

ITTF Board of Directors Meeting

Yokohama, Japan, 2nd May 2009, at 09:00 hours

MINUTES

1. Welcome and President's opening address

The President welcomed all, in particular the new members, to the Board of Directors Meeting.

Mr. Mikael Andersson explained that a new age category would be introduced (Under-12) called the ITTF Hopes Team. A presentation was made to Tamasu Butterfly in thanks for their support of the Junior Programme as well as the new Hopes Team. The selection process for the Hopes Team was discussed and future improvements noted.

2. Roll call

Adham Sharara	President
Yang Shuan	Deputy President
Khalil Al-Mohannadi	Executive Vice-President
Chérif Hajem	Executive Vice-President
Neil Harwood	Executive Vice-President
Koji Kimura	Executive Vice-President
Melecio Rivera	Executive Vice-President
Petra Sörling	Executive Vice-President
Thomas Weikert	Executive Vice-President

Choo Wee Kiang	Continental Representative (Asia)
Stefano Bosi	Continental President (Europe)
Michael Cavanaugh	Continental Representative (North America)
Patrick Gillman	Continental President (Oceania)

Asia

Tony Yue (HKG)
M. C. Chowhan (IND)
Shahrokh Shahnazi (IRI)
Park Do Cheon (KOR)
Khalid Al Mawlawi (QAT)
Michel de Chadarevian (LIB)
Mohammad Sibtain (PAK)

Africa

Henri Djombo (COG)
Berthe Bakhary (CIV)
Khaled El-Salhy (EGY)
Philippe Hao Thyn Voon (MRI)
Olabanji Oladapo (NGR)
Ganief Fataar (RSA)
Thomas Kiggundu (UGA)

Europe

Radivoj Hudetz (HRV)
Dorte Kronsell (DEN)
Alexander Murdoch (ENG)
Eberhard Schöler (GER)
Yuri Posevin (RUS)
Zdenko Kriz (SVK)
Walter Rönmark (SWE)

North America

Bruce Burton (CAN)

Latin America

Alaor G. Azevedo (BRA)
Jairo O. Paez (COL)
Carlos Marin (HON)
Sergio A. Blanco (MEX)
Aubrey Edwards (TRI)

Oceania

Graeme Ireland (AUS)
Anthony Ho (FIJ)

Committee Chairpersons

Rudolf Sporrer (Rules)
Odd Gustavsen (Equipment)
Jean-François Kahn (Sports Science)
Oeivind Eriksen (Para TT)
Chan Foong Keong (Veterans')
Albert Rooijmans (Umpires & Referees)
Hajera Kajee (Women's Working Group)

President's Advisory Council

Ranga Ramanujan
Hans Giesecke
Colin Clemett
Han Sang Kook

Observer

André Damman

Absent with apologies

James Morris (NZL)
Gérard Velten (FRA)

In attendance

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

3. Introduction of new members

New members of the BOD were introduced.

4. Minutes of previous Meeting (Guangzhou, China, 29 February 2008)

The Minutes of the previous meeting held in Guangzhou, China, were signed by the President as a true record of the meeting.

5. Appointment of Committee Chairmen

Committee Chairpersons were recommended by the Executive Committee and approved as follows:

Equipment Committee: Odd GUSTAVSEN (NOR)
Media Committee: Arne MADSEN (DEN)
Nomination Committee: Yuri POSEVIN (RUS)
Ranking Committee: Ms. Zsuzsa OLAH (HUN) – *One year term*
Rules Committee: Rudolf SPORRER (AUT)
Sports Science Committee: Jean-François KAHN (FRA)
Technical Committee: Graeme IRELAND (AUS)
Umpires & Referees Committee: Albert ROOIJMANS (NED)
Veterans Committee: CHAN Foong Keong (MAS)
Para Table Tennis Division: Oeivind ERIKSEN (NOR)

6. Appointment of Working Groups

It was explained that the **Athletes' Commission** would be chaired by Ms. Claude Bergeret during an interim period where she would study and establish a method of selection for the Athletes' Commission members as well as its chairperson. Ms Claude Bergeret would be requested to make a report in 6 months time and a final decision would be made at the BOD meeting in Moscow in 2010.

