

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



Minutes of the

ETTU ORDINARY CONGRESS 2016

Wednesday, 19th October 2016 start 09:30 a.m.

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Minutes of the ETTU Ordinary Congress organised during the European Championships in Budapest (Hungary) on the 19th October 2016.

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 member)

Richard Scruton (Secretary General)
Pierre Kass (Deputy Secretary General)

Arne Madsen (ETTU Club Competition Official), Milica Nikolic (ETTU Media Official), Igor Heller (ETTU RC), Oivind Eriksen (ETTU TC), Zdenko Kriz (ETTU VC), Gerhard Schnabel (ETTU URC), Sandra Deaton (ETTU YC), Zita Pidl (ETTU Project Coordinator)

Thomas Weikert (ITTF President)
Petra Sörling (ITTF Vice-President Finances)

48 member Associations
5 Proxies

a) President's opening remarks

The President welcomed all delegates, Executive Board members, officials, staff and guests. He specially welcomed ITTF President Thomas WEIKERT and ITTF Vice-President Finances Petra SÖRLING. He thanked Roman MARKOV for all his support given during difficult sport times in Russia.

The President informed that the Executive Board allocated the 2018 European Youth Championships to Romania, event to be held in the city Cluj-Napoca.

The President congratulated Hungary for the European Championships organisation.

Mr. Kramer stated that ETTU is most proud on its field of development lead by the Deputy-President and supported by the professional Development Manager. He thanked the Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General and the whole ETTU staff but also the national Associations for all the support given.

The ITTF President welcomed the delegates and congratulated Hungary for the well organised Championships. He spoke about an intensive year with ITTF restructuring its events by their event group and that ITTF finished its co-operation with TMS. He described the new project TTX.

b) Roll call

Delegates of the following member Associations (53) attended the Congress: Albania, Armenia (proxy to Russia), Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, Estonia, Faroe Islands, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Greenland (proxy to Denmark), Guernsey, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Isle of Man, Israel, Italy, Jersey (proxy to England), Kosovo, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia (proxy to Kosovo), Moldova, Monaco (proxy to France), Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, San Marino, Scotland, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine and Wales. The Associations of Andorra, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Georgia and Malta were absent.

c) Approval of the agenda

Item k) will be treated after item n).
The Congress Agenda was approved unanimously.

d) Appointment of scrutineers

Mr Andreas Georgiou (CYP), Mr. Emmanuel Kolibadis (GRE) and Mr. Georg Silberschmidt (SUI) were appointed by the Congress to act as scrutineers.

e) Adoption of late entered propositions

The Congress accepted the late entered propositions from the ETTU Executive Board.

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

All reports presented to the Congress were unanimously accepted.

g) Consideration of the Financial Statement 2015

The Vice-President for Finances presented the audited Financial Statements for the year 2015 as well as the Balance Sheet on 31st December 2015. The auditor's report is included in the annex 1.

A summary of the Financial Statements 2015, as presented at the Congress by the Vice-President for Finances, is annexed (annex 2) to these minutes.

The Congress approved the financial accounts for the year 2015 by acclamation. The delegate from Slovenia congratulated for achieving a good financial result.

h) Consideration of the reports from the Financial Experts and from the Auditor

ETTU's Financial Expert did not present a report.

The Auditor's report is included in the annex 1.

The delegate from Germany asked whether ETTU should not follow the Auditor's opinion on how to book the income from the 2015 European Games. The Vice-President for Finances explained the reason why ETTU split this income over a period of 4 years. ETTU will take it for further consideration.

i) Release (Discharge) to the Executive Board

The member Associations attending the Congress unanimously approved the Financial Statements of the year 2015 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 2015 in Ekaterinburg (RUS).

j) Elections for the Executive Board

The delegate from Austria proposed, according to ETTU’s tradition, to vote for the positions with 1 candidate only (President, Deputy-President and Vice-President for Finances) by acclamation. The Congress accepted this procedure.

Elected ETTU Officials:

President	KRAMER Ronald (NED)	by acclamation
Deputy-President:	MUNIVRANA Ivo-Goran (CRO)	by acclamation
Vice-President Finances:	DARFELT Dorte (DEN)	by acclamation

Vice-Presidents:

	AHLERT Heike (GER)	43 votes
	GREFBERG Sonja (FIN)	39 votes
	ENDAL Nikolas (CZE)	37 votes
	MOURA Pedro (POR)	36 votes
	ROMANESCU Cristinel (ROU)	36 votes
not elected	LEVITIN Igor (RUS)	32 votes
not elected	CAKIR Veli Ozan (TUR)	22 votes
not elected	NATRAN Roland (HUN)	20 votes

(53 votes / 53 valid)

k) Appointment of Financial Experts and Auditor

As the Congress adopted proposition 2, there was no election on the position for Financial Expert.

The Auditor company Interaudit was appointed by the Congress for a further term.

l) Elections for the Board of Justice and for the Board of Appeal

Due to insufficient nominations being received, the President asked the Congress to accept the 4 candidates for the Board of Justice and the 4 candidates for the Board of Appeal and to give the authority to the Executive Board to take the necessary steps to increase each Board to 5 members each. The Congress unanimously accepted.

