

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, Riva del Garda (ITA) 19.7.2014

Present:

Ronald Kramer (NED), (President),
Ivo-Goran Munivrana (CRO), (Deputy President)
Dorte Darfelt (DEN), (Vice-President for Finances)
Heike Ahlert (GER), Nikolas Endal (CZE),
Veli Ozan Cakir (TUR), (Vice-Presidents),
Petr Korbel (CZE), (co-opted member)
Richard Scruton (Secretary General)

Excused:

Sonja Grefberg (FIN) (Vice-President)

Welcome of the President

The President welcomed all members of the board.

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda has been agreed.

1a. 2015 European Championships

The decision of the 2015 European Championships' allocation has been postponed.

2. Minutes of the meeting in Tokyo (29.4. and 1.5.2014)

The minutes have been approved.

3. Report of President, Deputy President and Vice-Presidents

- Visit to FITET Rome (RK)

The President's visit to Rome was to sign the EYC agreement. There was a flooring issue which was later on solved.

- Visit to TT England, Milton Keynes (RK)

The President informed about his visit to Milton Keynes for English Table Tennis' new office opening.

- ITTF AGM, OPC (RK)

The EB members will receive the reports. It was Mr. Sharara's last meeting as President who will now commence as ITTF chairman.

- Other meetings in Tokyo (RK)

- Dinner hosted by Asian TTU (RK)

The President reported about the dinner with ATTU in Tokyo.

- Visit to Moscow and Orenburg, ECL Men's Final (RK)

The President attended the men's ECL final match in Orenburg as ETTU representative and combined it with a meeting regarding the 2015 European Championships.

- Visit to Saarbrücken, ETTU Cup Men's Final (IGM)

The Deputy President attended the men's ETTU Cup final match in Saarbrücken as ETTU representative. It was a nice event except the prize giving ceremony. He spoke with Mr. Berg (Tibhar) about future collaboration regarding development.

- Events Group – Frankfurt (RK, HA, SG, RS)

The President started the meeting as an observer. The discussion was good but the problems are the event's responsibilities.

- Meeting mytischtennis.de – Luxembourg (RK)

The President informed about the meeting with Mr. Lang (mytischtennis.de), a website platform for table tennis players that exists in Germany. The meeting has been done to see how they could create a platform for table tennis players in Europe. He will make a presentation at the Lisbon congress.

- Meeting TMS – Luxembourg (RK)

Item will be treated later.

- Meeting ITTF – Split (IGM)

The Deputy President informed that the second part of the development program of education of coaches started. ITTF has its own education of coaches on a lower level. Polona Cehovin Susin and Glenn Tepper came to Split to discuss that matter. The next step is a co-operation agreed with Nottingham and connections done with Luxembourg TTF with their Chinese Table Tennis College.

- ECL Men's Presentation and Draw - Vienna (RK)

The President reported about the visit of the sportsman media group office which looks very professional. He had some discussions on a future co-operation.

- Visit to Lisbon (RS)

The Secretary General made a visit for marketing and television aspects. He talked to TMS regarding the technical side.

- Any other relevant meetings

Mr. Endal attended the women's ECL final match in Schwechat as ETTU representative.

Mr. Munivrana visited the ITTF hopes camp in Slovenia and informed the board that in future, the ITTF hopes camps, European National Teams will no more be able to participate unless participation by ETTU programmes.

4. Extraordinary Congress (1.5.2014., Tokyo):

- Minutes (for information)

The EB took note of the minutes.

- Development programme 2014-2016

The development programme has already been presented.

- Future of European Championships from 2016

- Consideration of Proposition from Romania: International Eligibility

5. Annual Ordinary Congress (Friday 26.9.2014., 0900, Lisbon, POR):

- Agenda

The Agenda will be prepared by the Secretary General when returning to Luxembourg.

- Propositions from member Associations

ETTU received one late proposition (bronze medals position 3 and 4 at Youth Championships). The EB is in favour of their proposition.

- Resolutions

The resolutions were explained, discussed, slightly amended and agreed.

- Propositions from Executive Board (Regulations)

The propositions were explained, discussed, slightly amended and agreed.

- Appointment of Honorary Members

Appointment of Honorary Members and Badge of Honour were discussed.

- Elections for the Board of Justice, Board of Appeal

- Baku 2015 European Games presentation

6. Financial matters:

- Accounts 2013

The Vice President for Finances informed about the 2013 financial situation.

- Budget 2014

The Vice President for Finances informed about the 2014 budget and told that ETTU needs to buy an accountancy programme.

- Outstanding payments

The Vice President for Finances informed about the outstanding payments.

7. Marketing:

The proposal from the sportsman media group has been sent to the EB members.

TMS wants TV and streaming rights for the EC and Top 16.

The sportsman media group still has the streaming rights for these events.

Adham Sharara is trying to help ETTU in getting a better deal.

