

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, LISBON (POR) 24+27.09.2014

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 member) present day 2
Richard Scruton (Secretary General)
Pierre Kass (Deputy Secretary General)

Welcome of the President

The President welcomed all members of the board and thanked organisers for their hospitality and good job provided so far.

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda has been agreed.

2. Minutes of the meeting in Riva del Garda (19.7.2014.)

The minutes of the meeting in Riva del Garda have been agreed.

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

- Visit to Commonwealth Games, Glasgow (RS)

Mr. Scruton visited the Commonwealth Games for one day and met the competition manager Sheila Mercer and the FOP manager Sonja Grefberg.

- Visit to Youth Olympic Games, Nanjing (IGM)

Mr. Munivrana visited the Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing on behalf of the Croatian Olympic Committee. He met Glenn Tepper and Polona Cehovin Susin and had a meeting with Adham Sharara to discuss development.

- Meeting with Thomas Weikert and Eberhard Schöler, Düsseldorf (RK)

The President had a meeting with Thomas Weikert and Eberhard Schöler regarding ETTU Honorary Membership and will report about it under item 4.

- Visit to Schiltigheim, EuroMini Champs (RS)

Mr. Scruton was the ETTU representative at the 10th edition of the EuroMini Champs in Schiltigheim and spent time to discuss Eurotalents with Mr. Cegnar. He thanked the local organisers and the FFTT.

- Dinner with FLTT President and Vice Presidents (RK)

Mr. Kramer informed that beginning of September, he met with the FLTT President and Vice Presidents in Luxembourg. He spoke about the important role that Luxembourg is playing in European Table Tennis and wished to celebrate ETTU's 60th anniversary in 2017 with a Top 16 event.

- Meeting with sportsman media group, Luxembourg (RK)

Mr. Kramer reported about the meeting with sportsman media group in Luxembourg. He was asked to sign an intentional letter (agreement website) but is still waiting for the new text. Ozan Cakir, Nikolas Endal, Richard Scruton and Pierre Kass will be dealing with website matters.

- Visit to DT Rued, Women's ETTU Cup (RS)

Mr. Scruton visited the first round of women's ETTU Cup group matches in Rued, Luxembourg.

- Visit to ITTF World Para TT Championships, Beijing (RK)

In his capacity of President of the Netherlands TTA Mr. Kramer had been two weeks prior to this meeting in Beijing to visit the ITTF World Para TT Championships. They have a special sports centre for disabled players only.

- Any other relevant meetings

Mrs. Darfelt came to Luxembourg for working on ETTU finances and visited the Eurotalents camp.

The EVTC in Almería was discussed. It was unfortunately not a financially successful event due to the low entry.

4. Annual Ordinary Congress (Friday 26.9.2014., 0900, Lisbon, POR):

- Agenda

Mr. Weikert had to withdraw from the ETTU BoA and therefore ETTU has a vacancy. All member associations will have time after the congress to nominate a candidate.

- Propositions

The propositions were discussed.
The eligibility for young players was discussed.

- Late entered Proposition

Belarus proposed to cancel the team match for the third place at EYC.

- Appointment of Honorary Members

The appointment of Honorary Members was discussed and noted.

- Elections for the Board of Justice, Board of Appeal

Item already treated

5. Financial matters:

- Accounts 2013

The Vice President for Finances presented the 2013 accounts.

- Outstanding payments

The Vice President for Finances informed about the outstanding payments.

- Budget 2014

The Vice President for Finances informed about the 2014 budget.
Mr. Munivrana can continue with the organisation of the ETTU development expenditure.

- TIBHAR development sponsor

The contract with Tibhar has to be amended. The income will be invested in the development section.

- Budget 2015

The Vice President for Finances presented the 2015 budget.

- Reimbursements for EB members

In view of the financial situation of ETTU Tthe daily allowance for EB members has beenwill be reduced to 60 euros per day and to 30 euros for the arrival and departure day with a maximum of 300 euros per event. Effective date: 1st January 2015.

6. Development:

- Eurotalents

Mr. Munivrana informed that the Eurotalents project is running well.
There have been two preselection camps, one in Hungary and one in Luxembourg. Saarbrücken will have the final selection camp.
Mario Amisic, Richard Prause and Neven Cegnar came to the EYC in Riva del Garda where they proposed 55 players for Saarbrücken.

7. Marketing:

nil

8. Appointment of Committees, Officials and Expert Panels:

- Committee Chairpersons

The EB decided on the Committee Chairpersons.

- Committee Deputy Chairpersons

The EB decided on the Committee Deputy Chairpersons.

- Committee members (maximum 11 per committee)

The EB will propose a change on reducing the total number of Committee members.

- Club Cup Competitions Official

Arne Madsen has been confirmed by the EB as ETTU Club Cup Competitions Official.

- Medical Official

Mrs. Nevin Atalay Güzel (TUR) has been appointed as ETTU Medical Official.

- Expert Panels (Working Groups)

ETTU currently has a women's working group with Beatrice Romanescu (ROU) as Chair. Proposed are: Sara Sutcliffe as Deputy Chair, Isabelle Beumier, Martin Sörös, Francesco Sciannimanico, Mathilda Eckholm and Eva Jeler as members.

9. Report of Secretary General:

- Staff

Mr. Scruton met Milica Nikolic and Ana Antic and wants to provide them with new service agreements till 2016.

- Dates of future EB meetings – 19.11.-20.11.2014.

The EB agreed to hold the next meeting in the Netherlands on the 10-11 December 2014.

The ETTU event group will meet after the EB meeting.

- *World Cadet Challenge*

The EB received an email with questions about the future format. Mr. Scruton asked the EB for a feedback within the next weeks.

