

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, SCHWECHAT, AUSTRIA 07.10.2013

Present:

Ronald Kramer (NED), (President),
Ivo-Goran Munivrana (CRO), (Deputy President)
Dorte Darfelt (DEN), (Vice-President for Finances),
Heike Ahlert (GER), Nikolas Endal (CZE),
Sonja Grefberg (FIN), Roman Markov (RUS), (Vice-Presidents),
Jeanny Dom (General Secretary), Pierre Kass (Ass. Gen. Sec.),

Excused: Veli Ozan Cakir (TUR) (Vice-President)

Invited: Camille Gonderinger (LUX) item 2

1. Welcome of the President

The President welcomes everybody to this first meeting of a new Executive Board and proposed to recommend to the next Congress to grant to Mr. Eberhard Schöler, Mr. Stefano Bosi, Mr. Camille Gonderinger and Dr. Jean-François Kahn the Honorary Membership. The EB unanimously agreed and it will be an item on the agenda of the next ETTU Congress. An appropriate announcement will be communicated via the ETTU website.

2. Finances

The President thanked Mr. Gonderinger for attending the meeting.

- Budget 2014

Mr. Gonderinger stated that the ETTU budget is also based on a political decision of the EB. He proposed not to change the format during the current year. He will send all necessary files of the previous years to Mrs. Darfelt.

- Contract Gerflor

Mr. Gonderinger informed that the prepared contract with Gerflor has never been signed by them but they were acting / working according to the unsigned contract. He said that Mr. Kramer would need to contact Mr. Evangelista in order to check if there's no further correspondence.

He will send copies of contracts to Mrs. Darfelt.

Mr. Markov told that the company Stag is much cheaper than Gerflor, but Gerflor is more professional and of a better quality.

- **Contract Vitesse**

The contract with the company Vitesse ends by the end of this year (31.12.2013) if the EB will issue a written notice of cancellation before 31st of October 2013, otherwise the contract will automatically continue.

The contract is divided in 2 parts:

- marketing
- management of the website

The right holder of the ETTU website is ETTU.

Mr. Gonderinger said that Mrs. Ana Antic has created all the contracts for ETTU under the supervision of Vitesse but she has been paid by ETTU.

Mr. Markov pointed out that she secured Vitesse's job while Mr. Evangelista was not able because of family tragedy.

Remaining 4 freelance contracts do expire on the 31st of December 2013 and will not continue without giving previous notice.

Mr. Lukeneder worked without having a contract with ETTU. He did pictures of the events and received 600 EUR per half year.

Mrs. Darfelt and Mr. Kramer will make an appointment with Mr. Evangelista.

The EB agreed to end the contracts with Vitesse.

- **Request from club of Virton**

The EB did not accept their proposal to pay their fine over 2.000 EUR in 8 yearly instalments but would accept to receive payment within 2 instalments whereof the first 1.000 EUR must be received latest on the 31st of December 2013 and the second 1.000 EUR on the 31st of December 2014.

- **Any other financial business**

Mr. Gonderinger informed that he prepared and will sign a contract with the Sportsman group (Laola) for the 2013 EC event.

The contract will automatically continue for the following years unless the EB is cancelling it latest on the 15th of December 2013.

This contract only covers the selling of TV rights.

The manufactures' pool is the suppliers' pool; they pay a certain amount per brand to ETTU.

The contract with Joola as title sponsor for the Top 12 and Youth Top 10 will end this year.

Tibhar as development sponsor only provides with clothes and some tables for training and Eurokids camps.

Mrs. Dom and Mr. Kass are hired on permanent contracts.

Mr. Gonderinger proposed staying on charge with salaries until 31st of December 2013. The EB agreed.

The EB decided that the bank accounts will remain in Luxembourg. Mrs. Darfelt will come to Luxembourg for the signature transfer. Financial administration: Mr. Gonderinger's sister did until now the invoice payments and Mr. Gonderinger all the rest. Mr. Kramer wants to have the finances done in and by the ETTU office.

Mrs. Dom promised making copies of the contracts for the EB members.

3. Distribution of functions

Mr. Kramer pointed out that until now the EB was very active in all details of organization, a next step would make the Executive Board more a "board" than being "executive". He wants to work on getting the secretariat more professionalized and renaming it to executive office.

Mr. Kramer spoke about the importance of communication and referred to his "Manifesto".

Mr. Munivrana suggested, due to his knowledge, to take over the technical part of the events organization and wished to create a group with Mrs. Heike Ahlert, Mrs. Sonja Grefberg, Mr. Nikolas Endal and the Chairman of the TC.

Finally, Mr. Munivrana wanted to be responsible for the technical and development field.

Mrs. Grefberg asked to join the technical group and was also interested into the Para TT activities.

She wanted furthermore the acceptance of the EB for being competition manager at the Commonwealth Games. The EB agreed. As she was Deputy Chairwoman of the ETTU Ranking Committee, she will need to resign from this position.

Mrs. Ahlert will join the technical group as well, taking care about club cup competitions, all events.

Mrs. Darfelt wanted to generally clarify in near future about the meaning of development.

She wants to have the task on Para TT, finances, human relations and non TT events around ETTU events.

Mr. Markov wanted the task of organization, press communication, website and media, due to his profession as TV journalist.

Mr. Endal told having much experience in event organization and therefore wished the task of marketing and events.

