	
	Cristinel Romanescu	
	Dorte Darfelt	
	Aleksandar Matkovic	
	Christian Palierne	
	Francesco Sciannimanico	
	Walter Rönmark	
	Zdenko Kriz	

Latin America	Alaor G. P. Azevedo	
	Nestor Tenca	
	Leonel Aguilar	
	Ivan Santos	
	Juan Vila	
	Sergio Arturo Blanco	
North America	Mike Babuin	
Oceania	<i>Anthony Ho</i>	Apologies
	Graeme Ireland	
	Paul Kyle	

Committee Chairpersons		Present no vote
Athletes'	Vladimir Samsonov	With a vote
Equipment	Federico Lineros	
Media	Arne Madsen	
Nominations	Chan Foong Keong	
Para TT	Dorte Darfelt	BoD member
Rules	Rudolf Sporrer	
Sport Science and Medical	Miran Kondric	
Technical Commissioner	Graeme Ireland	BoD member
URC	Ronald Wee	
Veterans	Reto Bazzi	
Women in Sport Commissioner	Hajera Kajee	

PAC		No vote
George Segun		
Colin Clemett		
André Damman		
<i>Rufford Harrison</i>		Apologies
Neil Harwood		
Han Sang Kook		
Radivoj Hudetz		
Koji Kimura		
<i>Igor Levitin</i>		Apologies
Jane Pinto		
Eberhard Schöler		
Shahrokh Shahnazi		
<i>Henry Yue</i>		Apologies

Staff		No vote
Judit Farago		
Glenn Tepper		
Raúl Calín		
Etsuko Enami		
Vicky Eleftheriade		
Darren Leong		
Polona Cehovin Susin		

Leandro Olvech	
Steve Dainton	
Alison Burchell	
Anders Thunstrom	

Presenters/observers	No vote
Shanghai delegation	
Barbados delegation	
French delegation	
South Africa delegation	
Paul Schiltz Luxembourg	
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