

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, SUZHOU (CHN) 27+29.04.2015

Present:

Ronald Kramer (NED), (President),
Ivo-Goran Munivrana (CRO), (Deputy President)
Dorte Darfelt (DEN), (Vice-President for Finances),
Heike Ahlert (GER), (Vice-President)
Nikolas Endal (CZE), (Vice-President)
Sonja Grefberg (FIN), (Vice-President)
Roman Markov (RUS) (Vice-President)
Petr Korbel (CZE), (co-opted member) present 27.04.2015
Richard Scruton (Secretary General)
Pierre Kass (Deputy Secretary General)

Excused:

Veli Ozan Cakir (TUR), (Vice-President)
Petr Korbel (CZE), (co-opted member) meeting 29.04.2015

Welcome of the President

The President welcomed the Executive Board members.

President's Opening Remarks

The President informed about Liebherr becoming Title Sponsor for the 2015 European Championships.

He thanked the Deputy Secretary General for the free of charge office furniture he managed to receive from the Police.

The President informed about the co-operation with the sportsman media group for the ECL men and the new website, which will be "on air" by end of May. A meeting has been arranged for the next week, 7th – 8th May in Vienna for a last check on the website and a training session.

A Hall of Fame leaflet with all information will be distributed to the congress delegates.

The general idea of the Hall of Fame got so far only positive feedbacks.

The President spoke about the difficult situation between the TTF of Cyprus and Turkey regarding entry visa to Turkey for Cyprus citizens. He had therefore a meeting with the ITTF President and the MTTU President. The problem must be dealt with at a higher authority than the ETTU but ETTU will do its utmost to help.

Russia confirmed secured entry for Kosovo for the 2015 European Championships.

The ETTU President had to nominate 2 scrutineers for the ITTF AGM from Europe and nominated Sandra Deaton (ENG) and Beatrice Romanescu (ROU).

In 2017, ETTU will celebrate its 60th Anniversary and therefore plans to prepare an event to celebrate in Luxembourg. The Secretary General, the Deputy Secretary General and the marketing co-ordinator met the FLTT President who is willing to co-operate and play an important role in the celebration and event planning. A certain budget has to be foreseen. The President asked the EB members if someone was ready to be in charge of the anniversary event. A decision will be taken at a next meeting.

The President felt honoured and pleased that he had been invited to become a member of the SCI.

1. Adoption of the agenda:

The Agenda was adopted with a slight different order of the items.

2. Minutes of the meeting in Baku (7.2.2015.):

The minutes of the EB meeting in Baku have been adopted.

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

The President visited the ECL women final in Istanbul as ETTU representative. The President stated the Champions League having been very well organised by Fenerbahce SC.

- Meeting with Lionel Arlin, Gerflor (RK)

In February, a meeting took place in Luxembourg with Lionel Arlin (Gerflor). ETTU is still awaiting his proposal / modular offer.

- Meeting of Hall of Fame Steering and Awards Panel (RK)

The President said that the meeting was very efficient and could all be done within one single day. Mr. Hudetz became chairman and will be the presentator.

- Meeting with Judit Farago, ITTF (RS)

The Secretary General met Judit Farago in Budapest and primarily discussed the European Championships and the Olympic Qualification. Also discussed on how to get the ETTU Press Officer to the WTTC in Suzhou and how to progress with a new ETTU competition manager.

- Visit to German Open (RK)

The President visited the German Open and had a talk with Liebherr.

- Lux Open

The Secretary General informed about the Luxembourg Open visit and meeting with the FLTT President, being enthusiastic for organising an event for the 60th anniversary. He also met there Mr. Schnabel (ETTU URC).

Mr. Markov visited together with Mr. Levitin Sport Accord in Socchi and met with Judit Farago and Mr. Weikert to discuss ITTF-ETTU development.

He added that the U21 programme is much needed for Russia and hopes the congress will be in favour. Russia could hold one of the first U21 events.

Mrs. Grefberg attended the North European Table Tennis Union meeting.

4. ITTF:

- AGM

The EB members discussed the different propositions.

- Extraordinary Congress, International Eligibility, Presentations

Mrs. Ahlert and Mrs. Grefberg presented the propositions for the congress which were discussed among the EB members.

- Board of Directors

Nil

- Women's Working Group

The Secretary General had arranged for a meeting with Beatrice Romanescu but first have had a meeting with Martin Sörös. The Deputy President was asked to agree on investing the development monies for women courses on a coaches' conference for women with a possible date after the Austrian Open in Wels, to be hold in WSA for two days. The Deputy President agreed but the date and subject are still to be decided.

