

## **MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, Yokohama (JPN) 28.04.2009**

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 ETTU President welcomed all ETTU Board members to Yokohama.

### **2. REPORT OF THE PREVIOUS EB MEETING**

The minutes of the EB meeting held in Düsseldorf on the 06. and 07.02.2009, published on our site, were accepted. The discussion about the future role of ETTU Committees was postponed to the EB meeting in Prague in July.

### **3. REPORTS**

3.1 The ETTU President reported about his visit to Poland, the organiser of the 2011 European Championships. An additional meeting with the Polish Association, which has changed its leadership completely, is scheduled for the 29<sup>th</sup> of April 2009, immediately after the ETTU Congress in Yokohama.

Stefano Bosi informed the EB about the decisions taken during the Olympic Commission meeting. ITTF decided to reduce the Continental quota from 22 to 14 by increasing the direct entries through the world ranking list from 20 to 28 players. The WR issued immediately after the World Championships will define the direct entries to the Olympic Games. He also mentioned that the playing system for the OG team events proposed by the German Association was defeated without any discussion. The next meeting of the Olympic Commission will be organised in Cartagena (Colombia).

The President informed the ETTU EB about the problems arisen with regard to the election of European BoD members and added a proposal how to find a solution to this delicate situation.

Eberhard Schöler mentioned that he will report under the item ECL about the work inside the respective WG and pointed out that we absolutely need to avoid the clash between the European Championships and the Commonwealth Games in the Calendar for 2010.

I.G. Munivrana informed that a report, with regard to the “future of European Youth Championships and under 12 category” was addressed to the ETTU Member Associations to be discussed during the ETTU Congress in order to ascertain in which direction ETTU should go.

Y. Posevin informed that the 2009 Super Cup will be organised in Samara (Russia) on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of December 2009.

#### **4. FINANCES**

- 4.1 The Vice-President of Finances informed the EB about those Associations being in arrears with their payments from the year 2007 and earlier. These Associations are: BLR, BIH, GEO, MKD, MON, SRB and ESP. The Association of Georgia remains suspended until this Association finally settled all outstanding invoices. All other Associations with outstanding payments from before 2008 shall pay the due amounts before the European Youth Championships 2009 in Prague, otherwise their teams will not be allowed to participate in the event and will be suspended with immediate effect.
- 4.2 The Associations of TUR, HUN and RUS have not yet paid the club fines.
- 4.3 The Vice-President Finances informed that according to his opinion the financial result for the year 2008 is better than expected.
- 4.4 I.G. Munivrana thanked the VP for finances for his quick and efficient help by covering part of the expenses for Sandra Paovic’s stay in a Swiss hospital, with the money ETTU collected through the Sandra Paovic Solidarity Fund. He also mentioned that Sandra is recovering better even than the medical people expected. An official donation ceremony will be organised during the EVC in Porec.

#### **5. ETTU CONGRESS**

Last details of the ETTU Congress were discussed, especially changes of the Agenda which will be proposed to the delegates.

## **6. DEVELOPMENT**

The ETTU President welcomed back on board Polona Cehovin-Susin, who took over the position of the ETTU Youth and Development Manager. Polona thanked the EB for entrusting her with the position. She mentioned that she first tried to get updated about all activities. Her first task was mainly the negotiations with the ITTF regarding the development plan and to start working for the Olympic Project. She informed that a newsletter will be edited to reach a better communication with the Associations. She also informed that a new web-page will be launched during the WTTC dealing only with development, where coaches for example can find information about science research, physical condition, practice etc. The EB is supporting all these measures, however all expenses must be kept in line with the approved 2009 budget.

## **7. Youth Olympic Games – European Qualification**

7.1 The qualification has to be played from the 16.04. – 18.04.2010.

7.2 All Associations will be addressed in order to find a suitable organiser for this event. The candidates need to present all facilities during the European Championships in Stuttgart. It was decided that ETTU will not require a levy for this first tournament.

7.3 The procedure for submitting the playing system was discussed. The EB decided to entrust I.G. Munivrana, E. Schöler and J. Dom to discuss and combine the 4 proposed playing systems. The approved system has to be sent to the ITTF latest at the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2009.

## **8. EURO-ASIA ALL STARS SERIES**

8.1 The Marketing Department showed the draft logo for the event.

8.2 The public presentation of the event early August in Istanbul was discussed.

8.3 Immediately after having received the World Ranking list 05/05 the European players will be nominated.

8.4 The problem of a wild card will be discussed with the Turkish Federation.

8.5 The first event will take place on the 25. – 26. August 2009 in Beijing (CHN)

## **9. JOOLA ENL**

- 9.1 The general feedback concerning the 2 first rounds of the JOOLA ENL was very positive.
- 9.2 The discussion regarding promotion and relegation of the event was postponed to the Prague meeting.

## **10. European Champions League**

- 10.1 Eberhard Schöler will be the ETTU representative during the 2<sup>nd</sup> ECL final in Ochsenhausen.
  - 10.2 With regard to the ECL WG, the minutes of the last meeting as well as the results of the questionnaire have been sent to the EB. The next meeting will be on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2009 followed by a workshop and the draw for the season 2009/2010 on the 9<sup>th</sup> of June 2009.
  - 10.3 The EB took notice of the large majority of clubs in favour of keeping the present playing system.
  - 10.4 The ECL WG was asked to take up once again in their meeting the question of a 4<sup>th</sup> or reserve player participating in the matches, and possibly come up with solutions or propositions.
  - 10.5 The ETTU EB is not against introducing a 3<sup>rd</sup> and final match in case both teams have 1 win each.
  - 10.6 ECL Manager: within a short period the negotiations with TMS will be started for a future cooperation. Therefore ETTU cannot take any concrete decision in this direction.
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