Junior Commission Chairman – Tony Yue (HKG)

Oluranti Lajide (NGR)
Michel Gadal (FRA)
Sh. Rajeev Bodas (IND)
Patrick Gillman (NCL)
Andres Buckley (PAN)
Dennis Davis (USA)

Calendar Panel Chairman – Khaled El-Salhy (EGY)

Phil Males (AUS)
David Jackson (CAN)
Khalifa Al-Jera (KUW)
Jeanny Dom (LUX)
Ivan Santos (PUE)
Oluranti Lajide (NGR)

Women's Working Group Chairwoman – Hajera Kajee (RSA)

Deputy Chairwoman – Christina Chee Shin Lian (MAS)
Europe – Beatrice Romanescu (ROM)
North America – Mireille Tallon (CAN)
Africa – Sherin El-Alfy (EGY) & Cherifa Belhareth (TUN)

Asia – Sachiko Yokota (JPN)
 Oceania – Anolyn Lulu (VAN)
 Latin America – Norma Jara (PAR)
 Para Table Tennis – Alejandra Gabaglio (ARG)

7. Update Reports

7.1 Calendar Panel

Mr. Khaled El-Salhy distributed his report and thanked the Competition Department for the help received to establish the ever growing ITTF calendar.

7.2 Women’s Working Group (document A27)

The report was accepted as presented. Ms Hajera Kajee informed all about the Athletes' Forum organised by the Women's Working Group to be held on 4th May and invited all to attend the event.

