

European Table Tennis Union a.s.b.l.



Minutes of the

ETTU CONGRESS 2014

Friday, 26th September 2014 at 9 a.m.

MINUTES OF THE ETTU CONGRESS 2014 (Lisbon, Portugal)

Minutes of the ETTU Congress organised during the European Championships in Lisbon (Portugal) on the 26th September 2014.

Present: Ronald Kramer (NED), (President),
Ivo-Goran Munivrana (CRO), (Deputy President)
Dorte Darfelt (DEN), (Vice-President for Finances)
Heike Ahlert (GER), Veli Ozan Cakir (TUR),
Nikolas Endal (CZE), Sonja Grefberg (FIN),
Roman Markov (RUS) (Vice-Presidents),
Petr Korbel (CZE), (co-opted Vice-President)
Richard Scruton (Secretary General)

Pierre Kass (Deputy Secretary General)
Arne Madsen, (Club Competition Official), Oivind Eriksen (Technical Committee Chair), Sandra Deaton (Youth Committee Chair), Igor Heller (Ranking Committee Chair), Gerhard Schnabel (Umpires and Referees Committee Chair), Zdenko Kriz (Veterans Committee Chair), Martin Clark (Financial Expert), Milica Nolic (Media Official), Ana Antic (marketing coordinator)
Thomas Weikert, Petra Sörling (ITTF)
Britta Gerlach, Mikael Anderson (observers)
Leonid Rapoport, Alexander Zaharov, Andrey Salov, Aksel Beckmann, Christoph Theis, Michael Theis (guests)

a) President's Opening Remarks

The ETTU President welcomed all delegates and thanked the President of the Portuguese Table Tennis Federation for his kind hospitality.

The President of the Portuguese Table Tennis Federation welcomed all delegates.

The ETTU President welcomed the ITTF President and ITTF Vice President for Finances and the Minister of the Sverdlovsk region (Russia).

The ITTF President mentioned the difficult times ETTU had in the past years but started a good cooperation between ETTU and ITTF. He pointed out that the ETTU President had done a good job, that the affiliation to ITTF has been signed and the importance to work close together. He wished ETTU to fill the gap with Asia. The ITTF President thanked the Portuguese Table Tennis Federation for hosting the event within the short time available.

The ETTU President spoke about the good relation with ITTF.

b) Roll Call

48 member Associations were represented at the Congress: Albania, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic (proxy to Slovakia), Denmark, England, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guernsey (proxy to England), Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Isle of Man, Italy, Jersey, Kosovo, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, San Marino, Scotland, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine and Wales. The Associations of Andorra, Armenia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Faroe Islands, Georgia, Greenland, Israel, Macedonia and Montenegro were absent.

The delegate of Greece claimed that there is no registered national association inside ETTU under the name of Macedonia and asked to correct it. Mr. Scruton apologised and repeated “F.Y.R.O. Macedonia”.

c) Approval of the Agenda

The Congress Agenda was approved unanimously.

d) Appointment of scrutineers

Mr. Rudolf Sporrer (AUT), Mr. Georg Silberschmidt (SUI) and Mr. Anton Hamran (SVK) were appointed by the Congress to act as scrutineers.

e) Adoption of late entered propositions

The late proposition from the association of Belarus has been accepted for consideration.

f) Consideration of the reports from the Officers, the Committee Chairmen and the Officials

All reports presented to the Congress were unanimously accepted.

g) Consideration of the financial statements 2013

The Vice-President for Finances presented the audited Financial Statements for the year 2013 as well as the Balance Sheet on 31st December 2013. The auditor’s report is included in the annex 1.

The Vice-President for Finances compared the 2013 with the 2012 figures.

The first ten months of the year 2013 were still under the responsibility of the previous EB and as the affiliation was not signed with ITTF, there was no income on the development field for that period.

