

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING,
Budapest (HUN)
Tuesday 18th October 2016, 0930-1700
Saturday 22nd October 2016, 1000-1200
Sunday 23rd October 2016, 0930-1100**

Present:

Ronald Kramer (NED), (President), *present meeting 1,2 and 3*
Ivo-Goran Munivrana (CRO), (Deputy President) *present meeting 1,2 and 3*
Dorte Darfelt (DEN), (Vice-President for Finances) *present meeting 1,2 and 3*
Heike Ahlert (GER), (Vice-President) *present meeting 1,2 and 3*
Veli Ozan Cakir (TUR), (Vice-President) *present meeting 1*
Nikolas Endal (CZE), (Vice-President) *present meeting 1,2 and 3*
Sonja Grefberg (FIN), (Vice-President) *present meeting 1,2 and 3*
Roman Markov (RUS), (Vice-President) *present meeting 1*
Pedro Moura (POR), (Vice-President) *present meeting 2 and 3*
Cristinel Romanescu (ROU), (Vice-President) *present meeting 2 and 3*
Petr Korbel (CZE), (co-opted EB member) *present meeting 1*
Richard Scruton (Secretary General) *present meeting 1,2 and 3*
Pierre Kass (Deputy Secretary General) *present meeting 1,2 and 3*
Sandra Deaton (Youth Committee) *present meeting 1 item 13 - presentations*

Welcome of the President

The President welcomed the Executive Board members and specially welcomed Roman Markov being at his last EB meeting as ETTU Vice President.
Mr. Markov thanked for the long time co-operation.

President's Opening Remarks

The President informed that a short EB meeting will be held after the Congress to decide on the Chairs of the Committees. 5 nominations were received and 1 proposal for the Umpires and Referees Committee Chair, Mrs. Isabelle Beumier (BEL).

1. Adoption of the agenda:

The agenda was adopted.

2. Minutes of the meetings in Zagreb (9.7.2016.):

The minutes of the meetings in Zagreb were adopted.

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

- *Visit to Bulgaria Open, Panagyurishte BUL (RK, RCS)*

The President reported about a nice visit and the competent people involved. Bulgaria with Panagyurishte could be a future organiser of an ETTU event but as their venue is limited to 12 tables, one of ETTU's "smaller events" would be adequate.

- *Visit to Euro Mini Championships, Schiltigheim FRA (IGM)*

The Deputy President reported about the Euro Mini Championships which took place in Schiltigheim (FRA). High temperature made it difficult in the hall but no complaints were received and all participants were satisfied. ETTU will continue to support this event. The

Deputy President met the FTTT delegation to discuss about the ETTU Development program.

- *Visit to Asia Europe All Stars Challenge, Dongguan CHN (RK, PK)*

The President reported about the well organised Asia Europe All Stars Challenge in Dongguan (CHN) and that ETTU organised and prepared its team for a first time without hiring a competition manager. The Deputy Secretary General was in charge to act as Europe's Team Leader.

The only negative point was Europe's team clothes. Butterfly provided Team Europe with clothing but the players which were having a different equipment sponsor wished not to show the Butterfly display but their own sponsor's.

- *Visit to Belarus Open, Minsk BLR (RCS)*

The Secretary General informed that Mr. Petkevitch invited the President and Secretary General but as it clashed with the Asia Europe event, only the Secretary General attended and visited all facilities which are of high standard. The Secretary General met with Belarus sports minister. Belarus being interested in 2018 Top 16 Cup but also ETTC and EYC 2020 and U21 Championships.

- *Inspection visit to Antibes FRA (RK)*

The President together with Didier Leroy made an inspection visit for the 2017 Europe Top 16 Cup in Antibes and informed the hall looking ok. The President and Mr. Leroy met with the Deputy Mayor and their main concern is the security. As Antibes is a touristic area, they are able to manage accommodation etc.

- *FLTT EC 2017 Organising Committee meeting (HA, RCS)*

Mrs. Ahlert informed about the meeting with FLTT which took place on the 29th September. Several topics were discussed and FLTT wanted to install a special committee (organisation) for the Championships whereof Mrs. Ahlert and Mr. Scruton will be observers. A kick-off meeting will be held on the 25th October in Luxembourg. High hospitality costs were discussed and FLTT is trying to find a 3 star hotel. ETTU is trying to make a deal with Enlio re flooring. ETTU receives 800 sqm floor from Enlio free of charge. Event cancellation insurance was discussed.

A date needs to be fixed for an inspection visit.

- *Visit to Men's World Cup, Saarbrücken GER (RK)*

The President reported about a meeting with T2, the Asia Pacific League which was the main reason for the visit.

- *Meeting with Adham Sharara/TMS, Saarbrücken GER (RK, RCS)*

The President together with the Secretary General and the ITTF Chairman had a meeting. The President spoke about the need of a professional marketing manager in the office.

