

Executive Committee (2)

Minutes

Of the Executive Committee of the International Table Tennis Federation, held on **4th May 2009** at the Shin Yokohama Prince Hotel, Yokohama, Japan at 14h00.

1. Roll call

Adham Sharara	President
Khalil Al-Mohannadi	Executive Vice-President
Chérif Hajem	Executive Vice-President
Neil Harwood	Executive Vice-President (Finance)
Koji Kimura	Executive Vice-President
Melecio Rivera	Executive Vice-President
Petra Sörling	Executive Vice-President
Thomas Weikert	Executive Vice-President

In attendance

Jordi Serra	Executive Director
Lilamani de Soysa	Project Manager
Glenn Tepper	Director of Development Programmes
Mikael Andersson	Education and Training Director
Judit Faragó	Competition Director

Anders Thunström TMS Managing Director

Invited to attend

Jean-François Kahn Chairman Sports Science Committee

Apologies for absence

Yang Shuan Deputy President

2. ITTF Travel Policy

The President explained some of the ITTF administrative policies to the new members of the EC in particular the ITTF travel and indemnity policy.

3. World Championships update/evaluation

Mr. Koji Kimura explained his satisfaction at the number of spectators who had bought tickets for the world championships (a total of about 60.000 to attend the whole event). He said that there were 200 paid staff and 400 volunteers operating on a daily basis. It was noted that several associations had made late cancellations that were costing money to the Organising Committee. The fact that the ITTF had its own list had created several problems, to be reconsidered for future championships. Ms Judit Faragó said that these championships had been successful for many reasons - extremely convenient for the officials and players due to the proximity of the hotel and the arena, excellent TV production and coverage, excellent conditions and seating for the press and excellent presentation of the hall during the final days. Mr. Adham Sharara explained that the letter requested from the Moscow organisers regarding visas and the accommodation costs was still pending.

4. EC members responsibilities and work plans

Mr. Adham Sharara said that he would contact the new members of the EC before attributing tasks and responsibilities to each person.

5. Medal Presentations

Award ceremonies were discussed and distribution of roles confirmed.

6. Doping case

Dr. Jean-François Kahn explained that a young player from Algeria had been tested positive for cannabis and explained the circumstances of the player. The player admitted the use of Cannabis and declined the B-sample. Dr. Jean-François Kahn was requested to ensure that the player officially signed a letter declining the B-sample.

It was decided that the player would be suspended for a period of six months starting from the day of collecting the sample.

7. Asociacion de Tenis de Mesa Ibero Americano (ITTA)

A new Association called ITTA has asked to be recognised by the ITTF in replacement of the current ITTF-recognised Ibero American Table Tennis Federation (FIBE). The ITTF has received the minutes of the meeting held in Yokohama by FIBE not accepting this replacement and it was decided to maintain the current status and to not recognise the new Association (ITTA)

8. Any other business

- Due to some problems encountered with the e-lize and e-nez racket testing devices, Mr. Jordi Serra was requested to meet with Mr. Federico Lineros to find out if it was possible to implement the racket control rule as of 1st July 2009 using only the RAE device.
- Mr. André Damman and Mr. George Segun were nominated to the President's Advisory Council (PAC) and Mr. George Segun appointed Co-Chairman of the PAC.
- It was said that due to irregularities in the election of the newly appointed Board of the "Francophonie Pongiste", the former group would be considered as legitimate and Mr. Bakhary as its President.
- It was decided that Mr. Neil Harwood would continue as Executive Vice-President for Finances.
- Mr. Koji Kimura informed the EC of what Tokyo was prepared to offer to International Federations if it were to win the bid for 2016.
- It was reported that the Athletes' Commission had requested that during the interim period, if the EC were discussing issues related to the Athletes' Commission a member of the Commission should be invited to the meetings.
- It was reported that the Athletes' Forum organised by the Women's Working Group had been a success and that the keynote speaker had been greatly appreciated by the participants.
- It was reported that the development workshop had been a success and 5 continental agreements had been signed except for Asia where an interim solution would be put in place until the new Asian Board was confirmed in November. It was said that the latest development magazine and the level 2 manual had been distributed to all at the AGM.

9. Next meetings

9.1 Korea (June or August)

It was reported that a meeting of the EC may be organised in Lausanne at the end of June 2009. There were possibilities that EC meetings would be held in Korea, Singapore, Bratislava (SVK) or Rotterdam (NED) in 2010.

9.2 Copenhagen, 3-5 October. An EC meeting would be held in Copenhagen (DEN) on 3-5 October around the same time as the IOC Board meeting. EC members were requested to arrive on Saturday the 3rd and leave on Monday the 5th of October.

9.3 Cartagena de Indias Colombia

The end of year EC, DCC and OC meetings would be held during the World Junior Championships in Cartagena, Colombia. All concerned should arrive on the 10th of December and depart on the 13th.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 16h25.

Meeting Chairman, Adham Sharara