

## **MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, Zagreb (CRO) 09.07.2016**

### **Present:**

Ronald Kramer (NED), (President),  
Ivo-Goran Munivrana (CRO), (Deputy President)  
Veli Ozan Cakir (TUR), (Vice-President)  
Dorte Darfelt (DEN), (Vice-President for Finances)  
Heike Ahlert (GER), (Vice-President)  
Nikolas Endal (CZE), (Vice-President)  
Sonja Grefberg (FIN), (Vice-President)  
Roman Markov (RUS), (Vice-President)  
Richard Scruton (Secretary General)  
Pierre Kass (Deputy Secretary General)

### **Excused:**

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

### **Welcome of the President**

The President welcomed the Executive Board members and excused Mr. Petr Korbel. He welcomed the President of the Croatian TTA, Mr Zlatko Pospis and gave the word to him.

The Croatian TTA President thanked for the Executive Board's trust in Croatia organising the Youth Championships and promised doing its best every day and hopes that everything goes to the right direction.

Mr Kramer thanked and the attendees applauded.

### **President's Opening Remarks**

The President pointed out that ETTU held a minute of silence in the venue for the recently deceased Ukraine junior player Ostap Riznychenko.

The President gave compliments to the organisers and especially to the Deputy President for all his abilities to make arrangements.

### **1. Adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was adopted with a slight modification i.e. the Secretary General's report will be treated before (item 4).

### **2. Minutes of the meeting in Kuala Lumpur (29.2. and 2.3.2016.):**

The minutes of the meetings in Kuala Lumpur were adopted.

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

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

The President reported about the above mentioned meetings.

- *Hall of Fame meeting, Frankfurt (RK, RCS)*

The President informed about a press conference for the Hall of Fame in Budapest where Bettine Vriesekoop and Jean-Michel Saive are invited as HoF members.

- *Visit to DONIC, Völklingen (RK, RCS)*

The President reported about his visit to Donic in Völklingen. During the visit, the European Championships balls contract was signed.

- *European Olympic Singles Qualification, Halmstad (RK, IGM, HA, SG, RCS)*

The EB was aware of the difficult situation and thanked the Turkish colleagues for how they dealt with it and also thanked Halmstad for their good organisation.

- *TT Champions League Men Board meeting, Munich (RK, NE, PK)*

Mr Endal reported about the meeting and draw held in Schwechat. A complete report will be made in a later item.

- *Visit to Balkan Youth Championships, Tivat (IGM, RCS)*

The Deputy President pointed out the importance of the visit to the Balkan Youth Championships to meet with the different delegations.

The Secretary General reported about the wonderful hosts and well organised Championships.

- *Visit to Swedish TTA 90th Anniversary, Halmstad (RK)*

The President went to Halmstad for the Swedish 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and presented a silver tray.

- *Visit to Bundesliga Final, Frankfurt (RK)*

The President spoke about a good and nice event. A reason for the President's visit was to speak with Hans-Wilhelm Gäb regarding SCI members' free hospitality at the European Championships. A meeting with SCI President, Eberhard Schöler will be arranged before or during the 2017 World Championships in Düsseldorf..

- *Meeting with FLTT President, Luxembourg (RK, PK)*

Will be reported under item "events".

- *Inspection visit to Budapest (RCS)*

In the third week of May Anders Thunström, Didier Leroy and Richard Scruton had an inspection visit to Budapest. Panonsport, the marketing partner for the HUN TTA were present at the meeting and a full inspection was made.

- *Visit to Berlin, ECL Women's Final (RK)*

The President made a visit to the ECLW final in Berlin and met with Andreas Hain who proposed an additional and new women club event.

- *Visit to Pontoise, TTCL Men's Final (RK)*

The President reported about the well organised TTCLM final match in Pontoise, a fantastic game, good atmosphere and nice hospitality.

- *Visit to ETTU Cup Finals (NE, VOC)*

Mr Endal attended the ETTU Cup men final match in Wolkersdorf which was also the very last match for the Austrian club Niederösterreich. A letter of thanks will be addressed to Mr Friedschroder.

Mr Cakir attended the ETTU Cup women final match in Bursa and reported about the well organised match.

- *Visit to E-Forum, Würzburg (HA, RCS)*

Mrs Ahlert and Mr Scruton reported about the E-Forum which was attended by approximately 50 persons from different TT backgrounds.

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

The Secretary General reported about ETTU's contracts.

2 appeals were received from the Austrian club Niederösterreich who were fined by the Club Competition Official. The ETTU BoJ and BoA upheld the Club Competition Official's decision. The 2016 Ordinary Congress will be held in the hotel Flamenco, Budapest.

EB meetings will be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The President spoke about the 2016 December EB meeting.

Date: 16-17. December

ETTU propositions to the congress will be the HQ Seat change, financial expert and events propositions.

European Championships Qualification Team events: dependent on the decision for Luxembourg if hosting the ETTC, the host organiser for the ECQ which was initially planned to be held in Luxembourg, is not confirmed.

The ETTU EB decided to agree to the Ukraine request to play their ECQ Men's Challenge Division group matches away, under the condition that their group opponents agree.