8. Propositions and Resolutions (Document A28)

Propositions to the Board of Directors 2009

Simple majority required

<p style="text-align: center;">9 and 10</p>	<p><i>Proposed by the Executive Committee and the Equipment Committee; amended by the Qatar Table Tennis Association</i></p> <p><i>To rename paragraph 3.2.4 and to modify paragraph 3.2.4.2</i></p> <p>3.2.4 Gluing Racket Control</p> <p>3.2.4.2 Tests for harmful volatile solvents shall be carried out at World and Olympic title competitions, Pro Tour tournaments and World Junior Circuit events; and a player whose racket is found to contain such a solvent is liable to be disqualified from the competition and reported to his Association.</p> <p>3.2.4.2 A Racket Control centre shall be established at all ITTF World Title and Olympic events as well as at a select number of ITTF Pro Tour and Junior Circuit events and may be established at Continental and Regional competitions. The Racket Control centre will test rackets, according to the policy and procedure established by the Executive Committee on recommendation from the Equipment Committee, to ensure that rackets abide by all ITTF regulations including, but not limited to, racket covering thickness, flatness and presence of harmful volatile substances. Rackets that do not pass the Racket Control test cannot be used in the above-mentioned competitions and the player will be liable to penalties according to the policy and procedure in place at the time.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PASSED</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">11</p>	<p>Proposed by the Rules Committee</p> <p><i>To modify paragraph 3.2.5.7</i></p> <p>3.2.5.7 There may be 1 temporary advertisement on each half of each side of the tabletop and 1 on each end, clearly separated from any permanent advertisements and each contained within a total length of 60cm; they shall not be for other table tennis equipment suppliers and there shall be no other advertisement on any part of the table except the net assembly.</p>	<p>WITHDRAWN (to be presented at the Board meeting 2010 after joint preparation with the Marketing Division)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">12</p>	<p>Proposed by the Umpires and Referees Committee</p> <p><i>To modify paragraph 3.7.5.1</i></p> <p>3.7.5.1 In a Group, or "round robin", competition, all members of the group shall compete against each other and shall gain 2 match points for a win, 1 for a loss in a played match and 0 for a loss in an unplayed or unfinished match; the ranking order shall be determined primarily by the number of match points gained. If a player is defaulted after the completion of a match for any reason, he shall be deemed to have lost the match, which shall subsequently be recorded as a loss in an unplayed match.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PASSED</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">13</p>	<p>Proposed by the Technical Committee</p> <p><i>To modify paragraph 4.1.9.3</i></p> <p>4.1.9.3 The system of play in team and individual events and its implementation date, shall be decided by the Board of Directors, on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, and shall be notified to all Associations not later than 30 calendar months (team events) and 6 calendar months (individual events) before the start of the Championships.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PASSED</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">14</p>	<p>Proposed by the German Table Tennis Association</p> <p><i>To modify paragraph 3.7.6.3 (with the consequence to amend 4.1.9.4 and 4.3.2.2 correspondingly)</i></p> <p>There shall be a uniform playing system for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - World Team Championships - World Team Cup - Olympic Games Team Events <p>as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Best of 5 matches (4 singles, 1 doubles) - The order of play shall be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) A - Y 2) B - X 3) C - Z 4) A - X 5) Doubles B/C, B/D or C/D - Y/Z or Y/W or Z/W - A team shall consist of 3 or 4 players. - In addition to the 3 players representing a team in singles (A, B, C and X, Y, Z) a 4th player (D or W respectively) may be nominated in doubles. - Each team can choose its own playing order and has to nominate it before the start of the match. - If one team nominates only 2 players, there is a free choice to put them in positions A and B (or X and Y respectively). - If both teams nominate only 2 players each, there shall be 2 singles and 1 doubles (A-X, B-Y, A/B-X/Y). 	<p style="text-align: center;">WITHDRAWN</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">15</p>	<p>Proposed by the Executive Committee</p> <p><i>To modify paragraph 4.1.12.9</i></p> <p>4.1.12.9 A representative of the city in which the Championships is held shall be entitled to hold until the next Championships the Egypt Cup, the symbol of the friendship of the Championships, handed over at the opening ceremony.</p> <p>At the closing ceremony the Egypt Cup, the symbol of the friendship of the Championships, shall be handed over to a representative of the city in which the next Championships will take place; this city shall hold the Egypt Cup until the next Championships.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PASSED</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">16 (part 1)</p>	<p><i>Proposed by the Executive Committee</i></p> <p><i>To split present sub-chapter 4.2. "World Cup" into "4.2 World Cup" and "4.5 World Team Cup"</i></p> <p>4.2 WORLD CUP</p> <p>4.2.1 Composition</p> <p>4.2.1.1 Separate World Cup Tournaments for men and women will be held annually and each will be a singles competition.</p> <p>4.2.1.2 The participants will consist of the current holder of the World Cup, the World Champion, the champion player or the strongest current player from each of the 6 continents, 1 player from the host Association, the top 8 players from the World Ranking List and 2 "wild card" selections. The number of players may be modified by the Executive Committee from time to time.</p> <p>4.2.1.3 There shall not be more than 2 players from an Association unless a third is invited as a "wild card" selection. If the World Champion and the World Cup title holder is the same player, or the host Association has a player qualified as title place goes to the next highest eligible player on the World Ranking List.</p> <p>4.2.1.4 Participants will be provided with free meals and accommodation from dinner on the evening before the start of the competition to breakfast on the morning after it ends; continental representatives will also be provided with free return travel tickets to the venue.</p> <p>4.2.2 Authority</p> <p>4.2.2.1 The ITTF shall be the sole owner of the World Cup title and tournaments.</p> <p>4.2.2.2 An Association may be granted permission to organise the tournament; submission of an application to do so shall be regarded as implying knowledge and acceptance of these and all other applicable regulations.</p> <p>4.2.2.3 Organisers shall not, without prior consent of the ITTF, delegate any of their authority nor make any contract or agreement with any other body, such as a Regional Association, a municipal authority or a sponsor.</p> <p>4.2.2.4 Any agreement made between the organisers and any other body shall not conflict with nor derogate from the principle of these regulations; in case of any dispute the authority of the ITTF, as exercised through its representatives, shall be paramount.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PASSED</p>