4. International Table Tennis Federation:

- 2017-2020 ITTF agreement

The development agreement was signed in Rio. ETTU will add money for developing national Associations.

- Promotions and Planning (World Championships) working group

The working group had a meeting but there was no news since.

Jean-Michel Saive informed in Rio that he will run for ITTF Presidency but will take a final decision in January 2017.

5. Annual Ordinary Congress (Wednesday 19.10.2016., Budapest, HUN):

- Agenda

The Agenda was discussed.

- Scrutineers

3 scrutineers must be appointed by the Congress.

- Reports

All reports were received except of the financial expert.

- Elections

The election procedure was discussed.

- Propositions

The EB went through the propositions.

- Honorary Membership

- Badge of Honour

6. Financial Matters:

- Financial Statement 2015

The EB discussed the 2015 finances.

- Report of the Auditor

The report of the Auditor has been received and sent to the member Associations.

- Member Association Invoices 2015 - outstanding payments

2 Associations having open accounts from 2015.

- Budget 2016 September update

The Vice President for Finances informed that there might be a break even result for 2016.

- Budget 2017

The Vice President for Finances informed that the 2017 budget (more or less break even result) has been sent to the member Associations. Mrs Darfelt pointed out that the result is difficult to foresee.

7. Development:

- Eurotalents

ETTU had 2 preselection camps, 1 in Kiskunfélegyháza (HUN) and 1 in Stockerau (AUT). The camp in Hungary had more applicants (40) than the camp in Austria (17) due prize difference. In 2017, Hungary will have again a camp. The Deputy President gave its compliments to Mr. Ferenc Karsai and Mr. Neven Cegnar. The second camp next year might be held in Luxembourg as the facilities are good and coaches are present. The Development Manager visited The Eurominichamps in Schiltigheim (FRA) and did a survey. The final selection camp was held in Otocec (SLO) under perfect conditions. Mr. Cegnar and Mr. Korpa selected only 7 new candidates for the Eurotalents in order to leave some places open for those who did not attend the camps.

The players who started the program in 2014 will leave beginning of 2017. Those being very strong will continue in the new program.

ETTU is planning to have 5 camps in 2017.

Mr. Romanescu asked to have only 2-3 camps and to inform about the dates of these camps 1 year in advance due school obligations and attendance in training camps of the national Association.

Mr. Munivrana replied that the dates are almost fixed and that ETTU cannot be much faster with the calendar as 15th September was deadline for applications but due low number of applications received, ETTU had to prolong till 15th December.

Players do not need to participate in all camps. The 2017 dates must be available on the calendar asap.

Mr. Munivrana spoke about very talented players aged 9. ETTU wants to invite them to the camps.

- 18 and under

The development budget planning was discussed.

The Deputy President proposed to cut the free hospitality for coaches at development camps due limited budget and to only invite them if they have players entered who are participating at ETTU camps in their first year. Later on they can attend but have to cover their costs by themselves.

In January 2017, a new category, the development of players aged 15-18 years will start. The under 18 group left with 4 players to Japan for a training camp.

The World Cadet Challenge is played at the same time which is the reason why the other 8 did not participate.

The group is fully financially supported by ETTU.

2-3 activities are intentioned to be held in Asia.

- Coach Education

The Deputy President reported that the coach education seminar in Prague was the best he ever attended. 70 coaches in attendance whereof 20 came from different sports. Glenn Tepper (ITTF) instructed ETTU to organise a high performance education, therefore the Deputy President will need to visit the WJC.

- Coach Network, Development Coordinators

Only 11 associations informed and nominated development coordinators. The President said that at the next extraordinary congress he will mention that ETTU wants this to be going on.

- Member Association 2017 support

11 applications were received. Applications from Ireland, Scotland, Lithuania and Norway were already accepted.

- World Cadet Challenge (Shanghai, CHN)

Nil

- University Degree Study Program in Sports Coaching

The Deputy President informed that the University Degree Study Program in Sports Coaching is going well and will start within a week. 25 applications were received.

8. Appointment of Committees, Officials and Expert Panels:

- Committee Chairs, Deputy Chairs and members

The EB appointed the Committee Chairs, Deputy Chairs and members.

- Club Competitions Official

The EB appointed Mr. Arne Madsen as ETTU Club Competition Official.

- Medical Official

The EB did not yet confirm the appointment of the ETTU Medical Official.

- Expert Panels

The expert panels are reported to the EB meeting in December.

9. Marketing: written report

The Secretary General informed that 1 application was received from the company STAG to become title sponsor and equipment supplier for EYC and U21 ETTC for a period of 4 years. The EB accepted the application.

The ITTF Europe marketing course has been discussed. 38 participants from 25 Associations will attend.

10. Hall of Fame

The Secretary General informed about the Hall of Fame function in Budapest. ETTU will be inducting 9 new persons by the HoF Chairman Radivoj Hudetz.

