



## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING (2 and 3)

### Minutes

of a meeting of the Executive Committee held in 2 sessions at 14h10 on **24 May 2010**, and at 10h03 on **30 May 2010** in the Holiday Inn Suschevsky, Moscow, Russia

- 1. President's welcome and opening remarks:** the President thanked the Executive Vice-President (Finance) for chairing the first EC meeting, for keeping in touch and for making the opening speech at the Opening Ceremony. The President asked the Executive Committee to make use of the VIP hospitality facility provided at the competition hall.

- 2. Roll call**

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

**In attendance**

Mikael Andersson	Executive Director (Education and Training)
Alison Burchell	Secretariat
Steve Dainton	Director (Marketing)
Judit Faragó	Executive Director (Competitions)
Jordi Serra	Executive Director (Operations & Olympic Games)
Glenn Tepper	Executive Director (Development)
Anders Thunstrom	Managing Director, TMS International

**Apologies**

Yang Shu'an	Deputy President
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- 3. Approval of Agenda:** the agenda was approved as presented.

- 4. Minutes**

The Executive Committee noted that minutes of all EC meetings in Moscow would be approved at the next scheduled EC meeting after the World Championships

- 5. Preparation AGM and BoD:** the Executive Committee noted:

- 5.1 Proposals from the USA and PTT Division:** the proposals were submitted by the deadline but, due to technical reasons, were not included in the documents issued with the AGM and BoD documents.
- 5.2 Kuwait:**
- the Kuwait Table Tennis Association would be given an opportunity to explain the situation and recommend a way forward at the AGM.
- 5.3 Nomination of Chairperson of the Nominations Committee:**
- a deputy chairperson, Mr. Chan, had been appointed in 2009 and was prepared to take over the chair;
  - the EC proposed that Mr Al-Mulla be appointed deputy chairperson.
- 5.4 Application for membership:** Norfolk Island: this matter had been dealt with at the previous EC meeting.

The Executive Committee resolved to:

- a) recommend to the Board of Directors that the USA Table Tennis and PTT Division proposals be considered at its meeting to be held on 28 May 2010.
- b) give the Kuwait Table Tennis Association the opportunity to speak at the AGM on the issue of suspension from the ITTF.
- c) recommend to the Board of Directors that Mr Chan, deputy chairperson of the Nominations Committee, be appointed chairperson and that Mr Abdullah Al-Mulla be appointed deputy chairperson, noting that special permission from the Board of Directors was necessary to allow Mr Chan to be the chairperson of two committees simultaneously (Veterans Committee).

**6. World Championships update:** the Executive Committee noted that:

- 6.1 WTTTC Moscow 2010:**
- in recent days, some problems had occurred in meting participants at the airports;
  - problems were being experienced with some associations not paying their fees;
  - Kosovo had arrived before the Opening Ceremony and all parties were satisfied with the way the team was announced at the Opening Ceremony;
  - 110 men's and 82 women's teams would participate (Albania's women's team and Sierra Leone had cancelled);
  - the jury meeting had gone well;
  - the results were live on the website; detailed results were not being printed to save paper but a daily summary was being issued;
  - transport was running well and the use of the pool of cars had been finalised;
  - 19 associations had not paid the full amount owed, particularly caused by cancellations of some rooms;
  - an updated list of associations which owed money for any event should be kept.
- 6.2 WTTTC 2013:** nothing further to report.
- 6.3 WTTTC Rotterdam 2011:** the Dutch delegation was the largest at the Championships as they had included their key personnel.
- 6.4 Ideal number of entries per association, competition format:** this would be discussed at future meetings when a detailed analysis would be done.
- 6.5 World Junior Championships 2010 to 2013:**

- Bratislava 2010: the draft contract and directives had been presented to the Slovak Table Tennis Association. The agreement would be signed by the end of the Championships;
- 2011 in Bahrain: similarly the contract would be finalised;
- 2012 in South Africa: the final venue had to be finalised;
- 2013 no applications had been received by the initial deadline and an application was received for New Delhi, India by the extended deadline.

