

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, Lisbon (POR) 09.12.2015

Present:

Ronald Kramer (NED), (President),
 Ivo-Goran Munivrana (CRO), (Deputy President)
 DorteDarfelt (DEN), (Vice-President for Finances)
 Heike Ahlert (GER), (Vice-President)
 Nikolas Endal (CZE), (Vice-President)
 Sonja Grefberg (FIN), (Vice-President)
 Petr Korbel (CZE), (co-opted EB member)
 Richard Scruton (Secretary General)
 Pierre Kass (Deputy Secretary General)

Excused:

Veli Ozan Cakir (TUR), (Vice-President)
 Roman Markov (RUS), (Vice-President)

Welcome of the President

The President welcomed the Executive Board members and excused Veli Ozan Cakir and Roman Markov.

President's Opening Remarks

The President spoke about the arrangements for the ITTF Star Awards Dinner.

1. Adoption of the agenda:

The agenda was adopted.

2. Minutes of the meetings in Ekaterinburg (26.09.2015., 02.10.2015.):

The minutes of the meetings in Ekaterinburg were adopted.

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

- ITTF Para TT European Championships, ITTF Para TT Committee meeting, Vejle DEN (RK)

The President reported about the well organised event with a nice venue. He visited the ITTF Para TT Committee. As the President feels ETTU to be responsible also for the Para TT in Europe, this should be an integral part of ETTU's work.

Mrs Darfelt notified the board that she's the Chair of the ITTF Para TT.

She pointed out that it is still the responsibility of the PTT to organise the Continental Championships and not being sure whether the national PTT wants to give the responsibility to the Continents. She will work on it to make it possible for the Continents.

-Inspection visit Gondomar (POR) re 2016 Europe Top 16 Cup and 2017 EYC (RK)

The President and Didier Leroy made an inspection visit to Gondomar. The place is nice but the venue is very big and all white.

The local mayor and other political persons were very enthusiastic and kind.

The same venue will be used as the one for the 2017 EYC. The event Prospectus is ready to be sent out but unfortunately no prize money could be confirmed yet. The EB decided not to use own ETTU funds for event prize money.

- Europe Youth Top 10, Buzau ROU (RK)

The President reported about the very well organised event with great hosts and no complaints received from the participants.

- FITET 70th Anniversary celebration, Genoa ITA (RK)

The President attended FITET's 70th Anniversary celebration and spoke with their President about the organisation of a 2017 Championships in Riva del Garda and had a talk with his predecessor.

- World Junior Championships, Vendée FRA (RK)

The President was impressed by the venue and about the number of spectators throughout the competition.

The Secretary General said that some nations had withdrawn due to the Paris situation.

- ITTF OPC and DCC meeting, Vendée FRA (RK)

The President reported about an interesting discussion that ETTU is investing on the development of coaching and playing rather than on organising and managing. The President wants to stick to ETTU's development plan. Another discussion came from Asia, as they did not agree with the money division among the Continents.

OPC Tripartite: The Secretary General informed about the Olympic Games in Rio, a man's and a woman's place in singles are available to be determined by the Olympic Games Tripartite Commission. 9 European NOCs are eligible to apply in forwarding their nominees; Andorra, Bosnia Herzegovina, Kosovo, Liechtenstein, Macedonia, Malta, Montenegro, Monaco and San Marino. Deadline is 15th January 2016.

ITTF had some email correspondence with Neven Cegnar whereof the communication way from ITTF was not acceptable for the EB. The President will sit in Kuala Lumpur together with them to solve it. Neven Cegnar is in need of an administrative support.

- ITTF Junior Commission meeting, Vendée FRA (HA)

Mrs Ahlert reported about the meeting in Vendée. Main topic was to have really contact with each other and to work on the Junior Global programme. Development and Junior Global programme should be together according to Mr. Gillmann. The World Junior Championships qualification should be different from the current situation. They need to find a situation for needing less tables, umpires etc. She recommended to the EB the proposal to the 2017 Congress for the World Championships with 16 teams.

As 3 associations will be qualified, the third place at EYC has to be played again.

- Correspondence: Voznesensk, UKR children's TT school

The Secretary General received a letter early October from them and he forwarded to the Ukraine TTF.

Mrs Grefberg reported about the venue and field of play of the Olympic test event.

4. ITTF:

- World Team Championships, Kuala Lumpur, MAS – AGM, Board of Directors

The President asked the EB members to settle for their travel arrangements as the prices go up.

Mrs Darfelt said that the PTT will have a meeting on the 4th and 5th March 2016.

- Extraordinary Congress – Wednesday 2.3.2016., agenda

Monday 29th February EB meeting 1

Wednesday 2nd March ETTU Congress afternoon

Wednesday 2nd March EB meeting 2 after Congress ending

- Dinner invitation to ATTU

ATTU agreed with ETTU that they organise the dinner when the WTTC is in Asia and ETTU when in Europe.

- ETTU proposal to ITTF EC re selection criteria for Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic umpires

The proposal was accepted by the Executive Board.

5. Financial Matters:

- Accounts 2015

The Vice-President for Finances is satisfied about the financial situation of 2015.

She spoke about a possibility to build up the reserves. First an internal discussion will be done. Due to the result, the staff members will receive a bonus/reward and more money can be spent on the development programme for 2016.

