



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on Friday 27 July 2012 at 09h00 in the Victoria Suite, Crowne Plaza London Docklands Hotel, London, UK.

1. President's welcome and opening remarks: the President welcomed all members to London and particularly Ms Bergeret representing Mr Samsonov.

2. Roll call:

Adham Sharara	President
Neil Harwood	Deputy President and 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

In attendance

Claude Bergeret	In place of the Athlete Commission Chairman
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

3. Approval of the agenda: the Executive Committee approved the agenda as presented with the addition of 6.5 and 14.1.

4. Minutes

- 4.1 Approval of the minutes of the previous meetings held on 24 March and 1 April 2012: the minutes were confirmed and signed.
- 4.2 Business arising from the minutes not otherwise covered by the agenda: there was no further business arising from the minutes, which was not otherwise covered by the agenda.

5. Olympic Games update: the Executive Committee noted:

- The transport and other arrangements for the Opening Ceremony.
- The players, Messrs Ramirez and Karlsson, had tested the venue on 19 July 2012 and some changes to the lighting were made.
- The scoreboards were in the corner of each court and some players had commented that they were a distraction.
- The floor was not as dark as expected and perhaps a bit shiny but this may be due to the strong lighting.
- The mixed zone was very good.

- The venue was almost ready with the cables being covered unobtrusively.
- The test event was more for the benefit of the organisers than the players but it also ensured the players had access to the venue before the Games.
- Lunch was currently not available in the Olympic Family Lounge on days 1, 5 and 6 but this was being addressed with the IOC and LOCOG.
- The media, including OBS, was cooperating to provide top quality coverage.
- Mr Shahnazi, member of the jury, had unfortunately had an accident on the way to the airport and was unable to attend.
- The Swedish NOC had not confirmed Mathilda Ekholm who had qualified, so she was replaced, and an additional place for a Qatari player had been provided by the IOC bringing the number of players to 86 men and 87 women.
- Thanks were received from the Swedish TT association for the support from the ITTF in its efforts to assist the Swedish player to be conformed.
- Players with a P accreditation could not watch the event but the team manager should ask the chef de mission to get access to the event.
- Changes had been made to the website, results and media section, and several compliments had already been received from the Media.
- The needs of the disabled had been addressed in the venue design in preparation for the Paralympic Games.

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The Executive Committee resolved not to replace Mr Shahnazi as a member of the jury but to ask the chairperson of the jury to invite either the Secretary General of the ATTU or Mr Kimura to attend as an observer should there be an appeal affecting a player from Asia.

6. Competitions: the Executive Committee noted:

- 6.1 2013 World Junior Championships:
- The bid had been re-opened and Morocco (Rabat) was selected and confirmed by the EC (The BoD had passed this responsibility to the EC)
 - An inspection had been done by the ITTF Competition Manager, with 10 competition and 10 practice tables being proposed.
 - A number of 3 and 4 star hotels had been proposed for accommodation.
 - Senior representatives Morocco had been present and an "Events Staging Company" would be appointed to support the organisation.
 - The preparations for the 2012 World Junior Championships in India were well underway.
- 6.2 2012 World Deaf Championships:
- 16 nations had participated with 52 men and 30 women players and 45 officials.
 - The standard of play was the equivalent of the 3rd division in the world championships.
 - The ITTF had been involved formally in the event for the first time with Mr. Koji Kimura representing the ITTF..
 - Discussions were ongoing to develop a memorandum of understanding between ITTF and CISS to increase cooperation between both organisations.
- 6.3 2014 World Championships playing system:
- A regular knockout rather than a progressive knockout was proposed after the group matches.

- 12 teams plus 2 promoted from the lower division should be accommodated.
 - A minimum of 6 and maximum of 9 matches would be played by each team.
 - This would assist smaller associations to host the world championships.
 - Another option would be to reduce the number of matches for the upper divisions but allow the lower divisions to play more matches.
 - This would need to be presented to the Board of Directors in 2013 to come into effect for 2014 as it was a modification of the playing system.
 - The proposal would be sent to the Technical Committee for refinement.
- 6.4 World team cup qualification and playing system:
- The event would be played in March 2013 in Guangzhou.
 - In future, the qualifiers would come from the continental team cup events.
 - 4 competition days would be necessary with 38 matches; 4 groups of 3 followed by direct elimination from the quarter-finals on with no bronze medal match being played.
 - A maximum of 4 tables would be needed with television production on 2 tables.
 - For the future, 16 teams should be considered.
- 6.5 World Tour 2013:
- The approach was to encourage applications for the challenge series.
 - The calendar covered the world tour as well as the challenge series.
 - Conflict in dates for the events in Spain, Sweden and Luxembourg had to be resolved.