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<p>16 (part 2)</p>	<p>4.2.2.5 The ITTF may enter into contracts with promoters or sponsors.</p> <p>4.2.3 Appointments</p> <p>4.2.3.1 For each tournament the ITTF Competition Department shall appoint a Tournament Director and a Competition Manager.</p> <p>4.2.3.2 The Tournament Director shall be responsible to the ITTF Competition Department for ensuring observance of the conditions laid down for the tournament, including approval of the arrangements made by the organisers for ceremonies and presentations, protocol and seating arrangements at ceremonies and social functions and the presentation of play.</p> <p>4.2.3.3 The Competition Manager shall be responsible to the ITTF for ensuring the adequacy of equipment and playing conditions, supervising the draw and scheduling matches.</p> <p>4.2.4 Doping control</p> <p>4.2.4.1 Doping controls shall be carried out in accordance with ITTF Anti-Doping rules (Chapter 5).</p> <p>4.2.5 Playing System</p> <p>4.2.5.1 The playing system will be determined by the Executive Committee on recommendation by the Competition Department. The selected players and their associations will be informed of the playing system to be used in the prospectus at the same time as the issuance of the invitation to the participants.</p> <p>4.2.6 Eligibility</p> <p>4.2.6.1 In addition to provisions of 3.8 players being eligible to represent an association other than the one they intend to represent, shall register with the ITTF, through this new association.</p> <p>4.2.6.2 Such player shall not represent the new association before</p> <p>4.2.6.2.1 3 years after the date of registration, if the player is under the age of 15 when registered;</p> <p>4.2.6.2.2 5 years after the date of registration, if the player is under the age of 18 but at least 15 years of age when registered;</p> <p>4.2.6.2.3 7 years after the date of registration, if the player is under the age of 21 but at least 18 years of age when registered.</p> <p>4.2.6.3 Players being 21 years of age or older will not be registered with the ITTF and will not be eligible to represent a new association at the World Cup.</p>	
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<p>16 (part 3)</p>	<p>4.5 WORLD TEAM CUP</p> <p>4.5.1 Composition</p> <p>4.5.1.1 The World Team Cup Tournament consisting of a men’s and a women’s team event will be held each odd numbered year.</p> <p>4.5.1.2 In each event the 12 participating teams representing national associations will consist of the teams placing 1 to 7 at the preceding World Team Championships, a team of the host Association and 4 teams from Continental Federations not otherwise represented at the event.</p> <p>4.5.1.3 If the team of the host Association is qualified by its ranking at the preceding World Team Championships then the team placing 8th at these World Team Championships shall participate.</p> <p>4.5.1.4 Participants will be provided with free meals and accommodation from dinner on the evening before the start of the competition to breakfast on the morning after it ends.</p> <p>4.5.2 Authority</p> <p>4.5.2.1 The ITTF shall be the sole owner of the World Team Cup title and tournament.</p> <p>4.5.2.2 An Association may be granted permission to organise the tournament; submission of an application to do so shall be regarded as implying knowledge and acceptance of these and all other applicable regulations.</p> <p>4.5.2.3 Organisers shall not, without prior consent of the ITTF, delegate any of their authority nor make any contract or agreement with any other body, such as a Regional Association, a municipal authority or a sponsor.</p> <p>4.5.2.4 Any agreement made between the organisers and any other body shall not conflict with nor derogate from the principle of these regulations; in case of any dispute the authority of the ITTF, as exercised through its representatives, shall be paramount.</p> <p>4.5.2.5 The ITTF may enter into contracts with promoters or sponsors.</p> <p>4.5.3 Appointments</p> <p>4.5.3.1 For each tournament the ITTF Competition Department shall appoint a Tournament Director and a Competition Manager.</p>	
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<p style="text-align: center;">17</p>	<p>Proposed by the Executive Committee and the Sports Science Committee</p> <p><i>To modify Handbook chapter 5 "ITTF Anti Doping Rules"</i></p> <p>The revised World Anti-Doping Code as accepted by the ITTF Executive Committee at its meeting held in Paris on 10/11 October 2008 with the provision that these rules have to be finally approved by the Board of Directors, shall be implemented in conformance with ITTF's responsibilities and in furtherance of ITTF's continuing efforts to eradicate doping in table tennis (<i>see Annex 1</i>).</p> <p><i>At the same time following sections of Handbook chapters 3 and 4 shall be modified accordingly:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>To add a new paragraph 3.2.6:</i> <p>3.2.6 Doping control</p> <p>3.2.6.1 All players participating in international competitions, including Junior competitions, shall be subject to in-competition testing by the ITTF, the player's National Association, and any other Anti-Doping Organisation responsible for testing at a competition in which they participate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>To add a new paragraph 4.2.7 (World Cup):</i> <p>4.2.7 Doping Control</p> <p>4.2.7.1 Doping controls shall be carried out in accordance with ITTF Anti-Doping rules (Chapter 5).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>To amend paragraph 4.4.11.1 (World Junior Championships):</i> <p>4.4.11 Doping Control</p> <p>4.4.11.1 Doping controls shall be carried out in accordance with ITTF Anti-Doping rules (Chapter 5).</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PASSED</p>

