

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING,
Luxembourg (LUX)
Friday 16th December 2016
Saturday 17th December 2016**

Present:

Ronald Kramer (NED), (President), *present meeting 1 and 2*
Ivo-Goran Munivrana (CRO), (Deputy President) *present meeting 1 and 2*
Dorte Darfelt (DEN), (Vice-President for Finances) *present meeting 2*
Heike Ahlert (GER), (Vice-President) *present meeting 1*
Nikolas Endal (CZE), (Vice-President) *present meeting 1 and 2*
Sonja Grefberg (FIN), (Vice-President) *present meeting 1 and 2*
Pedro Moura (POR), (Vice-President) *present meeting 1 and 2*
Cristinel Romanescu (ROU), (Vice-President) *present meeting 1 and 2*
Pierre Kass (Deputy Secretary General) *present meeting 1 and 2*

Excused:

Petr Korbel (CZE), (co-opted EB member)
Richard Scruton (Secretary General)

Welcome of the President

The President welcomed the EB members and specially welcomed the 2 new members in office.

The President gave his best wishes to the Secretary General and wished him good recovery.

1. Adoption of the agenda:

The agenda was agreed.

2. Minutes of the meeting in Budapest (18.10.2016., 22.10.2016., 23.10.2016.):

The minutes of the meetings in Budapest were adopted.

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

- *Visit to World Junior Championships, Cape Town (HA)*

Mrs. Ahlert reported about the World Junior Championships in Cape Town where she attended as Junior Commissioner. She informed about the well prepared event held at the Casino centre, the venue looked very nice and she congratulated Romania for the successful results. Mrs. Ahlert said that it is not the right way on how to go on with the Junior Commission meetings and prefers that the Development Manager is also taking part. The Commission proposed to lower the costs, Fiji is a very expensive destination for the WCC and a 5 stars hotel would not be needed for the cadet players. The majority of the group wished to keep the WCC.

The Commission discussed the WJC and proposes to have 16 teams only, 3 teams guaranteed for Asia and 3 for Europe, 3 per ranking but not more than 5 for Asia and

not more than 5 for Europe, except for the host. Further it had been decided to propose having only 80 single players which is better for the format and quality. A full time DM from ITTF, a person being responsible for the junior programme has been discussed.

Mrs. Ahlert pointed out there are too many World Junior Pro Tours.

The EB discussed about the number of junior events in Europe.

Too many ITTF events and young players have not enough time for training.

The Youth Committee and the Development Manager will be asked their opinion, then maybe a questionnaire will be issued for the NAs before the EB will propose to ITTF to reduce the number of Junior Pro Tour events.

- *Visit to ITTF World Tour Grand Finals, Doha (RK)*

The President reported about the well organised World Tour Grand Finals in Doha.

- *European Commission Seminar on Sport Diplomacy, Brussels (PK)*

The Deputy Secretary General cancelled his participation due the health situation of the Secretary General. The workload in ETTU was given priority to that seminar.

- *Correspondence received from FLTT/LUX*

The President informed the board about the letter received from FLTT about an umpire decision of a service at the women doubles quarter-final match in Budapest. No discussion arose as their request has been sent to ITTF.

- *Correspondence sent to Michael Maze*

No answer was received from Michael Maze. He will receive a reminder.

- *Security situation in Turkey*

The EB expressed its sadness following the recent terrorist attacks. It was decided that teams refusing to play a match in Turkey will lose the match by walk over except that the EB may decide to postpone or relocate a match in the event of a terrorist attack immediately before a match in that city.

4. ITTF:

- Promotions and Planning (World Championships) working group

The working group started to think about a new way of organising the WTTC.

Mr. Kramer proposed smaller World Championships and a proper qualification.

Discussions had stopped because of ITTF elections in June as the present Executive Committee shall not take these decisions short before the new elected Committee.

Final decisions will be taken after ITTF elections.

- Development and Continental Council

Mr. Kramer reported on the meeting. It had been noted that finding a host for the Continental Youth Olympic qualification in Europe had been difficult without financial support.

- Olympic and Paralympic Commission

Mr. Kramer pointed out the need to reduce the gap to China and spoke about the new project "made in China".