- Member Association Invoices 2015

The Vice-President for Finances positively took note about the many NAs already having paid their 2015 membership fees.

- Budget 2016

The 2016 budget had been approved in Ekaterinburg.

Some amendments will be made.

- Outstanding payments

Item already treated

6. Development:

The Deputy President said that generally the development programme goes quite well. Complaints have been received from ITTF that they do not receive proper reports from events but the Deputy President thought it is more important to have proper organised camps. The results are shown at WCC etc.

Mrs Darfelt said the development department is doing very well. She never met a coach being also a good administrator. As there are problems with the administrative ways of development dealing, she supports Neven Cegnar receiving an administrative help.

The Deputy President informed this year will be 2 preselection camps, one in Kiskunfelegyhaza (HUN) and the other one in Stockerau (AUT). Final selection camp will take place in Otocec (SLO) in October. Between these three camps ETTU will have 6 development camps for the already selected players in 2014 and 2015. The problem for the moment is that the programme "is gone under ETTU radar" for the players aged 14-15 years and they consequently are not included in the development programme. He wishes ETTU also supporting these players.

Some further young talented players have been identified and for them plus the 9 other selected, the Deputy President wished to add 15.000 euros to their development to have for these players for 6-7 training camps at WSA.

The Deputy President further explained the 2016 development programme.

The Secretary General recommended having instead of training camps at WSA to send the players to Asia so that they can participate at the World Junior Circuit events and to combine it with training camps.

The Deputy President proposed having 2 coaching seminars in Greece and also one in Cyprus and Portugal.

The Deputy President was not in favor in supporting Greenland via the Development programme but they could receive help from another source.

The Deputy President informed that coaches in general are trying to escape from their job.

The President had a meeting with the ITTF women in sport commissioner Hajera Kajee in Vendée. Someone from the EB shall be responsible for bringing forward women in sport.

- Eurotalents

Report distributed in Ekaterinburg. Going in accordance to the plan. After selection in Otocec, 9 players were selected. 2 are out from the 11 as there was no further improvement seen by these players.

- 21 and under

Reported in Ekaterinburg that this programme had failed.

- 18 and under

Intend to have 18 and under starting 2017.

- 2015 World Cadet Challenge, Sharm El-Sheikh, EGY

There was no need to further reporting. Batorfi and Closset with Cegnar were together at the 2015 World Cadet Challenge in Sharm El-Sheikh. Good results have been achieved.

- Coaching Conference (24-26.01.2016)

The Deputy President reported about problems in communication.

He asked the President and the Secretary General to ask Zita Pidl for help.

- Hopes

Neven Cegnar prepared hopes selection camps for March/April and for the end of June in China.

7. Executive Board evaluation discussion (including 2016-2020 priorities)

Annex 1.

The EB evaluation was discussed.

The EB wants to standardise the events' level.

The EB discussed on how to protect the players before the ETTC starts in not having them letting play league matches 2 weeks prior the start of the event.

A 9th EB member position is not needed to open for the next EB election.

A Title Sponsor for the Hall of Fame is needed for covering a part of the costs.

ETTU needs an internal Audit Committee.

A further employee at the Secretariat in Luxembourg is needed and was accepted by the EB.

8. Marketing: written report

Donic will become the European Championships official ball sponsor. Xiom will become the EYC and Youth Top 10 official ball sponsor.

The Secretary General wished the contracts from now on with the organisers to state that it is compulsory to accept that ball for the event. The President agreed.

9. Hall of Fame: written report

10. Report of Secretary General: written report

The Top 16 Cup prospectus is about to be sent out.

The President and Secretary General will make an inspection visit to Istanbul in February for the EOSQ.

For 2017, 2 applications for the Top 16 Cup were received. Luxembourg and France.

2017 ETTC application received from Italy.

U21 event decision time in Kuala Lumpur.

2017 Youth Top 10 presentation from England in Kuala Lumpur.

2018 EYC Romania and Czech Republic applications received

2019 EVC applications received from Hungary, Czech Republic and Croatia

11. Club Competitions: written report

The Club Competitions report was included in the documents (Annex 2)

All issues will be prepared for consideration for the meeting with the clubs.

12. Events:

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

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

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

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

- 2016 European Youth Championships – Zagreb, CRO, 8.7.-17.7.2016.

- 2016 Europe Youth Top 10 – Prague, CZE, 7.10.-9.10.2016.

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

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

- 2017 European Top-16 Cup – bid

ETTU's 60th anniversary can be celebrated in Luxembourg if they will also organise the Top 16 Cup in 2017, otherwise it can be done somewhere else. Heike Ahlert, Sonja Grefberg and Nikolas Endal will come with a proposal on the needs for the anniversary.

- 2017 European Championships

- 2017 Europe Youth Top 10 – bid by English Association (TTE)

- Bids for 2018 events

13. Athletes Commission:

Petr Korbel spoke with the players about the ETTC in Ekaterinburg and basically everybody was satisfied. The World Ranking system is more an ITTF matter but players are not satisfied with it. Petr Korbel will contact Igor Heller to propose a better system.

14. Para Table Tennis:

Item treated before

15. Any other business:

The EB meeting at the EYC in Zagreb will be held on Saturday, 9th July 2016.
Umpires rewards: Diplomas for all umpires at ETTU events and for club competition finals will be provided by ETTU.

16. Closure

The President thanked the attendees and closed the meeting.
