

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING Stuttgart (GER) 18.09.2009

Present : S. Bosi (President), E. Schöler (Deputy President), C. Gonderinger (Vice-President Finances), J.-F. Kahn, A. Matkovic, I.G. Munivrana, Y. Posevin, (Vice-Presidents), Jeanny Dom (General Secretary)
P. Cehovin-Susin (Youth & Development Manager) (item 3)
D. Steffen, I. Heller, O. Eriksen, P. Schiltz, Z. Kriz, A. Madsen (item 4)

1. Working Group “Future European Championships”

With regard to the Congress decision, the EB formed the WG dealing with the “future of European Championships”. The EB decided that the WG should include 3 EB members (Schöler/Munivrana/Gonderinger), 1 representative of the Associations which introduced the resolution (DEN, SWE or NOR), and one representative each of the following 6 Associations (FRA, ROU, SVK, LTU, IRL and MLT). The WG shall work according to following elements and time lines.

- Individual championships every year, as before.
- Team Events every two years.
- European Nations League as a kind of qualifying tournament for the different categories in the period between 2 Team events.
- Individual events in the Olympic years, Team Events in odd years (2012, 2014, 2016 and so on.)
- Analysis and exchange of ideas (also new ones) by correspondence.
- EB to take the decision at the beginning of February.
- Final decision at the Congress in Moscow next year.
- Coming into force for the event in 2012.
- Applicants to check their wishes and possibilities with regard to the Championships in 2012 and 2013 until the next Congress.

2. ETTU Committees

A new concept for ETTU Committees shall be drafted for the next EB meeting.

3. Development

3.1 Report on concluded projects

The ETTU Youth & Development Coordinator, Polona Cehovin, reported on the activities that have been organized during the summer period:

- 2020 Talent Identification Program Training camps were held in Kiskunfelegyhaza (HUN) and in Marpingen (GER) in the first half of August. 165 players and 49 coaches took part in both camps, which is a record number of entries and a clear sign that initiatives targeting young, promising players are highly appreciated by Associations. Based on the experience of the two camps, the program Head coach, Istvan Korpa, prepared a proposal for the future development of the project.
- 2012 selections Women in China: 10 players from Europe participated: Daniela Dodean (ROU), Elizabeta Samara (ROU), Cristina Hirici (ROU), Petrissa Solja (GER), Mie Skov (DEN), Liu Jia (AUT), Li Qianbing (AUT), Georgina Pota (HUN), Nikoleta Stefanova (ITA), Natalia Partyka (POL) with their coaches. The general evaluation is that the camp was a very successful one especially due to the very constructive and positive approach from the Chinese side.

The members of the EB were pleased to hear of the positive report about the concluded projects. It was decided that for 2010 the focus and a major financial contribution should be put on the younger Olympic selections. Mr. Schöler mentioned that the revised program for 2010 should be formally authorized by the EB during its next meeting.

3.2 Current activities

All present activities are mainly oriented toward the camps / events that will follow in autumn:

- 2016 & 2012 selections training camps in Düsseldorf (28.9.-2.10., 5.-9.10.), whereby it is expected that 6 and 12 players respectively will attend, while the Head coaches on duty will be Jia Yi Liu (ENG) and Richard Prause (GER).
- The 2009 European Coaching Conference will be held in Zagreb (HRV), 20-22 November. According to the plans the key-note speakers should be Werner Schlager, the last World Champion from Europe, and a top level Chinese lecturer.
- An Invitation for the 2nd Eurokids camp in 2009 has been published in the beginning of September; the camp will be organized in Buzau (ROU), 24-30 November.
- The final preparations for the World Cadet Challenge are in progress: Team Europe will meet for a common training camp in Paris and after that travel directly to Tokyo. Dana Weber and Jarek Kolodziejczyk will be the Head coaches of the girls' and boys' team, while Polona Cehovin will be the team manager.
- All the activities within the Assistance program are running smoothly and the nomination of experts, who will conduct different educational/technical actions until the end of the year, has been completed. Just before the start of the Championships the second Call for Applications has been sent out to Associations.
- The ETTU Expert Group, which met twice during the EC in Stuttgart, is thoroughly working on the Activity Plan for 2010 and several discussions and meetings with coaches, whose protégées are members of different Olympic selections, are being held before its finalization.
- All the other tasks and duties of the Youth & Development department, such as public relations, cooperation with the Secretariat/other ETTU bodies/Expert Group/ITTF are running smoothly and effectively.

