

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS,  
Guimarães (POR)  
Saturday 15th July 2017, 1000-1600  
Sunday 16th July 2017, 1000-1300**

Present:

Ronald Kramer (NED), (President)  
Ivo-Goran Munivrana (CRO), (Deputy President)  
Dorte Darfelt (DEN), (Vice-President for Finances)  
Heike Ahlert (GER), (Vice-President)  
Nikolas Endal (CZE), (Vice-President)  
Sonja Grefberg (FIN), (Vice-President)  
Pedro Moura (POR), (Vice-President)  
Cristinel Romanescu (ROU), (Vice-President)

Richard Scruton (Secretary General)  
Pierre Kass (Deputy Secretary General)

Georg Silberschmidt (SUI) (item 12 presentation Top 16)

Excused: Petr Korbel (CZE), (co-opted EB member)

**Welcome of the President**

The President welcomed the Executive Board members.

Mr. Moura welcomed the EB members to Guimarães and invited to a dinner in the city centre.

**1. Adoption of the agenda:**

The President informed about a letter received from Israel about the ETTU Cup date which needs to be dealt by the EB.

The agenda was agreed.

**2. Minutes of the meeting in Düsseldorf GER (29th May and 3rd June 2017):**

Mr. Munivrana wished that amendments of previous minutes are recorded in the minutes or to receive the amended version.

The minutes of the meetings in Düsseldorf were agreed and adopted.

Mr. Romanescu raised the request about prize money allocation for the ETTU Cup men and women. Mrs. Darfelt pointed out that the EB can look into it once the 2018 budget is finalised. In principle the EB agrees in having prize money for the European club competitions.

### **3. Report of President, Deputy President and Vice-Presidents:**

- *ITTF AGM, BoD, OPC, Promotions and Planning Working Group (RK)*

The President informed that these reports will follow.

- *Visit to European Universities Championships, Olomouc CZE (NE)*

Mr. Endal attended on behalf of the ETTU President the European Universities Championships in Olomouc and officially signed the cooperation agreement.

The next University Championships will be held in Coimbra, Portugal.

- *Visit to T2APAC launch event and match round 1, Johor MAS (RK)*

The President attended the T2APAC launch event. He informed that ETTU awaits a draft contract from Seamaster to support the anniversary celebration and the Champions League women.

Mr. Kramer met Victor Andreev from Fakel Gazprom Orenburg and discussed about sponsorship of the Champions League men.

- *Visit to European Veterans Championships, Helsingborg SWE (RK)*

The President reported about a well organised European Veterans Championships in Helsingborg, Sweden.

He mentioned a problem with some supplier pool members' sales booth being established on a different floor without sufficient passing.

The Secretary General informed about the Israel club Yironi Givatayim entered at men's club competitions being seeded for the ETTU Cup group round 1 scheduled for 30<sup>th</sup> September – 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017.

The Israel TT Association and Israel NOC had requested a change of date due to a clash with the Yom Kippur religious days.

The EB had already before the meeting decided unanimously via email correspondence not to change the date.

The EB thoroughly discussed that matter again and came to the conclusion to remain with the decision taken before as to not accept changing the playing schedule.

The EB however will inform them that they can contact the other clubs (from the group they will be drawn) trying to arrange a different schedule. If all clubs can find an agreement then ETTU will agree as well.

### **4. Extraordinary Congress (30<sup>th</sup> May 2017, Düsseldorf GER):**

- Minutes

The minutes of the Extraordinary Congress have been agreed and will be sent to the member Associations.

- Matters arising

Mrs. Darfelt wished to have more debates with the delegates at Congress meetings. She proposed establishing further working groups.

Mrs. Ahlert said that the presentations can be sent out to the national Associations in advance.

Mr. Kramer proposed having the Extraordinary Congresses more interactive such as it was at the Tokyo Congress.

## **5. Annual Ordinary Congress (Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017, Luxembourg LUX):**

### **- Agenda**

The Secretary General presented the agenda which was adopted by the Executive Board.

EB members, Officials and Committee Chairs must send their reports for the congress to the secretariat within Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August.

### **- Propositions from member Associations**

There was nothing received from the national Associations.

### **- Propositions from Executive Board**

Propositions from the Executive Board will be prepared.

### **- Honorary Membership**

Nil

### **- Badge of Honour**

The Executive Board confirmed allocation of ETTU Badge of Honour to: Petra Sörling (SWE), Roman Markov (RUS), Beatrice Romanescu (ROU), Taisei Imamura (Butterfly Europe), Andreas Preuss (GER), Günther Renner (AUT), Victor Andreev (RUS), Matija Krnc (SLO), Alexandre Petkevitch (BLR), Tatiana Petkevitch (BLR), Milan Stencil (CRO), Peter Sartz (SWE) and Volodymyr Gevorgizov (UKR).