ETTU received a further proposal for the website from Edgeball.

Negotiations will continue.

8. Report of Secretary General:

- Staff, appointment of part time Development Manager Neven Cegnar

The Secretary General informed that Neven Cegnar started his duties as a part time development manager on the 1st June. He's working fully on the Eurotalents programme. The other staff members, Roman Plese, Milica Nikolic and Ana Antic were present at the EYC.

The Secretary General spoke about the need of a third person working in the ETTU office.

- Photographers, photography policy

Photography policy must be worked out in future.

- Dates of future EB meetings (Wednesday 24.9. and Saturday 27.9., venue for November/December)

Wednesday 24.9. will be a full meeting and Saturday 27.9. a shorter one.

The EB will meet on the 19-20 November in Wassenaar, the Netherlands.

- *World Cadet Challenge*

ETTU is awaiting the prospectus which comes out in 2 weeks. ETTU has to provide a team leader (R. Prause) and coaches. Travel departs from Frankfurt.

- *Baku 2015 European Games*

Mr. Kramer, Mr. Plese and Mr. Scruton will be going to Baku on the 19th or 20th October for a 2-3 days meeting to discuss all arrangements for EG and Top 16 Cup.

Hopefully Baku will do a presentation at the Congress in Lisbon.

- *Date of National Championships 2016 – 19.3.-20.3.2016.*

Dates have been fixed for 2016 by the event's group.

- *Affiliation Agreement implementation, ITTF logo*

ETTU is using the ITTF Europe logo fully.

- *Calendar 2015, 2016*

The 2015 Calendar has been released and forwarded to the ITTF.

Mr. Munivrana mentioned that national associations should not play their national league matches during the last 2-3 weeks prior to the European Championships. Mr. Kramer might inform the delegates at the congress.

- *Review of constitution and regulations*

After the Lisbon congress, ETTU needs to look at a constitution and regulation review. An expert panel will therefore be set up in Lisbon.

- *Directory, INFO 2014/3*

An info has been sent out some weeks ago and a new directory is ready to be released too.

- *Badges of Honour*

Item dealt before.

- *Nominations for Committees and Juridical Boards*

Nominations for Committees and Juridical Boards closes on the 1st of August. Associations will be reminded to send their nominations in time.

- *Expert Panels (Working Groups)*

ETTU will set up a constitutional review panel in Lisbon.
The ETTU women's working group was discussed.

- 9th EB member

The EB will not open a position for a 9th member.

- Annual membership subscription

Another working group can look at it after Lisbon.
ETTU bibs are needed for photographers.

9. Events:

- 2014 EYC – Riva del Garda ITA, progress report

nil

- 2014 EVTC – Almería ESP

A meeting with David Corral took place in Riva del Garda. Only 50 teams have entered. ETTU did its best to help this event.

- 2014 ETC – Lisbon POR

The Secretary General made a visit three weeks ago. He met with the host broadcaster and visited the MEO Arena. He did some improvements on the show courts. He made arrangements for the congress and EB meeting.

- 2014 Youth Top 10 – Tours FRA

nil

- 2014 Asia-Europe All Stars Series – CHN

ETTU received a contract from ATTU.

ETTU needs to appoint a coach. Jörg Roskopf has been proposed and agreed by the EB.

The event will be held on 31st October – 1st November 2014 in China.

- 2015 Europe Top 16 (World Cup Qualification) – Baku, AZE, contract, format and regulations

Item treated before

- 2015 European Games – Baku AZE, meeting with BEGOC w/c 20.10., qualification, competition schedule, team match format

Item treated before

- 2016 European Olympic Singles Qualification, 6.4.-10.4.2016

ETTU has not yet received a letter of interest from a member association.

- 2015 Asia-Europe All Stars Series – hosting in Europe

The President discussed this item with FITET. ETTU has to inform them about the playing dates.

- 2015 Youth Top 10

ETTU has not yet received a letter of interest from a member association. The Secretary General spoke with Petra Sörling who seems being interested.

- 2016 bids

EYC: expression of interest received from Croatia
European Top 16 Cup: expression of interest received from Denmark

- 2016 Europe Top 16 Under 21

nil

- 2017

nil

- Other events

nil

10. Athletes Commission:

Mr. Korbelt and the Athletes Commission wished to have at the European Championships:

- a room for coaches where they could take a for rest, refreshments etc.
- improved practice conditions.
- more equal courts conditions between show courts and normal courts.

11. Paralympic Table Tennis:

Mrs. Darfelt informed that at the beginning of September the World Championships in Beijing will be held. There will be selection challenges. Many players are competing in both the Para Championships and in the regular one. As there are date clashes, it will be rethought for the 2018 edition. ETTU wants to take over the Para TT European Championships in future.

12. Any other business:

nil

13. Closure

The President thanked the participants and closed the meeting.