3.3 Draft agreement with the Chinese Association

A draft Memorandum of Understanding regulating the cooperation in the field of development was submitted to the EB members before the meeting. Finally it was agreed that the MOU should establish a partnership between the Asian TTU, the Chinese TTA and ETTU. The draft was firstly forwarded to ATTU for their comments and it is expected that such cooperation will officially start in 2010 already.

3.4 Any other business

It was discussed and finally agreed that Head coaches, who conduct different camps within the Olympic project should have an indemnity of 150 € per day and person, while the indemnity for all Assistant coaches as well as other Experts, involved in the Assistance program, will be 100 €.

Moreover, the Executive Board decided that ETTU will not contribute to any organizing or similar expenses that might be claimed by the Organizers of different development actions. The Youth & Development Coordinator should prepare the Guidelines for the organization of the mentioned actions. After the approval of the EB they will come into force with immediate effect.

4. ETTU Committees

4.1 Ranking Committee:

Igor Heller informed the EB about the work of his committee. He mentioned that through changes in the computer system, the ranking for cadet players was improved. He pointed out that his committee is worried that the ITTF has no longer a ranking committee, which means possible difficulties who to contact in future in case of problems. He mentioned the different tasks his committee had to deal with such as preparation of seeding lists for the EVC, seeding lists for the club competitions etc.

4.2 Youth Committee:

Dieter Steffen informed that together with Roman Plese he will make an inspection visit to Istanbul, as Turkey is the next organiser of the European Youth Championships. He also mentioned that his committee members are very happy that Jarek accepted to be part of the European team at the World Cadet Challenge. He informed that the organisation of the Youth TOP-10 in Topolcany runs smoothly. He also pointed out the close and good cooperation with the Ranking Committee.

4.3 Technical Committee:

Oivind Eriksen expressed the wish that the Technical Committee should be included in the WG dealing with the future of European Championships. He was informed that his committee will be involved at a later stage when the technical details for future EC have to be set up. He also mentioned that 2 members of his committee were present in Stuttgart helping the organisers in running the championships.

4.4 Umpires and Referees Committee:

Paul Schiltz informed that his committee nominated Mr. Steen Andersen as referee for the EURO-ASIA event. For the Super Cup in Russia Mr. Kirill Mazaev was nominated. He intends to attend the coaches' seminar end of November to have closer contacts with all the coaches. He asked for a dedicated page on the ETTU web site through which the referees and umpires can get all necessary information. He also asked to have the possibility to archive the incoming and outgoing emails regarding umpires subjects.

He pointed out that the ITTF referee programme also shall be applied for the European referees and that in the Northern part of Europe more referees are needed. His committee is working on a project to have a referees course there. This item as well as a discussion on evaluations of umpires during the main ETTU events was postponed to the next EB meeting in Düsseldorf. His committee is also working on a solution regarding the procedures for racket controls during ETTU events, as such controls are important.

4.5 Club Cup Competition Official

Arne Madsen informed that the season 2008/2009 in the club cup competitions ran smoothly; no major problems occurred. He pointed out that nearly all problems he had to deal with during the past season were, that clubs were not able to obtain the necessary visas in due time, especially when travelling to Russia.

4.6 Veterans Committee:

Zdenko Kriz shortly informed about problems having occurred during the EVC in Porec. He pointed out that already a meeting took place to evaluate the incidents in order to avoid any such deficiencies in the future. He also mentioned that he is looking for new members in the Veterans Committee being ready not to play during the EVC and instead being fully available to help the organisers on the spot.

5. Any other business

- 5.1 It was requested to avoid playing consolation matches during the quarter-final matches at future EYC. This unfortunately happened in Prague this year.