- *Women in Table Tennis meeting*

The women meeting will be held on the 25th September in the Auditorio at MEO Arena in Lisbon.

- *Suppliers Pool meeting*

A meeting with the Suppliers Pool members will take place on the 27th September at 1430 at Hotel Tivoli in Lisbon.

- *Calendar 2015, 2016*

The ETTU calendar for 2015 has been agreed and the 2016 edition will be established.

- *Review of constitution and regulations*

A small expert group on eligibility matters has been nominated at the Tokyo congress. There are requests for having additional persons joining that group.

- *Directory, INFO 2014/4*

A new directory will be available in October.

- *Badges of Honour*

The EB agreed prior to the meeting on the persons who will receive an ETTU Badge of Honour.

10. Events:

- *2014 EYC – Riva del Garda ITA*

The 2014 EYC in Riva del Garda has been perfectly organised.

- *2014 EVTC – Almería ESP*

The 2014 EVTC in Almería was a test event. A report from the Veterans Committee was received. The EB decided not to continue with this event. Mr. Kramer thanked the organisers and the Veterans Committee for their efforts.

- *2014 ETC – Lisbon POR*

The dining room is too small and there's not sufficient variety in food. Press people have no good internet connection and place. The results on the electronic score boards are not well visible. There was not enough space to hang the flags in the right direction and the Cyprus flag was wrong. There's no

promotion done outside the playing hall in Lisbon. A big screen inside the playing hall is missing. The “app” is not working correct. Mr. Korbel received complaints about the floor, some players became injured and it is slippery. Mr. Munivrana wanted to ask the Technical Committee to make a report on the floor.

The tables’ placement was discussed as there should be a better focus on the centre courts without having too many matches at the same time played in the hall. It will be difficult to achieve it as the congress in Tokyo wanted to have the whole TT family at EC which makes the look of the hall more difficult.

The EB noted that the EC in Lisbon is nevertheless well organised for the short preparation time FPTM had.

The hall is good, hotel too and the distance between hotel and hall is in walking distance, which satisfies all persons involved.

- 2014 Europe Youth Top 10 – Tours FRA

The EB was informed that some players had been replaced.

- 2014 Asia-Europe All Stars Series – Zhangjiagang CHN

The players’ prize money is not high enough for the strongest European players which results that they will not accept to participate in the event. The clothing will be produced by Butterfly and they will add the players’ sponsors.

- 2015 Europe Top 16 (World Cup Qualification) – Baku, AZE, 6.2.-8.2.2015., contract, format and regulations

The regulations of the 2015 Europe Top 16 have been agreed.

ETTU has to make an agreement with Baku BEGOC and ASTF.

The December European ranking list will be used to define the participating players.

- 2015 European Games – Baku AZE, 13.6.-19.6.2015., meeting with BEGOC w/c 20.10., qualification, competition schedule, team match format

The bronze medal (third place match) and the team match format were discussed.

The EB wished to follow the Olympic rules and therefore voted in favour of playing a match defining the third place.

The EB agreed to have the Olympic system for the team match format.

ETTU has to inform Baku on the ITOs (International Technical Officials) until 21st November. The EB proposed Oivind Eriksen as Chair Jury, Rudolf Sporrer and Claude Bergeret Jury members.

- 2015 European Veterans Championships – Tampere, FIN, 29.6.-4.7.2015.

The contract will be signed after the present EB meeting.

- 2015 European Youth Championships – Bratislava, SVK, 10.7.-19.7.2015.

Nothing to report.

- 2015 Europe Youth Top 10 – bid from ROU (Buzau), 18.9.-20.9.2015.

Romania intended to organise the 2015 Europe Youth Top 10 but is not yet decided if they will go ahead.

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

The presentation done by RTTF was very professional. Mr. Kramer will travel to Russia in November.

- 2015 Asia-Europe All Stars Series – hosting in Europe

Item dealt before.

- 2016 European Championships – Budapest, HUN

The 2016 European Championships in Budapest was discussed.

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

Mr. Munivrana informed the board that Croatia wants to organise the 2016 European Youth Championships but they cannot give a guarantee until November. The problem is the availability of the venue.

- 2016 European Olympic Singles Qualification, 6.4.-10.4.2016., bid from TUR (Istanbul)

ETTU must work closely with ITTF and inform them that it has a candidate.

ETTU has a bid but the procedure must be settled.

Mr. Scruton asked ITTF for their comments.

- 2016 other bids

Denmark showed their intention to organise the Top 16 event in 2016.

- 2017

ETTU asked Luxembourg for organising the Top 16 or a European Championships plus celebrating the 60 years anniversary of ETTU.

Several associations showed an interest for organising the EYC in 2017.

- Other events

Nil

11. Athletes Commission:

The Athletes Commission meeting will be held on the 28th September in Lisbon.

12. Paralympic Table Tennis:

The Para TT World Championships took place two weeks ago in Beijing, China. Mr. Seliniotakis and Ms. Barsai will come up with a plan for Para TT Europe. The 2015 Para TT European Championships will be held in Denmark and under the authority of ITTF.

13. Any other business:

The EB discussed about the members for presenting the medals at the price ceremony of the EC in Lisbon.

Mr. Scruton informed that Mrs. Ahlert and the ETTU secretariat scheduled a meeting on the 9th October to prepare the events group meeting.

Mr. Cakir informed about the possibility of having an airline company sponsoring ETTU flight travels.

Mr. Markov informed that RTTF wants to organise an under 21 event.

Mr. Scruton wished the website situation to be moved forward with the help of Mr. Endal and Mr. Kass.

14. Closure
