



## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 2

**Minutes** of a meeting of the Executive Committee held on Sunday **19 May 2013** in the St Michel Room, Marriott Rive Gauche Hotel, Paris, France at 09h00.

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

**2. Roll call**

Adham Sharara	President
Khalil Al-Mohannadi	Executive Vice-President
Patrick Gillmann	Executive Vice-President
Chérif Hajem	Executive Vice-President
Masahiro Maehara	Executive Vice-President
Melecio Rivera	Executive Vice-President
Shi Zhihao	Executive Vice-President
Petra Sörling	Executive Vice-President
Thomas Weikert	Executive Vice-President

Vladimir Samsonov Athlete Representative – ex officio

**In attendance**

Judit Faragó	CEO
Glenn Tepper	Deputy CEO
Alison Burchell	Director (Operations and PTT)
Steve Dainton	Director (Marketing)

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

- 10.1 Young Umpires' Project
- 10.2 Dream Building dinner
- 10.3 Register for the Singapore office
- 10.4 Access to the VVIP lounge
- 10.5 Special advisor
- 10.6 Calendar of attendance
- 10.7 Francophonie association
- 10.8 Commercial register

**4. Competitions:** the Executive Committee noted that:

- 4.1 2013 World Championships review:
  - The size of the Championships presented several challenges to the organisers.
  - The future hosts should expect similar challenges due to the size of the entry.
  - Full house of spectators was confirmed for the weekend at Bercy.
  - Television coverage, sport and match presentations were of a very high standard.
  - No complaints had been received about the catering.

- The playing conditions for the second hall and the meeting rooms were not ideal.
- There were problems with the transport service and with the quality of some of the 18 hotels as the prices charged did not reflect the difference in quality.
- In public areas, for the spectators, results were not readily displayed.
- There was a historical win in the mixed doubles with DPR Korea winning against the Republic of Korea.
- Members of the Executive Committee had and would participate in medals ceremonies.
- Voting was underway by the umpires to decide the fair play award from the Swaythling Club International.
- There were different playing conditions in the second hall as the top players noticed the difference with the show courts.
- For future World Championships, consideration should be given to reducing the number of players per association with additional players allowed based on rankings.

#### 4.2 2014 World Championships (Tokyo):

- 2 halls would be used.
- A coordination visit would be conducted during the Women's World Cup, and the more extensive coordination visit would be take place around January 2014.
- With the approval of the playing system at the Board of Directors' meeting, the number of matches would be reduced.
- The ITTF RMS would be used, and more tests would be done at the Japan Open and the Women's World Cup.

#### 5. **Athletes' Commission report:** the Executive Committee noted that:

- A players' meeting had been held and a request to meet the President and a representative of TMS had been received; this meeting would be scheduled.
- While the players wanted more prize money, more important was increasing the prize money for the lower level World Tour events.
- Playing conditions, particularly for the Super Series, should be better.
- Prize money from the first round of the main draw in the Super Series was proposed.
- Players were willing to do exhibition matches and activities locally.
- Some players from Europe did not participate in events in Asia which had an impact on sponsor exposure and TV coverage.
- The players proposed a loss of points at the level of the lowest rating but this may only be changed with effect from 1 January 2014.
- All players present at the players' meeting, but one, wanted only the VOC to be tested during the racket testing process.
- The players requested some help in finding job opportunities.
- The Athletes' Commission Chair asked that Claude Bergeret continue as special advisor through to the election in 2014. It was explained that her official mandate ended at the World Championships, but the Athletes' Commission was free to seek her advice unofficially if they wished.
- Members of the Athletes' Commission could attend meetings of committees as observers.
- If the continental federations established athletes' commissions, a representative could be elected for the ITTF Athletes' Commission.
- Players should be advised, where possible at major events, on how to deal with the media.

- 6. Executive Committee and appointments:** the Executive Committee noted that:
- 6.1 Deputy President: the president would discuss this matter internally and announce the appointment by the next Executive Committee meeting.
  - 6.2 Vice-President Finance: this would be discussed with each Executive Committee member and finalised in the coming weeks.
  - 6.3 Finance Committee: would be appointed at the next meeting, the auditors had suggested a risk assessment seminar and a member of the audit firm could be invited to attend Finance Committee meetings.
  - 6.4 EC members' responsibilities and work plan: this would be finalised at the next meeting and a full matrix would be prepared by the September meeting.
  - 6.5 EC travel policy and expense reimbursements:
    - the policy would be distributed to the Executive Committee members.
    - applications for credit cards for the new Executive Committee members had been distributed.
    - credit card statements would be issued monthly for members to submit receipts on a monthly basis.
    - an error occurred in the composition of the Junior Commission, whereas there are 2 representatives from Asia instead of 1 as per the terms of reference and the solution was to allow the 2 representatives to sit on the Commission but with one combined vote.

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The Executive Committee confirmed that the continental correspondents for the Technical Commissioner had the same rights as corresponding members of other committees.

- 7. TMS contract changes:** the Executive Committee noted that the recommendations submitted by TMS should be confirmed at the next Executive Committee meeting and applied retroactively to 1 January 2013 wherever possible and confirmed for 2014.
- 8. Legal case update:** the Executive Committee noted that:
- A legal case had been initiated by the President in his personal capacity against Mr Bosi in his personal capacity and in his position as ETTU president.
  - This would be served legally on Mr Bosi with a conditional offer to settle included within the court claim.
  - Mr Weikert, as the VP responsible for legal matters, had received a copy of the court claim
- 9. Dates of future meetings:** the Executive Committee noted that the next meeting would be held in September at a location to be decided.
- 10. Any other business:** the Executive Committee noted that:
- 10.1 Young Umpires' Project: a budget of a maximum of US\$30 000 was requested.
  - 10.2 Dream Building dinner: despite initial scepticism, the dinner had been a success and thanks were due to the Singapore office staff.
  - 10.3 Register for the Singapore office: each new and former member of the Executive Committee should sign official documents as members of the Board of the Singapore office.
  - 10.4 Access to the VVIP lounge: in the future this should be a bit more flexible.
  - 10.5 Special advisor to committees: the approach of other IFs to special advisors should be checked.

- 10.6 Calendar of Executive Committee members' attendance and representation: the CEO would prepare this as soon as possible.
- 10.7 Francophonie association: a successful meeting had been held during the World Championships.
- 10.8 Commercial register: there was a requirement in terms of the Swiss Civil Code for the ITTF to register on the Swiss Commercial Register.

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The Executive Committee resolved to:

- a) Approve a budget up to US\$30 000 for the Young Umpires' Project.
- b) Apply to register on the Swiss Commercial Register.

**11. Adjournment:** there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11h00.

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Adham Sharara  
President

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Date