**6.6 Para Table Tennis 2010 and 2014:**

- the PTT World Championships would be held in Korea and the Executive Committee would consider meeting there;
- the officials (TD, deputy TD, referee team and field of play manager) working in Korea would also work in London;
- the bids for the PTT World Championships to be held in 2014 were open and a recommendation would be made in Singapore.

The Executive Committee resolved to: allocate the 2013 World Junior Championships to India subject to a positive site inspection, failing which, the applications would be re-opened.

**7. Equipment update:** the Executive Committee noted that:

- the Technical Leaflet T9 had been updated ensuring that it was a technical document and that racket control process was under the jurisdiction of the referee;
- the University of Lausanne (EPFL) may initiate a project to identify VOC in table tennis rackets.

The Executive Committee requested that the changes to the revised T9 be highlighted for the Board of Directors to consider at its meeting.

The Executive Committee asked:

- a) the Executive Vice-President (Finance) to present the final version of all documents regarding racket testing, which should be submitted to the Executive Director (Education and Training) to prepare an explanatory leaflet for the players.
- b) the Executive Vice-President (Finance) to request URC to develop the Referees' directives for racket control to ensure consistency in the application of the racket control process.

**8. Professional staff update:** the Executive Committee noted that Mr. Dong Wang, started 1 May 2010, would work on a part-time basis for the ITTF attending events on a one year consultancy agreement in the position of "Media and Promotion Consultant". During the Championships, the Media and Promotion Consultant would produce a TV clip for itTV.

The Executive Committee asked:

- a) the Director (Marketing) and Executive Director (Competitions) to develop the schedule of events and submit to the Executive Director (Operations and Olympic Games) to finalise the contract with the Media and Promotion Consultant;
- b) the Executive Vice-President in charge of staff, the chairperson of the Media Committee and the Executive Director (Operations and Olympic Games) to interview a possible candidate and, if not acceptable, to open applications for the post of Media Manager.

9. **YOG update:** the Executive Committee noted that:
- 9.1 **International Technical Officials:** the proposals had been approved by Ms Sörling and Mr Harwood and would be presented for ratification by the Board of Directors.
- 9.2 **Accreditation update:** as a result of media being accredited via the media system, 2 accreditations were made available for ITTF sponsors. The chairperson of the Junior Commission was not available to attend the Youth Olympic Games.
- 9.3 **Training camp:**
- from 15 to 17 August 2010, a mandatory training camp would be held for the players;
  - from 19 to 20 August 2010, the normal match preparation process would apply;
  - all educational activities would take place prior to the start of competition.
- 9.4 **Team compositions:** 19 teams from the same association had been formed and the means to form teams for the rest of the participants would be considered at the Olympic and Paralympic Commission.
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The meeting was suspended at 16h20 and the Executive Committee re-convened at 10h03 on 30 May 2010

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10. **Assessment of the AGM and BoD:** the Executive Committee noted that:
- the AGM had gone well and there was good engagement in the BoD meeting;
  - of concern was that there were many proposals submitted and several withdrawn;
  - the approval of the Olympic Games qualification system had been positive but in future, should be discussed a year earlier and a request for mixed doubles should be submitted to the IOC for 2016;
  - the number of entries for the world championships should be reviewed for the future;
  - the process of checking the proposals from committees should be reviewed.
- 10.1 **New Athletes' Commission:** the Executive Committee noted:
- the players had been informed by the Commission chairperson that the terms of reference had been approved;
  - mechanisms of voting including electronically over a period leading to the world championships could be considered;
  - the IOC had one day of voting at the Olympic Games (winter and summer) with campaigning up till that day;
  - voting could be facilitated through communication with the coaches of teams;
  - a pilot election would be run at the ITTF PTT world championships.
- 10.2 **Possible vacancies in the Executive Committee:** the Executive Committee noted that with the President and Deputy President not being available for parts of these World Championships, there were no procedures in place for stand in representation.

The Executive Committee asked:

- a) Mr Harwood to present some proposals for stand-in representation for the Executive Committee's next meeting;

- b) Mr Weikert and Ms Bergeret to develop election procedures with the Executive Director (Operations and Olympic Games) for the ITTF PTT World Championships to be held in October 2010.

