

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING (2)

Meeting room Franklin (1st floor), Nikko Hotel, Düsseldorf, Germany
09h00, Monday, 5th June 2017

Minutes

1. President's welcome and opening remarks

The President welcomed the attending persons, particularly the new Executive Committee Members on their first EC meeting.

2. Roll call

Thomas Weikert	President
Khalil Al-Mohannadi	Executive Vice-President
Bruce Burton	Executive Vice-President
Alaa Meshref	Executive Vice-President
Masahiro Maehara	Executive Vice-President
James Morris	Executive Vice-President
Petra Sörling	Executive Vice-President
Nestor Tenca	Executive Vice-President
Shi Zhihao	Executive Vice-President
Vladimir Samsonov	Athletes Commission Chairman

In attendance

Glenn Tepper	Deputy CEO
Raul Calin	Director (Operations & Olympic Games)
Steve Dainton	Director (Marketing & Commercial)

3. Approval of the agenda

The Executive Committee approved the agenda, with the addition of few new items (all under point 8).

Also it was noted that the minutes of the previous meeting will be prepared after the World Championships and signed at the next EC meeting jointly with the meetings of this meeting.

4. 2016 World Championships

4.1. Update on organisation

- The overall organization of the World Championships was very good.
- The website collapsed several times and the live scoring of the DTTB was used.
- Mr Weikert informed the EC members that the Honorary President is in the hospital, and he visited Mr Sharara together with Mr Geiger at the hospital. The entire EC wished Mr Sharara a quick recovery.

4.2. Payments

- In general, administration of the World Championships has been very smooth and only a small number of associations are pending to pay their fees.

4.3. Award ceremonies and Egypt Cup / ITTF Flag handover

- Presenters for the final award ceremonies and transfer of ITTF Flag and Egypt Cup were confirmed.

5. Operations Program (PS, GT, RC)

5.1. Website and server in Ottawa

- The plan is to have a proper transition of all information from the server in Canada to a new server of the ITTF information and, at the same time, prepare new and modern software to handle ITTF technology. The target is January 1st 2018 for starting with a new system.

6. Competition Program

6.1. World Tour Grand Finals 2017

- The Director (Marketing & Commercial) informed the EC that there are discussion on-going with Kazakhstan and hopefully the World Tour Grand Finals could be formally announced soon.

6.2. World Cups 2018 and 2019

- At the closing of the bids, the most complicated was to find an organizer for the 2018 Women's World Cup 2018. CTTA made a proposal to ITTF to host the 2018 Women's World Cup and in 2019 both the Women's and Men's World Cup.

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The Executive Committee resolved to allocate the 2018 Women's World Cup and the 2019 Men's and Women's World Cup to the Chinese Table Tennis Association, to be held in Chengdu.

7. Athletes' Commission Report (VS)

The Athletes Commission Chairman reported that he didn't hear anything negative from the players other than the website and the results.

He stated: "this is probably the best World Championships that I remember".

He added that when Harimoto beat Mizutani it was the news nr. 1 in Yahoo Japan.

In regards to the new World Ranking, the AC Chairman indicated that if ITTF wants to introduce the new World Ranking by January 1st 2018, it should be presented to everybody very soon.

The Director (Marketing & Commercial) informed that there is a young consultant from New Zealand and with his assistance, the new World Ranking concept will be published quickly, so opening a platform for feedback. Once we will get the results, hopefully we will be ready for the next EC meeting to present them and then the EC taking the final decision.

With the Japan and China Open so close to the World Championships, it was mentioned that attendance of top players will be a question mark and it should be followed.

8. Any other business

8.1. ITTF CEO

The President updated the EC members on the situation with the CEO and her will to finalize the contract with ITTF following the result of the elections. The President asked the EC to authorize him to discuss with the lawyers the best way to negotiate the resolution of the contract, together with Ms Petra Sorling, and they will report to the EC members once the issue is solved.

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The Executive Committee resolved to confirm the suspension of the CEO made in April

3-EC-20170605

The Executive Committee resolved to extend with "open end" the suspension of the CEO

4-EC-20170605

The Executive Committee resolved to entrust the President and Executive Vice-President (Petra Sorling) to work with the ITTF lawyers in the termination of the contracts of the CEO

8.2. Office in Werner Schlager Academy (Vienna)

The President informed that there is no contract signed for this office and that sporadically some activities were held there from the competition department. The Executive Vice President informed that it was never used regularly.

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The Executive Committee resolved to close the office in Vienna and inform Austrian Table Tennis Association

8.3. Flood in Sri Lanka

The Deputy CEO reported about the flood in the South West part of Sri Lanka with over 100 people killed. The Sri Lanka sent to the ITTF photos of the equipment damaged and ITTF President and Deputy CEO had a meeting with Mr Chandana Perera, Sri Lanka TTA President.

The Director (Marketing & Commercial) explained that there is still available funding from the Dream building and fund raising projects in the past and part of these funds could be used to support Sri Lanka. The AC Chair mentioned that ITTF could approach the companies in Dusseldorf to provide also some equipment.

6-EC-20170605

The Executive Committee resolved to study the available funds from the Dream Building and in principle proposed an allocation of 10,000 USD to support Sri Lanka (5,000 USD in equipment and 5,000 USD in cash support)

8.4. Next EC meeting

The President informed that from 2018, the third quarter meeting of the year will be on-line but that in 2017, being the start of the new Executive Committee it is better to make it physically.

Mrs Petra Sorling informed the EC that Swedish TTA and Halmstad are ready to host the EC as it is the tradition before the World Championships. This is budgeted by Sweden as part of the preparations for the World Championships and it is suggested to make it in coordination with the inspection for the mentioned Championships.

7-EC-20170605

The Executive Committee resolved to allocate the next ITTF Executive Committee to Halmstad, Sweden in September, with the precise date to be confirmed soon.

8.5. Harassment cases

Mr Burton reported about the ITTF Handbook requirement to have trained harassment officers. Mr Burton recommended some work to be done to establish a pool of six harassment officers. Some can be employees, some be volunteers, and ideally with geographical spread and gender balance. He informed that the ITTF currently deals with one case, and potentially a second case could formally arise soon.

8.6. Letters from Mr Henri Djombo and Mr Andrew Mudibo

Mr Andrew Mudibo sent an email to the ITTF President informing that Mr Khaled El-Salhy had been making accusations about irregular procedures during the elections. It was agreed to look into the accusations.

8.7. Irad delegates case

Dr Alaa Meshref asked in regards to the principle to follow when an NOC sends contradictory letters in regards to the valid representation of their National Association at the ITTF AGM. After a debate on the particular case of Iraq during the ITTF AGM, it was agreed that it should be ensured that ITTF have a clear position specially when the NOC's don't show a consistent approach, as in this particular case, the position of Iraq NOC their position only helped to confuse the situation

8.8. World Team Cup 2018

The Executive Committee considered the proposal from JTTA to host the World Team Cup 2019 as test event for the Tokyo 2020.

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The Executive Committee resolved to allocate the 2019 World Team Cup to Tokyo, to be held in the month of November 2019 and to serve as test event for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

8.9. Challenge rule for edge ball and service

Mr Maehara reported it was not possible to arrange the test for the 2017 Japan Open, so it is delayed and there will be a new proposal for testing later in the year.

Out of the agenda order, Mr Masahiro Maehara suggested that any IOC member from our sport could be automatically BoD member. It was suggested that this proposal should come in the way of a proposition to the AGM.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10h35.

Thomas Weikert
President

Date