

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS, TOKYO, JAPAN 29.04 + 01.05.2014

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),
Veli Ozan Cakir (TUR), (Vice-Presidents),
Petr Korbel (CZE), (co-opted member)
Richard Scruton (Secretary General)
Pierre Kass (Deputy Secretary General)

Excused:

Roman Markov (RUS), (Vice-President)

Welcome of the President

The President welcomed all members of the board.

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda has been agreed.

2. Minutes of the meeting in Lausanne (8.2.2014)

The minutes have been approved.

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

- Events Group – Frankfurt (HA, SG, RS)

Mrs. Ahlert informed about the events group meeting in Frankfurt.

- Meeting TMS – Magdeburg (RK)

Mr. Kramer and Mr. Scruton had spoken with Mr. Thunström from TMS and there is a proposal for sponsoring the EC and Top 16.

- Meeting Sportsman Media Group – Luxembourg (RK, NE)

Mr. Kramer reported about the two meetings ETTU had with the Sportsman Media Group. ETTU and the Sportsman Media Group found an agreement of selling the ECL men marketing rights. They want to start coming season and will engage a “head of table tennis”. It will be a contract over three years which will be renegotiated afterwards.

They plan in the coming seasons to get the rights for the women’s ECL too. ETTU will get a proposal by tsmg for the website.

- Correspondence Paul Schiltz (RK)

A meeting with Mr. Schiltz will be arranged in Luxembourg.

- Any other relevant meetings

The board took note about ITTF President's decision to change its position within ITTF and being ready to help ETTU.

Mr. Munivrana had a meeting in Magdeburg (GER) on March 29th with the advisory coaches group. Mr. Schimmelpfennig and Mr. Prause took part. Mr. Munivrana informed that he has on the next day again a meeting for the development programme.

Mr. Cakir presented the cup and medals at the women's ETTU Cup final match in Istanbul (TUR).

Mr. Kramer said that usb sticks (with ETTU and ITTF-Europe logos) will be distributed to the ETTU congress' delegates and ties will be presented to the ITTF EC and to the European members of the ITTF BoD.

4. Extraordinary Congress (1.5.2014.,0900):

- Development programme 2014-2016

Mr. Munivrana presented the development plan to the EB members.

The advisory group unanimously agreed to have Neven Cegnar as ETTU Development manager.

The EB appointed Mr. Cegnar as ETTU Development manager starting 1st June 2014.

Mr. Gadal is paid part time for ETTU by ITTF.

- Future of European Championships from 2016

Mrs. Grefberg presented the future of EC.

A questionnaire about it will be handed out to the delegates and will be requested to have them back by 15th May 2014.

- Consideration of Proposition from Romania: International Eligibility

The proposition from Romania was discussed.

5. Preparation ITTF AGM and BoD

- AGM (30 April): Agenda, propositions and resolutions

Items have been discussed by the EB.

- BoD (2 May): Agenda, propositions and resolutions

Items have been discussed by the EB.

6. Financial matters:

Mrs. Darfelt informed about the financial update which she will present during the congress.

- ETTU bank update

As ETTU was at a certain moment not able to pay the salaries, money had to be taken from the reserves. As soon as the liquidity problem is solved, ETTU will put the amount back to the reserves.

- Accounts 2013

ETTU needs to receive documentation from the former VPF in order to finish the 2013 accounts.

- Budget 2014

ETTU is in line with the approved 2014 budget.

- Outstanding payments

The associations of Azerbaijan, Kosovo, Slovakia and Ukraine made cash payments in Tokyo (invoices 2013). The EB cancelled the fine towards the TTA of Kosovo imposed to them in 2011. The associations of Armenia and Montenegro still have outstandings towards the organisers of the 2013 EYC in Ostrava. The EB decided that they cannot take part in the next EYC if not paid prior.

- Suppliers

3 supplier pool members already paid their membership fees for 2014.

- Reimbursements for EB members at Tokyo

A reimbursement plan for EB members was discussed.

- Any other financial business

Nil

7. Marketing:

- Vitesse

Nil

- TMS

(item 3)

- Sportsman Media Group, ECL

(item 3)

- Website

The website agreement with the company Vitesse continues on a monthly basis.

8. Report of Secretary General:

- Staff (RP, MN, AA, contracts, service agreements)

Mr. Scruton had meetings in Bratislava (SVK) with Mrs. Nikolic and Ms. Antic.

- EB attendance at ECL, ETTU Cup Finals

Mr. Kramer will attend the ECL men final in Orenburg (RUS).

Mr. Munivrana will attend the ETTU Cup men final in Saarbrücken (GER).

Mr. Endal will attend the ETTU Cup women final in Schwechat (AUT).

- Dates of future EB meetings (Friday 18th or Saturday 19th July Riva del Garda, ITA)

19th July has been fixed as EB meeting date.

- Rio 2016 Olympic Games

Nil

- Affiliation Agreement implementation, ITTF logo

Mr. Scruton informed that the ITTF-Europe logo has been integrated in all ETTU documents.

- Calendar planning 2015, 2016

Mr. Scruton informed that calendar planning for the next 2 years is one of the main priorities.

- Review of regulations

Nil

- Directory, INFO 2014/2

The directory has been updated.

- Honours

Mr. Scruton will propose on the next meeting which other honour can be made to persons that contributed to ETTU on a voluntary basis.

9. Events:

- 2014 EYC – Riva del Garda ITA

Mr. Kramer informed that he had spoken with the FITET President about the flooring for the 2014 EYC. ETTU will invest in 2014 to solve the flooring problem. He told that no further fees will occur.

Mr. Scruton spoke about a discussion he had with Stag and Mr. Thunström. A minimum of 20.000 EUR would have been needed for ETTU to pay for each event. Mr. Kramer and Mr. Scruton also had a meeting with Tibhar regarding flooring but the proposal from FITET seemed the best option.

- 2014 EVTC – Almería ESP

Nil

- 2014 ETC – Lisbon POR

A meeting has been arranged with the President of the Portuguese TTF on the next day to discuss about the EC. They want to use their local sports floor but it is not an ITTF approved one.

- 2014 Youth Top 10 – Tours FRA

Nil

- 2014 Euro Asia – CHN

The Asian leg will be played on the 29th October till the 2nd November 2014.

- 2015 Europe Top 12/16 (World Cup Qualification) – AZE, contract, format and regulations

Nil

- 2015 EC – GER

Mrs. Ahlert informed that DTTB may only be able to have it organised with a lower number of teams participating.

ETTU must reopen the bid, deadline for applications mid June.

- 2015 European Games – Baku AZE, Table Tennis Manager appointment, test event, qualification, competition schedule

Nil

- 2015/16 European Olympic Qualification

Nil

- 2015 Euro Asia – feasibility of hosting in Europe

Nil

- 2015 Youth Top 10

Nil

- 2016

Nil

- Other events

Nil

10. Athletes Commission:

Nil

11. Paralympic Table Tennis:

ETTU has to organise the Para TT EC in future.

12. Any other business:

Nil

13. Closure:

The President thanked the participants and closed the meeting.