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The Executive Committee resolved, in accordance to the Board of Directors' resolution, to allocate the 2013 World Junior Championships to Rabat, Morocco, to take place from 1 to 8 December 2013.

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The Executive Committee resolved to approve the proposed world team cup qualification and playing system.

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The Executive Committee resolved to approve the 2013 World Tour format and proposed dates as presented.

- 7. Athletes' Commission report:** the Executive Committee noted:
- The Commission would review its proposals on racket testing but was comfortable with the proposed directives for referees.
 - Developing Athletes' Commissions in the continental federations was important.
 - The Commission's terms of reference were being reviewed.
 - A website had been developed to match players trying to find a club and vice versa.
 - Discussions on the ranking system were ongoing.

- 8. TMS International update:** the Executive Committee noted:
- The contract for Volkswagen would be signed during the Olympic Games for the current year only.
 - This would imply a more difficult year financially in 2013 if Volkswagen did not re-sign in the future.
 - A number of meetings would be held with current sponsors to extend their current agreements.
 - A presentation had been done to the board of Korean Air and a follow up meeting had been agreed.
 - Tissot was considering extending its contract for four years for the World Championships.
- 9. Follow-up and review of the AGM and BoD:** the Executive Committee noted:
- 9.1 Amendment to 3.2.5 on advertisements:
- With the proposed change, LED screens could move at any time except during the rally.
 - The proposal should be submitted to the Board of Directors.

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The Executive Committee resolved to support the proposed amendment of 3.2.5 from Japan TTA for submission to the Board of Directors for consideration.

- 10. Finance:** the Executive Committee noted:
- 10.1 Outstanding debts:
- Chile owed USD 27,825 from 2009 and Congo Kinshasa had a debt from 2010 as a result of which, Congo Kinshasa was currently suspended.
 - The president of the Congo Kinshasa association may attend the Olympic Games as part of his country's delegation.
 - Chile had proposed that USD15,000 be deducted from the contribution for organising the Chile Open (World Tour) in 2012.
 - The contribution was usually paid if the contract conditions were met but this had not happened at the Chile Open in 2012.
- 10.2 Audit 2011:
- The audit had been completed.
 - In 2011, there was CHF 9,593,211 income, and expenses of CHF 9,743,537 which included legal fees for the Sandman Group court case, which had not been part of the budget.
 - The IOC should pay the first instalment of the Olympic funding hopefully in September 2012 and the balance should be paid in November 2012.
 - The real estate assets, the Lausanne office property (Renens), is depreciated by 4% annually under Swiss law although, in reality, it appreciated in market value.
 - The audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2011 would be distributed to the associations as soon as possible.
- 10.3 Equipment testing fees: the schedule of fees proposed included the regular annual adjustment.

10.4 Internal financial policy: this policy had been updated and now included some financial approvals by the CEO.

- 11. Racket control directives for referees:** the Executive Committee considered the updated directives bringing the process into line with the resolutions passed by the Board of Directors' in March 2012, including the clarification on sanctions.

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The Executive Committee resolved to approve the amended "Referees Directives for racket testing" to take effect from 1 September 2012 except the proposed clarification on sanctions, which it would consider further at its next meeting.

- 12. Dates of future meetings:** the Executive Committee noted that the next meeting would be held in Paris, France on 28 September 2012.

- 13. Legal:** the Executive Committee noted:

- 13.1 Update on "World Championships of Ping Pong" and court case with the Sandman Group:
- The case was finally settled and an official announcement has been posted on the ITTF's website outlining the terms of the settlement.

The Executive Committee thanked the President for his contribution to resolving this matter. The President in turn thanked Thomas Weikert and Jordi Serra for their help.

- 14. Any other business:** the Executive Committee noted:

14.1 Boosters:

- Apparently some players applied boosters in their hotel rooms and carried the coverings on the transport to dry them.
- A supplier had approached team coaches to promote their product.
- Some boosters were being sold via the internet.
- A system to detect boosters had not been developed yet.

- 15. Adjournment:** there being no further business, the meeting ended at 12h18.

Adham Sharara
President

Date