Mr Markov abstained from voting.

The second match has to be played on or before the given date by ETTU for the second match. Both Associations can find an agreement on the playing date.

#### **5. Extraordinary Congress (2.3.2016., Kuala Lumpur, MAS):**

- Minutes (for information)

- Matters arising

The President said it has been a good Congress.

#### **6. Annual Ordinary Congress (Wednesday 19.10.2016., Budapest, HUN):**

- Agenda

- Propositions from member Associations

- Propositions from Executive Board

Top 16 – meeting with players. Changes are needed but the playing system cannot be changed for 2017 as the 2017 Top 16 OC prepared and made the bid according to the given regulations. The Secretary General will draft a proposal.

- Elections

- Honorary Membership

- Badge of Honour

#### **7. Financial Matters:**

The Vice-President for Finances reported about ETTU's financial situation. An update on the first half year result was received from the accountant. A rough estimation for the whole year gives a small surplus but without any guarantee.

- Accounts 2015

- Member Association Invoices 2015 - outstanding payments

5 national Associations have outstandings from the year 2015.

- Budget 2016 half year update

- Budget 2017

- Annual Membership Subscription

The annual membership invoices will be sent to the national Associations after the ETTC.

The EB will not propose to increase these fees but keep the same amount.

The EB decided to cancel the invoice of 1.000 Euro for Bosnia Herzegovina (entry fee 2015 ETTC) but will impose a 10 Euro fine.

#### **8. Development:**

The Deputy President informed about a meeting he will have with the Development Manager and the Secretary General within some days and he hopes for good discussions. The Deputy President will report to the EB members by email.

- 2017-2020 ITTF agreement

nil

- Eurotalents

Eurotalents is running well, everything was announced for the new season.

- 16 and under

ETTU started the program with a good camp in Buzau, Romania. Possible camp in Japan but the proposed date is not entirely suitable.

- Coach Education

The Deputy President informed that the coach activity goes well.

- Coach Network, Development Coordinators

Only 11 development coordinators were nominated. Many Associations did not even reply. An official reminder will be sent out to the member Associations.

- Member Association support

ETTU Development activities for national Associations were organised in Greece (twice), Cyprus and Portugal.

Invitations are planned for 2017.

- World Cadet Challenge (Shanghai, CHN)

- Hopes

- University Degree Study Program in Sports Coaching

There are currently 13 nominations.

Mr. Endal will help in negotiating for having best possible offers for the coaching conference in Prague.

**9. Marketing:** written report

**10. Hall of Fame:** written report

**11. Club Competitions:** written report

Mr Endal reported about the Champions League men meeting. 2 clubs complained about the match fixtures, weekdays and early starting time creating problems for the clubs as they lose money due to lack of spectators. 2 clubs had requested to withdraw from the TTCLM which would put in danger the whole competition. Mr Endal and Mr Kass will prepare a prize money proposal for the TTCLM.

**12. Events:**

- Competition Manager's written report

- 2016 European Olympic Singles Qualification – Halmstad, SWE, 12.4.-16.4.2016.

A letter has been sent to ATTU regarding the qualification system.

- 2016 European Youth Championships – Zagreb, CRO, 8.7.-17.7.2016.

ETTU dealt with the matters which arose and all is going well.

- 2016 Europe Youth Top 10 – Prague, CZE, 7.10.-9.10.2016.

- 2016 European Championships – Budapest, HUN, 18.10.-23.10.2016.

- 2016 Asia-Europe All Stars Series – CHN, 10-11.9.2016.

Team line ups are confirmed.

- 2017 ETTU Calendar

- 2017 European Under 21 Championships – TTFR bid presentation

A presentation for the 2017 European Under 21 Championships has been made by TTFR. The ETTU EB allocated the event to TTFR.

Date for the event: 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Location: Sochi, Russia

An inspection will be made during September by the Secretary General and the Competition Manager.

- 2017 European Top-16 Cup – Antibes, FRA

ETTU had a meeting with the players. KO system only was required so that the event can be held during 2 days. A guaranteed 50.000 Euros prize money is needed so that players are willing to participate. The 2017 Top 16 in Juan-les-Pins will be still played as agreed with FFTT. 4 players per gender per NA and free draw with 4 players seeded.

- 2017 European Veterans Championships – Helsingborg, SWE

An inspection was made by the Competition Manager and Mr Michael Theis.

- 2017 European Youth Championships – Gondomar, POR

- 2017 European Championships

The preferred date from Luxembourg was discussed as clash with ITTF World Tour.

ETTU's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be celebrated during this Championships.

"60" will be integrated into ETTU's logo for the whole year 2017.

- 2017 Europe Youth Top 10 – Worcester, ENG
- 2017 European Women’s Super Cup/Team Top 6 – Berlin, GER
- Bids for 2018 events

**13. Athletes Commission:**

**14. Para Table Tennis:**

**15. Rio 2016 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games:**

**16. 60th Anniversary (2017):**

Mrs Ahlert and Mrs Grefberg reported.

**17. Any other business:**

Mrs Grefberg proposed to have in future 2 days meetings as more time is needed for the Executive Board to discuss all matters.

**18. Closure:**

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

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