ITTF will have 2 ranking lists from the 1st January onwards. For seeding lists in 2017, the old system remains in use.

The YOGQ date has been set to the 3-5 November 2017. The Secretariat will inform ITTF.

- Junior Commission
Nil

- Elections 2017
The EB spoke about the ITTF Elections.

- 2017 WTTC Düsseldorf – ETTU Congress date
The ETTU Congress will be held on Tuesday 30th May
Dinner with ATTU on Wednesday 31st May. ETTU will ask Tony Yue to confirm.

5. Financial Matters:

- Accounts 2016
Mrs. Darfelt informed that the 2016 accounts might become a break even result.

- Baku 2015 European Games income
The EB discussed the 2015 European Games income split and decided to keep the income split over 4 years.

- Member Association Invoices 2016
The annual invoices were sent out on 25th November to the NAs and 31 payments are already received.

- Budget 2017
The 2017 budget has been approved at the 2016 Ordinary Congress.
The 60th anniversary costs were discussed. 25.000 € have been budgeted for it including HoF.

- Outstanding payments
The Vice-President for Finances reported about the outstanding payments.
The Bosnia Herzegovina TTF is still owing money to the 2016 EYC organiser.
ETTU will send them a reminder.

- Limit hospitality costs at ETTU events
Hospitality costs' limit at ETTU events was discussed. The EB decided not to impose a limit. NAs applying for an event shall inform with their application about their proposed hospitality costs.

6. Development:

- Programme 2017
The Deputy President informed that the programme is running according to the plans.
The last camp in Opatija finished 7 days ago. A draft programme for 2017 is available on the website.

- Eurotalents
Mr. Munivrana informed that the Eurotalents is going as planned. Venues for preselection camps will be in Kiskunfélegyháza (HUN) and the second camp in the western part of Europe.

- 18 and under
The co-operation with Japan TTA is very good. Mr. Munivrana expressed his gratitude to Mr. Maehara. Japan TTA intend to attend one of the ETTU camps before World Junior Championships in Riva del Garda (ITA).

- Coach Education

As the expenses are going up, it had been decided to cut the free hospitality for coaches at development camps 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.

- Coach Network, Development Coordinators

Only 12-13 NAs nominated Development Coordinators.

- Member Association 2017 support

11 member Associations applied for support. Mr. Munivrana held meetings with 10 of them and prolonged the deadline till 15th December.

- World Cadet Challenge (Shanghai, CHN)

Report received

- University Degree Study Program in Sports Coaching

The University Degree Study Program in Sports Coaching had 20 participants.

7. Executive Board evaluation:

- 2016-2020 priorities

The President spoke about the first priority in having a more interesting European Championships which could mean to go down to a real qualification. By winning going up, by losing going down.

The second priority is to have Europeans winning medals in World and Olympic Games.

There are many regional activities/events and there shall be a way to connect them to ETTU events.

- Vice Presidents' responsibilities

Events group:

Heike Ahlert (Chair)
Ivo-Goran Munivrana
Sonja Grefberg
Pedro Moura
Cristinel Romanescu
Ronald Kramer (observer)

Development:

Ivo-Goran Munivrana (Chair)
Cristinel Romanescu
Sonja Grefberg

Marketing group:

Cristinel Romanescu (Chair)
Nikolas Endal
Pedro Moura
Beatrice Romanescu

Club Competitions:

Nikolas Endal

Finances:
Dorte Darfelt

Staff:
Dorte Darfelt

Technical Committee:
Pedro Moura

Ranking Committee:
Sonja Grefberg

Umpires and Referees Committee:
Richard Scruton

Youth Committee:
Ivo-Goran Munivrana

Veterans Committee:
Nikolas Endal

Para TT Committee:
Dorte Darfelt

Athletes Commission:
Sonja Grefberg

- Expert Panels/Working Groups

It was decided to discontinue the women's working group and it was noted that board and committee members must take responsibility for caring about gender equality.

8. Board of Justice and Board of Appeal vacancies

Mr. Moura proposed a Portuguese member. After checking the regulations, it cannot be accepted as it would be the 2nd Portuguese member in a ETTU Juridical Board where only 1 is allowed.

