



International Table Tennis Federation

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 2

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee held on Sunday 1 April 2012 at 09h00 at the Renaissance Marriott Hotel, Dortmund, Germany.

1. President's welcome and opening remarks: the President welcomed all members to the second meeting of the Executive Committee.

2. Roll call:

Adham Sharara	President
Neil Harwood	Deputy President & Executive Vice-President (Finance)
Khalil Al-Mohannadi	Executive Vice-President
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
Vladimir Samsonov	Athlete Representative – ex officio

In attendance

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

3. Approval of the agenda: the Executive Committee approved the agenda as presented with the addition of:

- 12.1 Mini-RAE.
- 12.2 Deaf World Table Tennis Championships.
- 12.3 Hopes Program.

4. Competitions: the Executive Committee noted that:

4.1 2012 World Championships feedback:

- The strong organisational points were the technical set up, arrangements for visas, VIP lounge, top quality competition including the strong performance of both home teams, which contributed to seats being sold out.
- Articles on the ITTF website were linked to videos.
- A Flickr account with photographs from the World Championships was a service appreciated by the media.
- The Facebook process was working well and would be improved with videos in future.

- Interviews by Messrs Marshall and Dong Wang were available with articles on the website.
- Media releases were going out on a regular basis.
- In the last 7 days, the traffic on ittf.com had increased 290%.
- There was approximately €8000 of expenses to be shared with the organising committee with regard to "no-shows", some of which would be recovered.
- Congo DR still had a debt outstanding from Moscow plus an outstanding payment from Dortmund but the NOC had indicated that payment would be made in early April 2012.
- A meeting had been held with Chile TTA but no payment had yet been made.

4.2 2012 World Junior Championships update:

- Follow up meetings had been held with all possible hosting associations.
- India had indicated it was able to bring the 2013 World Junior Championships forward to 2012 to coincide with its 75th anniversary.
- Hyderabad, host of the previous world cadet challenge and junior circuit finals, had been proposed.
- The venue proposed was 4-years old, the organisers had sufficient personnel to organise the event, television coverage had been secured and the Competition Director had been requested to do an inspection as soon as possible.
- The proposed dates for the event were 9 to 16 December 2012.
- The TTF of India had requested assistance to secure remaining sponsorship and to make contact with Volkswagen.
- If 2012 was re-allocated, the bid for the 2013 World Junior Championships should be opened for the Executive Committee to allocate as soon as possible with priority given to an African candidate.

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The Executive Committee resolved to:

- a) Require Congo DR TTA to pay its outstanding debt by the end of April 2012 failing which the association would be suspended.
- b) Request the Executive Director (Operations and Olympic Games) to pursue Chile TTA for its payment.
- c) Re-allocate the 2012 World Junior Championships to Hyderabad, India, as mandated to the EC by the Board of Directors.
- d) Request the Executive Director (Competitions) to open the bids for the 2013 World Junior Championships as soon as possible.

Unanimously agreed

5. TMS International update: the Executive Committee noted that:

- Staff from Tissot, the new sponsor, had visited the World Championships and if the television exposure was sufficient, they would consider extending the sponsorship.
- The other sponsors of the event were satisfied with the World Championships and exposure received.
- The next priority was to get the 2012 agreement with Volkswagen signed.
- Stiga had signed an agreement to provide the equipment for the 2013 and 2015 World Team Cups.

- The orientation of the 4 tables in the show-court arena was not conducive for television coverage as corners of the hall were often caught on the TV cameras instead of the spectators.
- Some statistical, speed and spin information could be shown on television but required a significant financial investment.
- The synchronisation of technology (results system, internet connections, servers, routers, etc.) would be required regularly in advance of events due to the complexity in technology.

6. Follow-up and review of the AGM and BoD: the Executive Committee noted that:

- Many proposals were included from the committee review, which had been passed, but could be modified in future if necessary.
- From the time the Women's Working Group had been established, with full integration of gender equity throughout the organisation, it had been envisaged that it would be dissolved when full integration objectives were reached.
- With the dissolution of the Women's WG and the requirement for 25% women's representatives on all committees, national associations would have to consider the option of nominating women for other committees.
- A process to produce the "mission statement" for racket control had to be established.
- Some experiments should also be done with thicker rubbers to see the impact of the current limits.
- Manufacturers were now focusing on the production of sponge.
- Currently it was difficult to measure the thickness correctly and the blade could not be verified and so the Equipment Committee had asked Japan to experiment in these areas.
- The Hellenic Association would be requested to test their proposal for alternating service in doubles.
- The "hawk eye" concept could not be implemented as the table could move which would negate the accuracy of the "hawk eye" but the edge of the table would need to be cut at an angle to reduce controversial "edge" calls.
- Four new tables were used in the World Championships, which had not been tested at previous events, but which were ITTF approved.