The Deputy President informed that the coaching seminar is planned just before the WJC in France. The Vice-President for Finances wants to be sure that it will be organised in a way that ITTF will accept it for the financial contribution towards ETTU.

- Asian TTU dinner

The traditional ATTU-ETTU dinner was arranged at the Kempinski hotel.

- World Ranking

Nil

5. Financial Matters:

- Accounts 2014

The Vice President for Finances informed on the outstanding payments from the national member Associations and informed about the results of 2014.

- Budget 2015

The Vice President for Finances informed on the 2015 financial situation.

- Outstanding payments

The EB discussed on how to receive the outstanding payments from some member Associations.

6. Development:

- Eurotalents

Item reported at the congress

- 21 and under

The Deputy President will speak with Mr. Gadál to prepare something for the years to come.

The Secretary General reported that he heard from Mr. Cegnar that the Hopes camp has already many applications and asked the Deputy President what will happen in case too many applications are received. The Deputy President wished to wait for the final entry deadline but thought there will not be too many. The Secretary General asked if Mr. Cegnar made a report on the camp in Portugal. The Deputy President replied that Mr. Cegnar has not yet provided him with a written report but expects it within a few days.

- Hopes

Item reported at the congress

7. Marketing:

- Men's Champions League

The EB agreed on the new proposed regulations except for the eligibility for players allowing them to compete in other teams / clubs, here, the current rule will be kept for the moment. An expert group will be established to find out if and how this rule can be changed.

- Website

A meeting is scheduled in Vienna with the sportsman media group on the 7th – 8th May 2015. A proper notice will be given in time to Vitesse to cancel the co-operation.

- TMS

The ETTU – TMS co-operation agreement needs to be renewed.

- Suppliers Pool

The Suppliers Pool members had received their 2015 annual invoices and five of them have already paid.

- DONIC, Nittaku ball contract

The Secretary General will meet Mr. Becker (Donic).

- Flooring/Gerflor

Item treated before

- Social media

ETTU tries to increase the number of Facebook friends / followers.

8. Hall of Fame:

The Russian TTF and organisers of the 2015 EC do like the idea of a Hall of Fame presence at the 2015 EC and possibly helping ETTU to make something physical for the EC.

9. Report of Secretary General:

- Dates of 2015 EB meetings:

11.07.2015 EB meeting start at 10 a.m. (EYC Bratislava)

26.09.2015 EB meeting (EC Yekaterinburg)

30.09.2015 Congress (EC Yekaterinburg)

02.10.2015 (tbc) EB meeting (EC Yekaterinburg)

09.-10.12.2015 EB meeting start 09.12 at 1300, end 10.12 at 1300 (Luxembourg)

- Competition Manager

The Secretary General will continue this discussion with Judit Farago.

- ETTU Committee nominations from AZE

The EB accepted the 2 nominations from Azerbaijan to the ETTU Committees.

Mr. Sabuhi Mehdizade to become member of the ETTU Technical Committee and

Mr. Alexander Zudov to become member of the ETTU Veterans Committee.

- Visual Reality

Nothing to report

- Archivist

Nothing to report

- Calendar 2016, 2017

A new version was published for 2016.

- Directory, INFO 2015/2 + 3

On 9th April ETTU did an updated directory.

- Honorary Membership, Badges of Honour

The EB members were asked to think about persons deserving an award.

- Strategic Plan, review of constitution and regulations

ETTU is setting up appraisals for its staff.

10. Club Competitions:

- 2015 Finals, EB attendance

The President attended the ECLW final in Istanbul and will attend the ECLM final in Orenburg.

The Deputy President will attend the 2 ETTU Cup finals which are both (men and women) played in Poland.

- Review

11. Events:

- 2016 European Top-16 Cup – 5.2.-7.2.2016., bid from POR (Gondomar, Oporto)

FPTM President, Pedro Moura was invited to hold a presentation for the European Top 16 Cup. Presentation is attached.

- 2016 European Olympic Singles Qualification – Istanbul, TUR, 6.4.-10.4.2016., – competition format, system of play, draws

The seeding system was discussed and the EB decided to have 16 players seeded.

- 2016 European Youth Championships – bid from CRO (Zagreb)

The EB allocated the 2016 EYC to Croatia.

12. Athletes Commission:

Nil

13. Paralympic Table Tennis:

Nil

14. Any other business:

Nil

15. Closure