The Deputy President asked about how to deal with the President's allowance. He said the Vice-President for Finance need to find a way on how to present it clearly in the budget. It was agreed this item will be dealt with by the constitutional working group.

The minutes of the first constitutional working group meeting from Düsseldorf state it was agreed not to include financial remuneration as a new subject within the Constitution but to recommend full transparency within the ETTU approved budget. The allowance will be separately mentioned at the Congress.

The Deputy President said that it must be included into the Constitution as a change of policy.

The President said there is no change of policy as only the daily allowance has been raised.

Mr. Romanescu proposed a special note on the Congress where delegates can vote on it.

Mrs. Darfelt said the congress has to approve the whole budget.

Mrs. Darfelt wished the EB to also recognise the necessity for the President to travel and work also aiming at getting additional income for ETTU.

She convincingly argued that ETTU needs a professional full time President.

## **6. Financial Matters:**

### **- Accounts 2016**

The Vice-President for Finances informed about the 2016 accounts which have been confirmed by the audit.

### **- Outstanding payments**

5 national Associations have outstanding payments from 2016.

Possible actions in case of non-payment were discussed.

### **- Budget 2017 half year update**

The accountant made a half year update which looks according to budget.

### **- Budget 2018**

The Vice-President for Finances presented the budget for 2018 which has been adopted by the Executive Board.

- Annual Membership Subscription

The Executive Board decided to propose a raise of the Annual Membership Subscription fee to a total of 500 Euros.

For the Top 16 Cup in Montreux, ETTU can buy the TV rights back from TMS based on the 2017 figures. A fee of 600 Euros has to be paid to TMS. ETTU will ask the organisers a 25.000 Euros fee per year.

ITTF strategic marketing proposal:

The Executive Board discussed the proposal and agreed the need for a meeting with ITTF.

**7. Development:**

- Programme 2017

The Deputy President reported that the Development Programme including the Eurotalents Programme is running smoothly and in accordance to plan.

- 17 and under

The Deputy President informed about a participation at a training camp in Singapore.

- Coach Education

The Deputy President stated that the women's coaching seminar was very successful.

The next coaching seminar in Poland will be most probably moved to the airport of Warsaw. Chinese and Japanese coaches will attend as lecturers.

The Deputy President reported about the practical part of the Table Tennis University program in Split with participation of Richard Prause and Neven Cegnar.

20 students initially participated whereof 2 stopped. 3 students are struggling but 15 are very good.

- Member Association support

ETTU announced member Association support on its website for 2018. The Deputy President proposed a raise of funding for the member Associations' support.

- World Cadet Challenge (Suva FIJ)

Nil

Mr. Endal warned about wrong procedure during selection of development camp organiser (Czech Association was not properly contacted).

Mr. Munivrana apologised on behalf of DP Manager saying that it had happened due to misunderstanding.

The President informed that ETTU will receive 25.000 USD for the World Cadet Challenge. However if ETTU spends more on the WCC than ETTU will lose the additional expenditure; if ETTU spends less than ITTF will reimburse only the amount spent.

The President concluded that it is not fair that unspent monies cannot be used for a next year's edition as the event being outside Europe will be more expensive for ETTU and in years the event to take place in Europe the event would cost ETTU less.

Mr. Kramer will write to the ITTF Vice President for Finance.

### **8. 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:**

The Secretary General informed that since the last meeting, about 360 personal invitations were sent. So far 40 acceptances were received and a number of persons want to purchase tickets. 13 replied being not able to attend and 6 had further questions.

7 Hall of Fame members accepted the invitation.

Reminders will be sent by end of July.

The Secretary General informed about a visit at the Casino venue and stated being impressed by the room. A backdrop is planned including all suppliers and partners logos and the flags of the member Associations.

The President thanked the Secretary General for all the work done.

### **9. Para Table Tennis:**

Mrs. Darfelt reported that the Para TT was transmitted to a committee. 4 members from the old Para TT division are still remaining in the new committee. She is looking forward on how the transformation will go, this committee can no more decide on its own where f.i. the Para WTTC will be held as it is the ITTF BoD's decision. Mrs. Darfelt told that she likes the new system.

### **10. Executive Board evaluation:**

- Expert Panels/Working Groups

The Secretary General reported about the meeting in Düsseldorf. The secretariat prepared a document with proposals what to move and integrate from the general regulation B into the Constitution. This document was sent to Mr. Madsen and Mrs. Dias Ferreira.

### **11. Report of Secretary General:** written report

The Executive Board discussed date and location for its December meeting. Riva del Garda (ITA) could be an option to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

4 nominations for the Athletes Commission were received. As there were not more than nominations received than vacant places, there will be no need to hold an election during the 2017 ETTC. The EB appointed and congratulated the 4 members.