11. Report of Secretary General: written report

The next EB meeting will take place in Luxembourg on the 16th and 17th December and the hotel at Luxembourg central station is already booked.

The Suppliers Pool meeting, top players meeting and staff dinner attendance was discussed. The ECTQ promotion and rights were discussed.

12. Club Competitions:

The annual meeting with tsmg shall be held in the beginning of 2017. The Vice President for Finances will check if she can attend.

13. Events:

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

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

- 2017 European Under 21 Championships – Sochi, RUS

The Competition Manager and Secretary General spent 3 days in Sochi for an inspection visit.

125 euros participation fee per person will be asked in case delegations do not want to use the official accommodation.

The President will be present for the opening and then need to leave to be at the Top 16 Cup in Antibes. The Deputy President, Secretary General, Competition Manager, Press Officer, Youth Committee Chair and the Ranking Committee Chair will attend the event. Principally the ITTF eligibility rules count and as not specially regulated in the general regulations, the ITTF eligibility rules will count.

- 2017 European Top 16 Cup – Antibes, FRA

Dealt under item 3.

- 2017 European Veterans Championships – Helsingborg, SWE

- 2017 European Youth Championships – Gondomar, POR

The Competition Manager and Secretary General will visit Gondomar by the end of November.

Mr. Moura reported about the venue and that POR TTA is already working on a plan B i.e. to move the event to a venue nearby.

Gondomar will be the European city of sport in 2017.

- 2017 European Championships – Luxembourg, LUX

Dealt under item 3.

ETTU's 60th anniversary celebration in Luxembourg during the 2017 ETTC was discussed. The Vice President for Finances informed ETTU had budgeted 25.000 euros for both the anniversary and the Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame celebration will be part of the anniversary.

The Secretary General mentioned the floor problem for the ETTC. ETTU/FLTT needs to find some more 2.000 sqm floor.

- 2017 Europe Youth Top 10 – Worcester, ENG

- 2017 European Women's Super Cup/Team Top 6 – Berlin, GER

The President reported about the meeting with Joola and the club of Berlin eastside.

The event is planned to be held during the 3rd week in August.

- 2017 Asia Europe All Stars Challenge

- 2018 ETTU Calendar

The Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General will work on the 2018 ETTU Calendar in November.

- 2018 European Youth Championships – presentations by the Czech Association (CAST) and the Romania Federation (FRTM)

A presentation was held by Mr. Zbynek Spacek and Mr. Nikolas Endal (CTTA).

A presentation was held by Mr. Cristinel Romanescu, Mrs. Beatrice Romanescu, Mrs. Anne Dragomir (FRTT) and Dr. Emil Boc (Mayor of the city Cluj-Napoca).

The EB awarded the event to Romania.

- 2018 Europe Youth Top 10 – presentation by the Norway Association (NBTF)

A presentation was held by Mr. Sverren-Erik Nordby (NOR TTA).

The EB allocated the event to Norway by acclamation.

- 2018 European Under 21 Championships

2 applications were received, England and Belarus to do it either in 2018 or 2019.

- 2018 Europe Top 16 Cup

Switzerland is interested to organise the event in Lausanne and are ok with providing the players' prize money.

- 2018 European Championships

The Secretary General reported about his visit to Lausanne for a meeting with the Spanish TTF President Mr. Miguel Angel Machado, one of his staff members Mr. Daniel Valero Tuinenburg (tournament director) and Jordi Serra (consultant) to see if Spain can organise the 2018 European Championships. They thought to be able to do it in Alicante but in combination with a Veterans Team Championships in order to balance their books. Their preferred date is the 10th to the 16th September 2018.

- 2018 European Youth Olympic Qualification

ETTU needs to organise a Youth Olympic Qualification for Europe between April and December 2017.

- Bids for 2019 events

The Top 16 Cup bid is still open.

For the EVC, ETTU received 2 applications from Croatia and Czech Republic.

For the ETTC, ETTU received an application from France

For the EYC, ETTU received an application from Czech Republic. The bid is still open.

The Youth Top 10 bid is still open. Germany is interested.

U21 ETTC, Belarus is interested.

Bulgaria and Greece are interested to organise an event.

14. Athletes Commission:

Nil

15. Para Table Tennis:

Mrs. Darfelt informed about good results from European players but China is dominating.

Mrs. Grefberg asked if Para players are also eligible to receive awards from ETTU. This item will be added to the EB meeting agenda in December.

16. 60th Anniversary (2017):

Dealt under item 13.

17. Sportradar (tsmg) presentation:

Sportradar held a presentation informing about their company and presented ideas of an extended partnership with ETTU which contains a Result and Data management system.

18. Any other business:

Mrs. Grefberg asked about the Vice President's responsibilities. The President asked the two new EB members Mr. Moura and Mr. Romanescu to receive a short list stating in what they are good at and which kind of responsibilities they wish to take over.

19. Closure:

The President thanked the attendees and closed the meeting.