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The Executive Committee resolved that:

- a) The President, Deputy President and Executive Director (Operations and Olympic Games) should meet to give guidelines and timeframes to the Equipment Committee and URC to submit the "mission statement" for racket control.
- b) The Executive Director (Operations and Olympic Games) to inform the Hellenic Association to undertake tests and report on the impact of proposal 16.
- c) The Executive Director (Operations and Olympic Games) to inform the Nominations Committee of its mandate in relation to the merit award.

Unanimously agreed

7. Finance: the Executive Committee noted that:

- 7.1 Report on the transfer of finances to Lausanne:
 - Initial training for the use of MYOB had been started.
 - The transfer of invoices for payment to Lausanne had been initiated.
- 7.2 Continental Agreements 2013-2016:

- The main changes made following the increase in the allocation by 30% were that no matching funds would be requested, the costs of the World Cadet Challenge training camp had been included in the budget and education and training had been incorporated.
- Eligibility criteria that the continental federation be affiliated and use the ITTF brand name had been established.
- The affiliation process would be formally incorporated at the AGM in 2013.

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The Executive Committee approved the allocations, and associated conditions, for the continental development plan fund.

Unanimously agreed

8. Directives for world title events, Olympic and Paralympic Games: the Executive Committee noted that:

- The directives had been updated to include new terminology of "racket testing coordinator" and the means of appointing such a match official (an umpire from the host in the first instance, failing which, from a nearby association).
- The proposal included the organisers covering the costs of the referees' team for all ITTF sanctioned events.
- Given that contracts for 2012 had been signed in most instances, the preferred effective date would be 1 January 2013.

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The Executive Committee resolved to approve the updated directives for world title events, Olympic and Paralympic Games to come into effect on 1 January 2013.

Unanimously agreed

9. Staff update: the Executive Committee noted that:

- With the non-renewal of the contract of the Media Manager, all functions had been re-allocated to other staff members.
- The Executive Director (Operations and Olympic Games) expressed disappointment with the process and outcome of the discussions with the Media Manager.
- Once discussions with a staff member had been concluded and an offer made, it was a final offer and all staff should be alerted to this process.
- For the future, the media function would transform to a promotion function run from the Singapore office.
- Contract negotiations were underway with the Equipment Manager but for 3 months, she would work for LOCOG as athlete services manager.
- A recommendation to appoint a technical equipment expert would be investigated.
- Agreement had not been reached with the statistician.
- Thanks were expressed to the 25 staff members who contributed to the success of the World Championships.

10. Dates of future meetings: the Executive Committee noted that its next meetings would be held as follows:

14.1 Next EC meeting: a date to be finalised during the Olympic Games in July 2012 in London, preferably on the first day of competition so that all members could attend.

14.2 Future EC and DCC meetings: an Executive Committee meeting would be held around late September 2012, and EC, DCC and OPC meetings to be held in December possibly during the World Junior Championships.

11. Legal: the Executive Committee noted that:

11.1 Update on "World Championships of Ping Pong" and court case with the Sandman Group:

- The President updated the EC on the court case with the Sandman group. More details would be provided as the case progressed.

11.2 Update on registration of ITTF titles:

- The registration of "world table tennis championships" was ongoing in the country hosting the event.
- "itTV" was too close to "ITV" in Britain and therefore could not be registered there.
- Several Internet domains with the words "world championships", "table tennis", "ping pong" and "world cups" had been registered and all re-directed to ittf.com.
- "ITTF World Tour" had been registered in Switzerland and would be registered in traditional host countries of events on the tour.

12. Any other business: the Executive Committee noted that:

12.1 Mini-RAE:

- The day of the voluntary tests at these World Championships, there had been some strange VOC results.
- The testing was stopped and a meeting had been held with the manufacturers regarding proper calibration.
- New calibration was required each morning for the mini-RAE machines according to the manual.
- The racket testing system was continually being refined.

12.2 2012 Deaf World Table Tennis Championships:

- This event would be held in Japan from 29 April to 6 May 2012.
- The ITTF had supported the organisers who had appointed Mr Koji Kimura as a member of the technical committee and ratified the appointment of the deputy referee.

12.3 ITTF Hopes: 65 countries had registered for the Hopes Program.

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The Executive Committee resolved to approve the hosting of the 2012 Deaf World Table Tennis Championships in Japan.

Unanimously agreed

6-EC-04-2012

The Executive Committee resolved that:

- a) The Executive Director (Competitions) request the Japan Table Tennis Association to submit a formal application of recognition for the 2012 Deaf World Table Tennis Championships.
- b) The Executive Director (Operations and Olympic Games) provide Mr Samsonov

with the details of the rejection of the players qualified for the Olympic Games from New Zealand.

Unanimously agreed

13. Adjournment: there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11h48.

Adham Sharara
President

Date