<p>18 (part 1)</p>	<p>Proposed by the Finnish Table Tennis Association</p> <p><i>To implement a new System of Play at the World Team Championships 2010</i></p> <p>In short, it is suggested that, after the round robin competition and after the no. 1 and 2 teams have been seeded and the no. 3 and 4 teams have been drawn as until now, the rest of the teams have pre-determined places.</p> <p>The intention of this proposal is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to minimize the number of replays and - to simplify the draw to one only, to that between the 3rd and the 4th team in each play-off. <p>Proposed Structure and Playing System:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. STRUCTURE <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 "Division" System with 24 Teams in each of the top 3 Divisions and the rest of the teams to form the 4th Division. 1.2 The 1st Division is also the Championship Division. 1.3 In each of the top 3 Divisions there will be 4 Groups of 6 Teams. 1.4 The 4th Division will be comprised of all the rest of the teams divided in groups after the final entry is known, to maximize the number of matches played by each team. 2. PLAYING SYSTEM <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 In each of the top 3 Divisions the playing system will be identical. 2.2 Each group of 6 teams shall play a complete round robin competition (5 matches per team). 2.3 SPECIAL CONSIDERATION: The order of play and the scheduling of the matches must be prepared in such a way as to avoid, whenever possible, the possibility of "pre-determining" results. All final round matches, as feasibly possible, must be significant for each competing team. 2.4 Following the complete round robin in each group, the winners of each group (4 teams) will move directly into the Quarter Finals round. They have a bye in the Round of 16 and seeded accordingly (Winner of Group "A" seeded 1st (position 1) winner of Group "B" seeded 2nd (position 2), winners of Groups "C" and "D" drawn in positions 3/4. 2.5 The first Division <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.5.1 The teams placing 2nd and 3rd in group A will come in positions 5 and 9 respectively in the bottom half. Similarly, teams placing 2nd and 3rd in group B will come in positions 5 and 9 respectively in the top half into the Round of 16 first. 	<p>NO DECISION</p> <p>as proposed principles are already covered by the new system of play coming into effect from 2010 on</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">18 (part 2)</p>	<p>2.5.2 The teams placing 2nd and 3rd in group C will come in positions 5 and 9 respectively to the opposite half of team C1 into the Round of 16 next.</p> <p>2.5.3 The teams placing 2nd and 3rd in group D will come in positions 5 and 9 respectively to the opposite half of team D1 into the Round of 16 next.</p> <p>2.6 The teams placing 4th, 5th and 6th in the groups in the first Division (12 teams) will play-off for positions 13 to 24 with 4 "byes" to each of the teams placing 4th.</p> <p>2.7 In the 2nd and 3rd Division all teams will be seeded and placed in the draw as above according to the placing in the round robin competition.</p> <p>2.8 The play-off rounds (final draws) will be played according to the "progressive knock-out" system to determine all the final positions in order from 1 to 12 and from 13 to 24. (2nd Division: 25-36 and 37-48, 3rd Division: 49-60 and 61-72), except that there shall be no match for 3rd and 4th.</p> <p>2.9 In the 4th Division, depending on the total number of entered teams, the teams shall be divided in groups (number of groups to be determined after the closing date for entry) in order to provide sufficient number of matches to each team. The teams would play first in groups and then a progressive knock-out system to determine all the positions. Every effort will be made to provide as many matches as possible per team.</p> <p>2.10 The World Champion team could play a maximum of 9 matches and a minimum of 8 matches.</p> <p>2.11 In 1st. Division all teams are guaranteed to play at least 7 matches, but most teams will play 8 or 9 matches. In the 2nd and 3rd Divisions most teams will play 9 matches, only teams with a "Bye" in round of 16 may have only 8 matches to play.</p> <p>2.12 No. 1 overall (winner of 1st Division) shall be World Champion.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">19</p>	<p><i>Proposed by the Chinese Table Tennis Association</i></p> <p><i>To modify Technical Leaflet T9 "Directives for Racket Controls"</i></p> <p>From 1 July 2009 ITTF shall conduct only after-the-match racket tests to those players whose rackets fail in the before-the-match test, with punitive consequences for failed tests.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PASSED</p>