Mrs. Ahlert will check if a German candidate is available.

The EB reappointed Prof. Dr. Nevin Aysel Güzel as ETTU Medical Official.

9. Report of Secretary General: written report

The EB gave its compliments to the Secretary General.

As there is no financial obligation from ETTU side to the EUSA memorandum of understanding, the EB accepted to sign it.

10. Club Competitions: written report

The Club Competitions has been discussed.

11. Events:

- 2016 European Championships – Budapest, HUN
Nil

- 2016-2017 European Championships Qualification
Mrs. Grefberg asked how the seeding will be done after the group stage.
10 group winners will be seeded 1-10 in the European Championships, these 10 will be seeded according to the ranking of their 3 best players.
11 NAs (14 out of 19 matches) did not use the live score system. A reminder will be added to the next ETTU info.

- 2017 European Under 21 Championships – Sochi, RUS
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, Competition Manager, Press Officer, Youth Committee Chair and the Ranking Committee Chair will attend the event.

- 2017 European Top 16 Cup – Antibes, FRA
The President will be present during the last day of the event.

- 2017 European Veterans Championships – Helsingborg, SWE
1800 entries received so far.

- 2017 European Youth Championships – Gondomar, POR
The EB had received the report from the competition manager Mr. Messinis.
Mr. Moura said as questions have been received about the size of the venue in Gondomar, they visited the facilities in Guimarães. Mr. Moura said that the accommodation costs will be the same as for the EYC in Croatia. POR TTF is planning to use either the floor from the company Naxus or Gerflor.
The change of location from Gondomar to Guimarães was accepted by EB.

- 2017 European Championships – Luxembourg, LUX
The President reported about the meeting held the day before. The floor remains a main issue and the 3rd day TV production asked for broadcasting.
The EB discussed the guarantee.

- 2017 Europe Youth Top 10 – Worcester, ENG
The CM needs to make an inspection visit.

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

- 2017 Asia Europe All Stars Challenge
Nil

- 2018 Youth Olympic Games European Qualification
The EB confirmed to held the event 3-5 November in Split (CRO).

- 2018 ETTU Calendar
Nil

- 2018 European Youth Championships – Cluj-Napoca, Romania
Nil

- 2018 Europe Youth Top 10 – Bergen, Norway
The event date has been moved to 19-21.10.2018

- 2018 Europe Top 16 Cup
Nil

- 2018 European Under 21 Championships
Nil

- 2018 European Championships
The President had spoken to Jordi Serra and Spain wants to combine the event with the European Veterans Team Championships.

- 2019 European Games Minsk (team qualification OG 2020)
It was suggested the Team winners' to be directly qualified for the 2020 OG in Tokyo.

- Bids for 2019 events
Mr. Endal gave a presentation on the 2019 EYC in Ostrava (CZE).
The EB allocated the 2019 EYC to Ostrava (CZE).
Mr. Endal informed that the Czech Republic withdraws its bid for the 2019 EVC application.
Portugal and Germany might be interested in organising a Youth Top 10 in 2019.

12. Marketing: written report

13. Hall of Fame:

The next awards panel meeting will be held most probably in March. Mr. Gäb has stepped down from the awards panel for private reasons.

14. Athletes Commission:

Elections have to be prepared for the ETTC in Luxembourg.

15. Para Table Tennis:

The European Para TT Championships remains under ITTF authority.
There shall be at least 1 Para TT player appointed to the ETTU HoF.

16. 60th Anniversary (2017):

ETTU has two options where to hold the anniversary celebration; the Casino in Mondorf-les-Bains and the Parc Hotel in Dommeldange (LUX). It will be a similar party than the ITTF star awards with a sitting dinner and some programme. To discuss are the invited guests and the financing. Both options are similar. There are 3 different options prepared by Mrs. Grefberg on whom to invite and costs.
The EB decided to hold the event at Casino 2000.
FLTT will help in organising transport. The HoF presentation will be included into the anniversary programme. The President wanted to have black tie dress code.

17. Any other business:

The anniversary was further discussed and a skype call will be arranged.
The next EB will take place in Noordwijk (NED) on 11-12 March.

18. Closure:

The President thanked the attendees and closed the meeting.
