

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, BRATISLAVA (SVK) 11.07.2015

Present:

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

Excused:

Roman Markov (RUS), (Vice-President)
Petr Korbel (CZE), (co-opted EB member)

Welcome of the President

The President welcomed the Executive Board members and the Slovak TTA and gave the word to STTA President Dr. Kriz.

Dr. Kriz welcomed the EB members, mentioned the ETTU EB meeting is held for the 10th time in Slovakia and as this year being the 90th anniversary of TT in Slovakia and Czech Republic, the ETTU EB members were invited to a common dinner.

President's Opening Remarks

The President informed about the daily allowance for the umpires. A raise will be proposed starting with the events in 2016. ETTU will then follow the ITTF regulation on daily allowance.

1. Adoption of the agenda:

Mrs. Grefberg wished to discuss the Veterans' regulations to be proposed to the Congress. This item was added under the events section. The Agenda was adopted.

2. Minutes of the meeting in Suzhou (27.4. and 29.4.2015.):

The minutes of the EB meetings in Suzhou have been adopted.

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

- ITTF AGM, BoD, OPC (RK)

The President spoke about the main BoD decision to start with coaching between rallies (starting in 2016 after the Paralympics) and informed that the rest of the decisions taken were all in the report.

- Other meetings in Suzhou (RK)

The President reported about his 2 meetings with Mr. Cai Zenhua, among them the Euro-Asia event was discussed with the difficulties to have it organised in Europe. The President had some talks with RTTF representatives and planned to have it 3 times in a row organised in Russia.

A further meeting he had with the Liebherr managing director for marketing.

- *Meeting with tsmg, Vienna (RK, PK, NE)*

It was a technical meeting for website issues. Generally the new website was “on air” in time. The marketing and website co-ordinator and the Deputy Secretary General will have a further meeting with them in Vienna on the 14th July.

- *Visit to Istanbul, ECL Women’s Final (RK)*

The President presented the trophy and medals as ETTU representative.

- *Visit to Orenburg, TTCL Men’s Final (RK, RM)*

The President presented the trophy and medals as ETTU representative.

- *Visit to Ekaterinburg (RK)*

The President reported about the visit in Ekaterinburg.

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

The Deputy President presented the trophy and medals as ETTU representative in Grudziadz, Poland (ETTU Cup Men).

The Vice-President Nikolas Endal presented the trophy and medals as ETTU representative in Tarnobrzeg, Poland (ETTU Cup Women).

The Deputy President reported about the strong Polish league.

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

Proposal Top 16 added under item 11.

- *Meeting with tsmg re club competitions, Luxembourg (RK, PK)*

The agenda for the draw and meeting of Championsleague men and women have been prepared and the directives have been worked out.

4. Extraordinary Congress (29.4.2015., Suzhou):

- Minutes (for information)

The minutes of the Extraordinary Congress in Suzhou have been adopted.

- Matters arising

Nil

5. Annual Ordinary Congress (Wednesday 30.9.2015., Ekaterinburg, RUS):

- Agenda

The Secretary General prepared the agenda for the Congress which will be similar to the Lisbon agenda.

The Congress will be held on 30th September 2015 at 10 a.m. in the hotel Hyatt.

- Propositions from member Associations

Nil

6. Financial Matters:

- Accounts 2014

Nil

- Budget 2015

An update on the actual income and expenditure against the 2015 budget will be provided at the next meeting.

- Outstanding payments

The Secretary General reported about the national Associations (8) outstanding payments.

2 of them will settle their debts during the EYC in Bratislava.

The ETTU EB decided to help Greece in order to guarantee their participation at the 2015 EYC and paid in advance their fees to the organisers.

- Budget 2016

The Vice-President for Finances received no remark about budget needs. She is working on finalising it and a break even budget will be proposed.

7. Development:

The Deputy President pointed out that the development programme is running smoothly. 2 seminars for coaches will be organised; a women coaching course in Schwechat, organised by the Development Manager and a coaching conference 2 or 3 days before the WJC in France.

- Eurotalents

The Deputy President informed that the necessary actions for Eurotalents are on its way, 1 camp in Hungary and 1 in Luxembourg.

The Development Manager sent letters to the coaches.

- 21 and under

Mr. Munivrana mentioned that this section has the same problem as in the past; ETTU doesn't have enough money for this development program. He's trying to organise a meeting with Mr. Gadal. This year, 1 camp for the under 18 will be organised.

- Hopes

Nil

The Deputy President spoke about the need of additional 20% for development in the 2016 Budget.

