

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, Frankfurt (GER) 29.11.2008

Present: S. Bosi (President), E. Schöler (Deputy President), C. Gonderinger (Vice-President for Finances), J.F. Kahn (FRA), A. Matkovic (SRB), Y. Posevin (RUS), Ivo-Goran Munivrana (HRV) (Vice-Presidents), J. Dom (General Secretary), M. Evangelista (Marketing Department)

1. WELCOME

The President welcomed all members of the Board for this special EB meeting.

2. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

2.1 S. Bosi informed the EB members that the CAS in Lausanne took, regarding the pending case Kroppach/ETTU, a decision in favour of ETTU. Nevertheless, taking into consideration the reasoning of the CAS, some amendments of the regulations may have to be prepared for the next EB meeting in Düsseldorf.

2.2 The EB took notice of the fact that the Russian Association has not yet paid the levy for the EC in St. Petersburg and the Super Cup in Moscow. The EB decided to write a letter to TMS asking them to pay their debts according to the running (three party) contract. The EB is of the opinion that in general it is necessary to protect their member Associations. It was also decided to grant a prolongation to the Russian Federation to pay the outstanding amounts.

2.3 The minutes of the Executive Board meetings shall be published only on the official ETTU homepage, with a short notice to the EB members that the minutes are available.

3. DUTIES OF THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT AND THE VICE-PRESIDENTS

(contact partners within the EB)

Eberhard SCHÖLER (Deputy President)

Responsible for: technical activities and events - for the technical part of the activities of the Competition Manager - the ETTU rules and regulations - coordinator of the ITTF BoD members.

Camille CONDERINGER (Vice President Finances)

Responsible for: all financial matters and contracts.

Jean-François KAHN (Vice-President)

Responsible for: Development Matters – co-operation with development official.

Aleksandar MATKOVIC (Vice-President)
Responsible for: the Expert Group – Coaching Area.

Ivo-Goran MUNIVRANA (Vice-President)
Responsible for: Youth activities – coordinator for the Youth Committee – coordinator of the WG for the Mini EC.

Yuri POSEVIN (Vice-President)
Responsible for: referee/umpire matters, coordinator for the URC, veterans matters, coordinator for the VC.

The item “discussion about the future role of ETTU Committees” will be put on to the Agenda of the next meeting in Düsseldorf.

3. ASSISTANT GS POSITION

The President reported about the talks with the 4 candidates which applied for the position as Assistant General Secretary. No decision was taken. Instead, the bid will be re-opened. Advertisements will also be put in the Luxembourg newspapers. The interviews with possible new candidates will be held in Düsseldorf (GER) on Friday, February 6, 2009 starting at 10:00 a.m.

4. COMPETITION MANAGER

It was decided to appoint Mr. Roman Plese as ETTU Competition Manager, offering him a cooperation agreement for one year

5. DEVELOPMENT

5.1 Stefano Bosi prepared the figures for the new Development Plan. M. Gadai and R. Hudetz discussed the matter already with G. Tepper who gave the information that ITTF most probably will agree to include the Olympic Project into the plan. S. Bosi, P. Sörling and J.F. Kahn will be in Madrid to negotiate our proposition.

5.2 With regard to the Olympic Project, the EB members took notice of the minutes of the expert group.

5.3 R. Plese was as coordinator for the development area.

5.4 The EUROKIDS Camp in Malta will be organised from 23 January 2009 up to the 29 January 2009, followed by a Mini Champs Tournament

6. YOUTH MATTERS

- 6.1 It was decided that Michel Gadal will replace Zita Pidl in the ITTF Junior Commission. He shall work in close co-operation with the ETTU Youth Committee.
- 6.2 I.G. Munivrana gave a short report about the deliberations within the WG in connection with a suggested future European Championships for the age category under 12. A summary of the discussions will be ready for the next meeting in Düsseldorf.
- 6.3 A discussion regarding a future split of the European Youth and Cadet Championships was postponed to the next meeting in Düsseldorf.
- 6.4 The proposition of the Russian Federation to include a youth tournament into the Super Cup Event was also postponed to the next meeting in Düsseldorf.
- 6.5 The proposition of the Serbian Association to organise the Serbian Open from 26-29 March 2008 was accepted. Their request to organise a European Mixed Doubles Championships was postponed to the next meeting of the EB in Düsseldorf.
- 6.6 A discussion about an eventual European Open Circuit was postponed to the meetings in Yokohama.

7. EURO-ASIA SERIES

The first European event of the EURO-ASIA Series will be staged on November 16-17 in 2009. The Turkish Federation will be entrusted to organise the first competition in Istanbul. Turkey is ready to cover all related expenses. For the second European event in 2010, it was decided to call for a bid and approach all interested Member Associations.

Regarding 2009, an official letter shall be addressed to the Turkish Federation, and a letter asking to match the received offer for TV coverage shall be sent to TMS. It is planned to schedule the first Asian event on June 2-3, 2009.

8. MEDIA ADVISOR

The newly appointed - on a trial basis - media advisor, Mrs. Milica Nikolic, is working very hard and very efficient.

9. MISCELLANEOUS

- 9.1 It was decided to raise the daily expense allowance for ETTU Officials and staff to 15 € per day.
- 9.2 The proposed doping regulations were approved and will come into effect from 1st of January 2009. These regulations will be put forward to the ETTU Congress in Yokohama for a final approval.
- 9.3 The EB decided to have the European Nations League played according to following playing system: A1 – B2, A2 – B1, A3 – B3, A1 – B1, Doubles A2, 3 or 4 - Doubles B2, 3 or 4.
- 9.4 It was decided to prepare an updated version of the directives for the ENL, especially for the Challenge and Standard Division, to be distributed to all participating Associations as soon as possible.
- 9.5 The decision with regard to promotion and relegation in the ENL was postponed to the next meeting in Düsseldorf.
- 9.6 The EB accepted the proposed Referee and Deputy Referee for the EUROPE TOP-12 in Düsseldorf.
- 9.7 The decision regarding the proposed Referee and Deputy Referees for the European Championships in Stuttgart was postponed to the next meeting in Düsseldorf.
- 9.8 Regarding the European Veterans Championships I.G. Munivrana informed that the new hall already was opened. The organisers will invite sufficient umpires for the knock-out rounds of the event. A final decision with regard to the computer programme to be used will be known at the beginning of February 2009.

Details of the co-operation between the organisers, the ETTU Veterans Committee and the ETTU Secretariat shall be discussed and decided upon soon.

- 9.9 The meeting of the EB during the European Youth Championships in Prague was fixed to 10-11 July 2009.