**11. Competition update:** the Executive Committee noted that:

**11.1 General Update:**

- 30 applications to host junior circuit events in 2011 had been received;
- The calendar should be finalised by the end of June 2010;
- There were 2 protected dates for the Pro Tour although 15 events, including the finals, had been included in the calendar;
- Dates for Kuwait (IOC suspension) and Chile (outstanding payment) were tentative;
- The spectators for the world championships in 2011 should be considered to ensure full houses;
- The VIP seats should never be immediately behind the table at televised events;
- Loud music should not be played while competition was in process;
- Challenges had been experienced with protocol issues during the World Championships.

**11.2 World Club League:**

- The President would meet the DTTB about this proposal;
- A detailed proposal would be presented at a future Executive Committee meeting for future implementation.

**11.3 LED screens proposal:** the proposal had been approved by the BoD and would be tested before the Olympic Games.

The Executive Committee asked the Executive Director (Competitions) to work with the Executive Director (Operations and Olympic Games) to inform the Chile Table Tennis Association to pay the outstanding fees by the end of June 2010 failing which, they could not stage the Chile Junior Circuit event later this year.

The Executive Committee resolved that: if an association had any outstanding payment to make to the ITTF, that association could not host an ITTF event until the debt is cleared.

**12. “Hello Future” conference:** the Executive Committee noted that:

- There had been positive feedback from the conference in Barcelona;
- The viability of holding the event every second year as a stand-alone event as well as continental editions would be considered;
- A financial report would be presented to the Executive Committee including the airfares paid by the ITTF;
- a “culture of education” within the ITTF should be created through sessions being held at the world and world junior championships.

**13. Any other business:** the Executive Committee noted that:

- 13.1 The chairperson of the jury for the London 2010 Olympic Games should be appointed.
- 13.2 T9 leaflet would be updated soon and Referee directives developed by the URC after that.
- 13.3 the African Table Tennis Federation had adopted the ITTF logo and name of “ITTF Africa”.

- 13.4 the Technical Committee preferred 2 deputy referees in each hall.
- 13.5 the Nominations Committee could monitor the performance of committee members.
- 13.6 the Women's Working Group had established a platform for the implementation of the strategic plan and meetings would be held separately from major competitions; the continental presidents were encouraged to incorporate the WWG member into the continental association board and costs of operating into the development budget.
- 13.7 in order to get feedback on the world championships, a questionnaire should be distributed to the associations (team manager) before the Rotterdam World Championships.
- 13.8 the development session had been successful followed by PTT level 1 coaching and marketing sessions.
- 13.8 2 projects per annum would be undertaken with Peace and Sport and ITTF had been nominated for the Beyond Sport and Sport Movies awards.
- 13.9 at the beginning of the world championships, associations owed to the organisers €80 000; about €30 000 had been paid, €20 000 still had to be paid and €30 000 would be advanced by the ITTF on behalf of a certain number of associations which would be suspended should the ITTF not receive the payment by a specified date.
- 13.10 the Korean Table Tennis Association had invited the Executive Committee to have its meeting during the Pro Tour Finals in 2010.

The Executive Committee asked:

- a) the Executive Director (Operations and Olympic Games) to follow up the nominations of the continental vice-presidents or their nominees for the jury for the Olympic Games.
- b) the Executive Director (Operations and Olympic Games) to undertake a consolidation process for all technical documentation of the ITTF.
- c) Ms Sörling to re-activate the review of the committees.
- d) the Executive Director (Competitions) to institute a questionnaire system to get feedback on the organisation of the world championships.
- e) the Executive Directors (Competitions) and (Operations and Olympic Games) to review the room cancellation policy for next world championships.
- f) the Director (Marketing) to revise the VIP hospitality concept.

The Executive Committee resolved to: appoint Mr. Bruce Burton as the chairperson of the Jury for the 2012 Olympic Games.

- 14. Adjournment:** there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11h52.

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Adham Sharara  
President

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Date