Mr. Cakir who could not be present had informed Mr. Munivrana about his interests in publicity, media and website. He will join that field with Mr. Markov.

Mr. Kramer will be responsible for representation, media contacts, continuity in the EB work and see that in 2016 the whole organization is working according to professional standards. He wanted the ETTU to become a modern organization. He will be, together with Mrs. Darfelt responsible for the professional staff and human relations.

Mrs. Grefberg pointed out that she wants to be responsible for the relations with the Athletes' Commission and relationship with coaches.

Mr. Munivrana will join Mrs. Grefberg regarding coaches.

Mrs. Dom said that at least 12 associations have no real knowledge and structure inside their association. Helping them could be also a development activity.

Mr. Kramer thought that this could be done under the ITTF development, creating an expert group which is travelling to those countries to help.

4. Events

- European Championships 2014

The EB took note of the enthusiasm of the Congress upon the proposal to have the next 2014 European Championships in Portugal. The Championships will only have Team Events.

Mrs. Ahlert wanted to play with 16 teams in the divisions.

Mr. Munivrana was in favour for having 16 teams in each division but wanted to discuss on how to choose the 16 qualified teams.

A discussion arose about the qualified teams, also on the future playing structure.

It was decided to have the Championships and the Challenge Division played with 16 teams. Those teams will be:

Championships Division Men:

12 teams having played the Championships Division in Schwechat, plus 4 teams promoted from the Challenge Division.

Challenge Division Men:

The teams ranked 17 – 32 of the EC in Schwechat.

The rest of the teams will be ranked into the Standard Division.

Championships Division Women:

13 teams having played the Championships Division in Schwechat, plus 3 teams promoted from the Challenge Division.

Challenge Division Women:

The teams ranked 17 – 32 of the EC in Schwechat.

The rest of the teams will be ranked into the Standard Division.

Detailed regulations will be prepared by Mr. Munivrana, Mrs. Ahlert and Mrs. Grefberg and sent to all Associations within short time by postal ballot for approval.

- **Europe TOP-12**

ITTF decided to organize a qualification tournament for the World Cup in Lausanne, Switzerland, and asked to use the wording: DHS Europe Top 12.

In this case they must play according to the current Top 12 regulations.

They were asking about the right holders (marketing, TV) of this event.

The Sportsman group still owns TV rights, if the EB is not resigning its contract with them, ITTF cannot simply use the name.

The EB decided to give exceptionally and only for this occasion to ITTF the TV and marketing rights for the Europe Top 12 event in 2014. ITTF will however have to contact the Sportsman media group GmbH (Laola) to find an agreement regarding the live stream as they are the right holders. If an agreement can be found, they can name this event like requested.

- **European Games Baku**

A tournament director will have to be recommended by the EB, which unanimously agrees to recommend Roman Plese for this job.

Mrs. Dom and Mr. Plese will prepare the questionnaire and send it to the EB.

- **European Veterans 2017 – Presentation**

Sweden will be invited to the next EB meeting in order to hold their presentation.

- **European Youth Championships 2015 – Presentation**

Slovakia showed interest to organize the event and needs an allocation confirmation from the EB.

They will be asked to do a presentation in the next EB meeting.

5. ITTF Affiliation Agreement

Mr. Kramer wanted to sign the Affiliation Agreement with the new board. He has informally asked Asia to sign as well.

The EB agreed.

6. Any other business

Mrs. Darfelt informed that the 2014 ITTF European Para TT Championships have been allocated to Denmark.

Mrs. Grefberg informed that Finland who's organizing the 2015 EVC did not yet receive a contract.

- **Meeting with Committee Chairmen**

The EB decided to have a meeting a.s.a.p. with the Committee Chairmen, if possible on Wednesday Oct. 9th at 14.00 hrs. All EB members who are then still in Schwechat will join this meeting. EB members were selected to act as a contact for the committees.

Mr. Munivrana: Technical Committee
Mrs. Grefberg: Ranking Committee
Mrs. Ahlert: Youth Committee
Mrs. Darfelt: Para TT Committee
Mr. Endal: Veterans Committee
Mr. Markov: Umpires and Referees Committee

- **Next EB meeting**

The next EB meeting was fixed to the 12-13 December 2013 in Luxembourg. The EB should arrive on the evening of the 11th and depart on the 13th. NB. Short time after the meeting the place to be held was changed to Bratislava, Slovakia.

- **EC 2013 – Winners Ceremonies (individuals)**

Mr. Kramer will be the ETTU representative at the women's winners' ceremony in singles events and Mrs. Ahlert at the men's events.

- **Peace and sport invitation**

The EB members are unfortunately not able to attend this meeting due to prior engagements.

- **BTTU Meeting request**

The secretariat staff will ask the organizers to help in finding an appropriate meeting room.

- **Eligibility ETTU Athletes' Commission**

The EB members took note of the nominations for the Athletes' Commission.

- **Eligibility Bai He (SVK)**

Slovakia will be asked to send a certified translation in English language of the documents to the ETTU.

An announcement will have to be done via the ETTU website for the General Secretary's successor. Mr. Kramer will take care of this.

Mr. Munivrana wants to have a meeting with coaches during the German Open in Berlin. The EB agreed.

Mrs. Darfelt asked why the EB members are not accommodated in the same hotel as their delegation. The EB was of the opinion that where possible this should be realised to no more being located into a separate hotel.