Board of Justice:	CASTANHEIRA Sergio (POR)	by acclamation
	COURY Nicole (FRA)	by acclamation
	FORSTHUBER Gottfried (AUT)	by acclamation
	NIXON Andrew (ENG)	by acclamation

Board of Appeal:	DIELS Olaf (NED)	by acclamation
	KOLIBADIS Emmanuel (GRE)	by acclamation
	MICHELIS Christian (MON)	by acclamation
	ZINGG-LÜSSI Franziska (SUI)	by acclamation

m) Elections for the ITTF Board of Directors European representatives

Elected (8) ITTF BoD European members:

MUNIVRANA Ivo-Goran (CRO)	ETTU Deputy President
DEATON Sandra (ENG)	44 votes
AHLERT Heike (GER)	41 votes
PERSSON Jörgen (SWE)	40 votes
GREFBERG Sonja (FIN)	34 votes
KRIŽ Zdenko (SVK)	33 votes
DARFELT Dorte (DEN)	25 votes
ROMANESCU Cristinel (ROU)	25 votes

not elected:

ERIKSEN Øivind (NOR)	22 votes
MACHADO SOBRADOS Miguel Angel (ESP)	20 votes
NATRAN Roland (HUN)	20 votes
PALIERNE Christian (FRA)	20 votes
SPACEK Zbynek (CZE)	18 votes
ÇITAKU Nehat (KOS)	15 votes
SCIANNIMANICO Francesco (ITA)	7 votes

(53 votes / 52 valid)

n) Consideration of propositions

Proposition 1: A.1.2. SEAT AND HEADQUARTERS

Proposition 1 was unanimously adopted.

Proposition 2: A.6.1.5 and B.6.1 AUDIT COMMISSION

Proposition 2 was unanimously adopted.

Proposition 3: EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Proposition 3 including the amendment / alteration of the text on D.4.1 *The championships shall be held every year **preferably** from the 2nd Friday until the 3rd Sunday in July over a period of 10 days* was adopted by majority: 52 votes in favour, 1 vote against

Proposition 4: EUROPEAN VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Proposition 4 was unanimously adopted.

Proposition 5: EUROPE TOP-16 CUP

Proposition 5 was unanimously adopted.

Proposition 6: EUROPE YOUTH TOP 10

Proposition 6 was unanimously adopted.

The propositions are attached (Annex 3).

Mrs. Ahlert explained the U21 Championships regulation about players' eligibility. She pointed out that players being in 2016 not older than 20 years are eligible to participate in the 2017 U21 Championships provided their ranking position is high enough.

o) Annual membership subscription

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

p) Budget of income and expenditure 2017

The Vice-President for Finances presented the budget of income and expenditure for the year 2017.

The budget of income and expenditure for the year 2017 has been adopted by the Congress.

q) Decision upon the lifting of the suspension and exclusion of Gibraltar TTA

The President asked the Congress to accept the lifting of the suspension and exclusion of Gibraltar TTA as they have paid their arrears to ETTU.

The Congress agreed.

r) Appointment of Honorary Members

The President proposed to the Congress to accept Mr. Stefano Bosi (ITA), Mr. Camille Gonderinger (LUX) and Dr. Jean-François Kahn (FRA) as ETTU Honorary Members.

The candidates were accepted by the Congress with a vast majority of votes and will receive their awards during the 2017 ETTU Ordinary Congress in Luxembourg.

s) Presentation of Badges of Honour

The EB awarded fourteen persons with a Badge of Honour:

Louise ADAM (FRA), Vladimir BELOGLAZOV (RUS), Øivind ERIKSEN (NOR), Svetlana FEDEROVA (RUS), Viljar KASEMAA (EST), Emmanuel KOLIBADIS (GRE), Istvan KORPA (GER), LI Jiao (NED), Arne MADSEN (DEN), NI Xialian (LUX), Cristinel ROMANESCU (ROU), Karlheinz SCHREINER (GER), Branko SBUTEGA (SRB) and Milorad TRPKOVSKI (SRB)

t) 2017 European Championships update

The delegate from Luxembourg held a presentation on the 2017 European Team Championships.

u) Miscellaneous

The delegate from Germany congratulated Luxembourg for the nice concept but pointed out that the costs for hospitality are increased year by year and asked the EB to set a limit amount.

Mr. Kramer replied that the EB already had this on its meeting agenda but pointed out that some parts of Europe are more expensive than others and ETTU wants that all national Associations have the possibility to organise ETTU events. He promised that the EB will discuss it during its first meeting in December and come back to it.

The delegate from France questioned the youth players' eligibility from the EYC in Zagreb and if ETTU had any reflections on it.

Mr. Kramer replied that the EB dealt with it immediately in Zagreb and will further look into that matter and come back to it.

The President informed that there was for the present European Championships TV coverage to 138 countries around the world including 4 days on Eurosport.

In closing, the President thanked everyone for their attendance, input and discussions and wished everyone a good Championship and a lot of success.