ETTU will reduce the travel costs of its EB and staff by using the cheapest travel means. The ETTU EB decided after having been legally consulted to accept the loss of income from the company Triumph and to no more therefore spending money for legal advice. ETTU had to pay a certain amount in 2013 to two national member associations, event organisers, money that was by contract owed from the year 2012.

The Vice-President for Finances promised that the EB will do its utmost for not having big deficits in the future.

The Vice-President for Finances pointed out that the deficit in 2014 will increase as the income of the 2011 EC of 25.000 euros has already been budgeted in a previous year. As ETTU has liquidity problems, Associations have been asked to pay their fees in time. ETTU tries together with TMS to receive bigger income on marketing activities.

The delegate from Germany asked why the travel expenses were doubled from 2012 to 2013. The question could not be answered as ten of the twelve months were under the trusteeship of the previous EB.

The President thanked all associations who already paid their membership fees for the year 2013.

h) Report of the Financial Experts and of the Financial Auditor

annex 2

i) Release (Discharge) to the Executive Board

The member Associations attending the Congress unanimously approved the Financial Statements of the year 2013 as presented and granted release to the Executive Board in general and to the Vice-President of Finances in particular (as to the financial management of the Union) for the work done by them since the Congress in 2013 in Schwechat (AUT).

j) Election for the Board of Justice vacancies

The nominees Andrew Nixon (ENG) and Sérgio Castanheira (POR) have been accepted by the Congress as new members of the ETTU Board of Justice.

k) Consideration of propositions

The consideration of the propositions is written in the Annex 3 and Annex 3b.

The ITTF President handed over the ITTF merit award for Mr. Viljar Kasemaa to the delegate of Estonia.

l). Annual Membership subscription

The Congress decided to maintain the annual membership fee at its present level, i.e. 350 EUR.

m) Budget of income and expenditure 2015

The Vice President for Finances presented the budget of income and expenditure for the year 2015 and explained the need of a further employee at the secretariat. The budget of income and expenditure for the year 2015 has been adopted by the Congress.

n) Decision upon the confirmation of suspension of Andorra

As the TTF of Andorra made a part payment of the invoice like requested by ETTU, there was no need to discuss upon a possible suspension of the Federation. The President withdrew the item.

o) Appointment of Honorary Members

The EB wanted to nominate Mr. Stefano Bosi and Mr. Eberhard Schöler for the ETTU Honorary membership for their outstanding services towards ETTU. Mr. Bosi had refused his nomination of Honorary membership. The EB proposed Mr. Eberhard Schöler as Honorary member of ETTU. The congress accepted by applause. As Mr. Schöler could not be present, he will receive the award on a future occasion.

p) Presentation of Badges of Honour

The EB awarded nine persons with a badge of Honour.

The badges of Honour were presented to:

Mr. Aksel BECKMANN (DEN)
Mr. Igor HELLER (NED)
Mrs. Eva JELER (GER)
Dr. Zdenko KRIZ (SVK)
Mr. Vladimir SAMSONOV (BLR)
Mr. Francesco SCIANNIMANICO (ITA)
Mr. Rudolf SPORRER (AUT)
Dr. Christoph THEIS (GER)
Dr. Michael THEIS (GER)

q) Baku 2015 European Games

The Secretary General informed that the President, the Competition manager and himself will make a first visit in October to Baku on the occasion of the first European Games.

The delegate of Greece, Mr. Kolibadis informed that he visited Baku as the “chef de mission” from Greece and confirmed that the conditions in Baku were in a top level and congratulated the organisers.

A presentation of the 2015 European Championships was made by the Russian Table Tennis Federation.

RTTF guaranteed visa entry for the Federation of Kosovo.

The event will be held on the 25th September till 4th October 2015.

r) Any other business

Mr. Moura apologised to Cyprus for the wrong flag.

The delegate from Luxembourg informed about the Chinese Table Tennis College in Luxembourg.

The President congratulated the congress delegates, thanked the EB members, the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General and closed the meeting.