### **12. Club Competitions:** written report

Mrs. Louise Adam (AS Pontoise Cergy – France) and Mr. Andreas Preuss (Borussia Düsseldorf – Germany) have been elected by the TTCLM clubs during the meeting on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> June as club representatives of the TTCL Management Board.

### **13. Events:**

- 2017 European Veterans Championships – Helsingborg SWE

The President reported about a well organised event.

Mrs. Grefberg informed about the needed change in the online entry system for confirming doubles' event participation. Mr. Messinis shall contact Mr. Theis for the needed amendments.

- 2017 European Youth Championships – Guimarães POR

The President mentioned the nice hall of the Championships although the lighting was not the same at one end of the playing hall. It was agreed that for safety reasons more buses are needed. Overall the event is of a good standard.

- 2017 European Championships – Luxembourg LUX

The draw was held on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> July. 800 tickets were sold so far.

A direct link to ticket purchase website must be made available from the ETTU website.

- 2017 Europe Youth Top 10 – Worcester ENG

The players' list will be publicised after release of the August ranking.

- 2017 Asia Europe All Stars Challenge – CHN

ETTU awaits confirmation from ATTU about the city and is dealing with the ETTU suppliers pool members to get a better presentation.

July World ranking counts for player selection.

The invited players are:

Dimitrij Ovtcharov (GER), Vladimir Samsonov (BLR), Marcos Freitas (POR), Simon Gauzy (FRA), Panagiotis Gionis (GRE) and as reserve Stefan Fegerl (AUT).

Ulf "Tickan" Carlsson (SWE) as coach.

- 2017 (2018) Youth Olympic Games European Qualification – Split CRO

Mr. Munivrana confirmed the organisers will provide all technical details. He said that the Secretary General made a good prospectus and that he is convinced that it will be a successful event. The President said that he will ask the ITTF President to use some of the 2017 money from the ITTF proposal.

The President confirmed ETTU will use in case of need 10.000 Euros to cover the organiser's costs.

The Secretary General said the prospectus will be finalised within some days and then sent to the national Associations and their national Olympic Committees.

- 2018 ETTU Calendar

The 2018 ETTU calendar has been published.

- 2018 European Women's Super Cup/Team Top 6 – Berlin GER

The Secretary General received an email from Andreas Hain with following proposal: prize money 8.000 Euros paid by TTC Berlin Eastside, 1.000 Euros levy and hospitality provided for 6 ETTU persons for each 3 nights. 6 clubs participating, to play in 2 groups of 3 teams, best of 3 matches and with 1 point deciding the game after 10:10.

- 2018 European Youth Championships – Cluj-Napoca ROU

Mr. Romanescu thanked the Portuguese TTF for all help in learning from each other to organise such an event.

- 2018 Europe Youth Top 10 – NOR

Nothing to report

- 2018 Europe Top 16 Cup – presentation by the Swiss Association

Georg Siberschmidt (SUI) held a presentation (attached).

Player attendance the day before the event start for helping in event promotion was discussed. The TV rights situation was discussed. ETTU will contact TMS to buy these rights back.

The Executive Board allocated the Europe Top 16 Cup to Montreux, Switzerland for the years 2018-2020.

- 2018 European Under 21 Championships – Minsk BLR

Nothing to report

- 2018 European Championships

The Secretary General has a meeting on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> July in Alicante with the Spanish TTF President and Mr. Jordi Serra to discuss the 2018 ETTC. A presentation will be held to the EB in September.

- 2019 European Games – Minsk BLR

The Secretary General is in E-mail contact with the director of sports who is looking for advice on whom to appoint Competition Manager for Table Tennis.

- Bids for future events

The French TTF informed wishing to bid for the 2019 ETTC. A presentation could be held at the December EB meeting.

A letter from the Croatian TTF was received wishing to apply for 2020 EYC and 2021 EVC.

The Portuguese TTF is looking for organising an event in 2021 as their capital Lisbon applied to become European city of sports.

The Netherlands TTF applied for the 2019 Youth Top 10.

The German TTF wants to host the 2019 Youth Top 10 but could also go for the 2020 edition.

Table Tennis England wants to organise the 2019 Under 21 Championships.

The Greek TTF wants to host an event in Chios.

**14. Marketing:** written report

**15. Hall of Fame:**

**16. Athletes Commission:**

**17. Board of Appeal vacancy:**

An application for the ETTU Board of Appeal was received from Slovakia. The candidate is Mr. Matej Hamran.

The EB appointed Mr. Matej Hamran (SVK) as a member of the ETTU Board of Appeal.

**18. Any other business:**

Nil

**19. Closure:**

The President thanked the attendees for their contributions and closed the meeting.

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