As the next World Cadet Challenge will be played in Egypt, the Deputy President was concerned due to the political situation.

The EB had an intense discussion on that matter.

- DM contract

The EB members were notified that a new contract must be done.

8. Marketing: written report

There were no further comments by the EB.

9. Hall of Fame:

The EB was informed about the plan to launch the HoF at the ETTC in Ekaterinburg, Russia. The organisers are very helpful and arranged for a separate dedicated area. Thomas Buza provides his service for banner creation. The ETTHoF website is not yet "on air". ETTU would like to have a lounge party and talked about it with Dr. Beloglazov. Preferred date is 28th September including a press conference and a press announcement. The Congress Delegates and the ETTU family will be present.

10. Report of Secretary General: written report

Mrs. Darfelt gave her compliments. Mr. Endal asked about the position of the Competition Manager. Didier Leroy will be the CM at the 2015 ETTC. Dimosthenis Messinis will be the CM for the 2015 Youth Top 10. ITTF appoints CMs for ETTC, Top 16 and EOSQ.

ETTU will advertise for a CM post for the Youth Championships, Youth Top 10, Euro-Asia and an assistant CM at ETTC.

The President asked the EB members about the list for nominating HM and BoH.

11. Club Competitions: written report

Mrs. Ahlert gave her compliments to the report and proposed reducing to 8 the number of persons allowed at the bench during a match.

12. Events:

- Events Group

The EB discussed the outcome of the questionnaire.

- 2015 European Top-16 Cup – Jury decision (UKR)

The President informed that ETTU is ready to reimburse the costs occurred to Ukraine.

- 2015 European Games – Baku AZE, 13.6.-19.6.2015.

A fourth player entry must be accepted in the next edition. Mrs. Ahlert said the number of spectators was not satisfying but the event in general was well organised.

- 2015 European Veterans Championships – Tampere, FIN, 29.6.-4.7.2015.

The President spoke about a festival of Table Tennis and gave his compliments to the organisers.

- 2015 European Youth Championships – Bratislava, SVK, 10.7.-19.7.2015.

The President gave his compliments for the arrangements.

- 2015 European Championships – Ekaterinburg, RUS, 25.9.-4.10.2015.

The Secretary General sent the new status report to the EB.

- 2015 Europe Youth Top 10 – Buzau, ROU, 16.10.-18.10.2015.

The Secretary General will make an inspection visit on August 18.

- 2016 European Top-16 Cup – Gondomar, POR, 5.2.-7.2.2016

The ITTF CM and the ETTU President will make an inspection visit. Prize money provision is currently the main problem.

- 2016 European Olympic Singles Qualification – Istanbul, TUR, 6.4.-10.4.2016.

The contract is nearly finalised and an inspection visit has to be done.

- 2016 European Youth Championships – Zagreb, CRO, 15.7.- 24.7.2016.

Presentation at 1500.

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

A meeting with the organisers will be held on 14th July.

- 2016 Europe Youth Top 10

Mr. Endal hoped that the Czech TTA will find a city to organise and will send to ETTU the application before the 2015 ETTC. He confirmed that CTTA will also send an application to host the 2017 or 2018 EYC.

- 2016 Asia-Europe All Stars Series – hosting in Europe

Item already treated before.

- 2017

A letter was received from FLTT; they are ready to cooperate with the organisation of the ETTU anniversary and are ready to organise the Top 16 but without TV production and prize money.

The EB was of the opinion that TV production is a must and also some prize money to be made available. The President and the Secretary General will try to arrange for a further meeting with FLTT.

- Other events

Meetings have been held with AZE TTA President and officials during the European Games in Baku about the hosting of the 2017 European Championships and it is anticipated AZE TTA will forward an official bid.

The Secretary General had spoken to Norway regarding the organisation of a Youth Top 10.

13. Athletes Commission:

Nil

14. Paralympic Table Tennis:

The President has been asked to attend the ITTF Paralympic Championships in Denmark.

15. Any other business:

Mr. Cakir informed that Turkey would be ready to organise a U21 event with the 16 best men and women players in Istanbul, Turkey. They could take over the hospitality costs but the travel costs remain at a charge for the national Associations. Mr. Cakir continued that also prize money is foreseen for this event.

Mrs. Grefberg wished to amend the European Veterans Championships regulations and it was agreed to make a proposal to the 2016 Ordinary Congress.

A delegation of the Croatian TTA made a presentation for the 2016 EYC in Zagreb.

16. Closure

The President thanked the attendees and closed the meeting.