Resolutions to the Board of Directors 2009

Simple majority required

A	<p>Proposed by the Executive Committee on behalf of the Constitution Working Group</p> <p><i>To appoint an "Audit Panel"</i></p> <p>The Board of Directors, on recommendation by the Executive Committee, shall appoint an Audit Panel composed of three financial experts to oversee the yearly Audit of the ITTF's Financial Statements.</p>	PASSED
B	<p>Proposed by the Rules Committee</p> <p><i>To try a new the Service Rule at a few selected tournaments on experimental basis.</i></p> <p>The Board of Directors is requested to select 4 ITTF Pro Tour events in 2009 at which the service rule 2.6.6 will be implemented in a modified way on experimental basis, so that the umpire or AND the assistant umpire can follow the correctness of the service.</p>	DEFEATED

9. World Junior Championships

9.1 Colombia 2009

It was said that the Agreement between the ITTF and the Colombia organisers had been signed.

9.2 Bratislava 2010

It was reported that the organisers had been working for one year already on the event and that a Junior Circuit event would take place in the same venue in order to verify the conditions. There would be 20 instead of 16 teams and the qualification events would be different.

9.3 Bahrain 2011

M. Raul Calin reported that he had visited the site under construction in Bahrain for the 2011 World Junior Championships and said that three buildings were being constructed out of which one would remain permanently for table tennis.

9.4 Cape Town 2012

It was reported that elections had taken place in South Africa and that the previous government had been defeated and the original plans for hosting the World Junior Championships may be disrupted. However, the South African Table Tennis Board would inform the ITTF as soon as possible of any changes to the original plans.

10. Global Junior Programme (Junior Circuit, JC Finals and Cadet Challenge)

Mr. Tony Yue thanked the Board of Directors for its constant support to the Global Junior Programme. He said that annually over a 1000 junior players were participating in Junior events and due to the success of the programme, in 2010 there would be events with more prize money and more ranking points as well as TV productions for premium events. He further mentioned the ITTF Hopes Team project and said that new tournaments would not be created, however, requested national

associations that host events of international standard to host Hopes events as well. He said that whenever possible training camps would be promoted before all Junior events. It was said that the deadline for applying for Junior events was the 15th of May. It was reported that a Cadet Challenge and Junior Circuit finals would take place in Tokyo. It would also be the first qualification event for the Youth Olympic Games, with special rules to meet the requirements of the Olympic Charter.

11. ITTF Honorary President designation

Mr. Adham Sharara suggested to the Board of Directors to create a special honorary position called »ITTF Honorary President«, to any past ITTF President still alive, which to date would affect only Mr. Xu Yinsheng (China). It was agreed that a proposal would be made accordingly by the BOD to the next AGM.

12. ITTF Honorary Life Members

It was said that two nominations had been received by the ITTF for Honorary Life Members. Mr. Han Sang Kook (KOR) whose nomination had been fully endorsed by the Korea TTA was accepted. However, the proposition from Uruguay for Mr. Helios Farrel had not been endorsed by yet by his Association (Mexico) and would be reconsidered once full endorsement had been received. Both applications will be considered as provisional until the final approval at the next AGM in Moscow 2010.

13. Next meeting

The next meeting of the ITTF BOD would be held in Moscow, in May 2010 (final date to be communicated in due time).

14. Any other business

- Mr. Mikael Andersson gave an overview of what the Education and Training Department was planning to do within the next months as well as the priorities and tasks that had been set for the Department – developing a professional image of the players and their rights and duties, media training, educational initiatives etc. He said he was happy with the support being received from Olympic Solidarity for the next cycle and that contacts had been made with the World Sport Academy.
- It was decided that the BOD would transfer its power to the EC until the next BOD meeting in order to deal with all matters concerning Equipment approval including all dealings concerning the TT-Master Court Case. In the meantime more professional procedures for authorising and approving equipment would be put in place including the signing of legal contracts with all manufacturers.
- It was decided that the Chairman of the Para Table Tennis Division or his appointee would be part of the Olympic and Paralympics Commission.
- It was decided that Mr. Walter Rönmark would chair the Constitutional Working Group and would start activities in that capacity after the Yokohama WTTC.
- It was confirmed that terms of reference for all Committees and Commissions would be established by the EC.
- Mr. Adham Sharara said that each EC member would be assigned particular tasks and all will be informed in due time.
- It was decided that the Egypt Cup would be handed over at the Closing Ceremony instead of the Opening Ceremony, as of Moscow 2010. The Yokohama Organisers were requested to send the Cup to the Moscow Organisers after the 1st of September 2009.

15. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 13h05.

Meeting Chairman, Adham Sharara