



INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Directors held on Thursday 30 April 2015 at 09h00 in Kempinski Hotel Suzhou, 1st floor, Suzhou, China.

1. President: Welcome and Opening Address: the President noted that this was the first meeting of the Board he would chair and he asked for full cooperation to achieve the best results for ITTF. He announced there would be a ceremony and a presentation before starting the official agenda.

*The Board noted and witnessed the formal signing ceremony of the **ATTU's affiliation** agreement between the ITTF President, Mr Thomas Weikert and the ATTU President, Mr Cai Zhenhua. With this agreement, the affiliation of all 6 Continental Federations was completed.*

The Board noted the presentation of the Aspire Academy introducing their activity and submitting application in cooperation with the Qatar Table Tennis Association to host the 2016 Qatar Junior & Cadet Open and the 2016 World Hopes Week.

The Board noted the presentation of the French Table Tennis Federation as progress report for the 2015 WJTTC in Vendée, France.

2. Roll call and welcome of new members: there were 47 voting members of the Board present (see attached list).
3. Confirmation of the minutes of the BoD held on 2 May 2014 in Tokyo, Japan: the minutes were confirmed and signed.
4. Change of members of the Board of Directors: the Board considered the appointments of:
 - 4.1 Gordon Kaye (USA) replacing Michael Babuin, with consent of NATTU.
 - 4.2 Teddy Matthews (LCA) replacing Juan Vila, who was elected president of LATTU and retains his seat on the Board as such.

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The Board unanimously appointed the following members to the Board:

- Gordon KAYE (North America)
- Teddy MATTHEWS (Latin America)

5. Annual reports from commissions and commissioners: the Board approved the following reports:
 - 5.1 Athletes' Commission (document I1)
 - 5.2 Junior Commission (document I2)
 - 5.3 Technical Commissioner (document I3) and noted that Continental Technical Commissioners communicate mainly by correspondence not having an official meeting for the group.
 - 5.4 Women in Sport Commissioner (document I4)

6. Propositions and resolutions (document J): the Board considered the following propositions, which required a simple majority of the votes cast:

12	<p>Proposed by the Rules Committee</p> <p>To amend 3.2.2.1:</p> <p>3.2.2.1 Playing clothing shall normally consist of a short-sleeved or sleeveless shirt and shorts or skirt or one-part sports outfits, socks and playing shoes; other garments, such as part or all of a track suit, shall not be worn during play except with the permission of the referee.</p>	Passed
13	<p>Proposed by the Rules Committee</p> <p>To delete 3.2.2.7:</p> <p>3.2.2.7 Any question of the legality or acceptability of playing clothing shall be decided by the referee.</p>	Passed
14	<p>Proposed by the Umpires and Referees Committee</p> <p>To amend 3.2.4.2.2:</p> <p>3.2.4.2.2 The racket control test shall be carried out after the match at random only where the player does not submit the racket for a before match test., but from the quarter finals on, racket control tests should be carried out before all the matches of individual events and the selected individual matches in all team matches.</p>	Passed
15	<p>Proposed by the Umpires and Referees Committee</p> <p>To amend 3.2.4.2.3:</p> <p>3.2.4.2.3 Rackets that do not pass the racket control test before the match cannot be used but may be replaced by a second racket, which may be tested immediately if time permits, but if not, will be tested after the match; in the case where rackets do not pass a random racket control test after the match, the offending player will be liable to penalties.</p>	Passed
16	<p>Proposed by the Japan Table Tennis Association</p> <p>To amend 3.2.5.3 and related 3.2.5.3.2 and 3.2.5.3.3</p> <p>3.2.5.3 With the exception of LED (light-emitting diode), and similar devices, advertisements on the surrounds of the sides of the playing area, fluorescent, luminescent or glossy colours shall not be used anywhere in the playing area and the background colour of the surrounds shall remain dark.</p>	Passed as amended
17	<p>Proposed by the Umpires and Referees Committee</p> <p>To delete 3.2.5.5:</p> <p>3.2.5.5 The main colour of markings on flooring shall be clearly different from the colour of the ball in use.</p>	Passed

18	<p>Proposed by the Rules Committee</p> <p>To amend 3.4.4.2.2:</p> <p>3.4.4.2.2 If a player or pair and an adviser or captain disagree whether a time-out is to be taken, the final decision shall be made by the player or pair in an individual event and by the captain in a team event.</p>	Defeated
19	<p>Proposed by the German Table Tennis Federation</p> <p>To amend 3.5.1.3:</p> <p>3.5.1.3 Players may receive advice only during the intervals between games or during other authorised suspension of play, and not between the end of practice and the start of a match; if any authorised person gives advice at other times the umpire shall hold up a yellow card to warn him or her that any further such offence will result in his or her dismissal from the playing area. Between rallies persons who are authorised to be at the bench / field of play have the possibility to give verbal and visual coaching instructions.</p> <p><u>Effective date: 1 October 2016</u></p>	<p>Passed</p> <p>with specified effect date and with request to Rules Comm. and URC to make the final wording</p>
20	<p>Proposed by the Executive Committee and the Umpires and Referees Committee</p> <p>To amend 3.5.2.8:</p> <p>3.5.2.8 The referee shall have power to disqualify a player from a match, an event or a competition for seriously unfair or offensive behaviour, whether reported by the umpire or not; as he or she does so he or she shall hold up a red card. For less serious offenses, which do not justify disqualification, the referee may decide to report such an offense to a Disciplinary Panel (3.5.2.13).</p>	Passed
21	<p>Proposed by the Executive Committee and the Umpires and Referees Committee</p> <p>To insert new 3.5.2.13 and 3.5.2.14:</p> <p>3.5.2.13 A Disciplinary panel appointed by the Executive Committee, consisting of 4 members and a chair, shall decide on appropriate sanctions for offences reported by the referee of an event within 14 days of the end of the event. The Disciplinary Panel shall decide according to directives given by the Executive Committee.</p> <p>3.5.2.14 An appeal against the Disciplinary Panel's decision may be made by the disciplined player, adviser or official within 15 days to the ITTF Executive Committee, whose decision on the matter shall be final.</p>	Passed

22a	<p>Proposed by the Executive Committee</p> <p>To amend 3.7.1.2:</p> <p>3.7.1.2 In any season calendar year, an Association may nominate one senior, one junior and one veterans' open tournament, which it organises as its Senior, Junior and Veterans' Open International Championships.</p>	<p>It was decided to delete clause 3.7.1.2 completely</p>
22b	<p>Proposed by the Executive Committee</p> <p>To delete 3.7.1.2:</p> <p>3.7.1.2 In any calendar year, an Association may stage nominate one senior, one junior and one veterans' open tournament which it organises as its Senior, Junior, Para and Veterans' Open International Championships.</p>	<p>Passed</p>
23	<p>Proposed by the Sports Science and Medical Committee</p> <p>To modify paragraphs 4.1.2.2.4. and 4.1.2.2.9 (Free Hospitality at World Championships):</p> <p>(4.1.2.2 Organisers shall provide accommodation and meals from the evening before the Championships begin until the morning after the Championships end for ...)</p> <p>4.1.2.2.4 up to 4 3 members of the Doping Control Panel appointed by the Sports Science and Medical Committee; ...</p> <p>4.1.2.2.8 up to 6 7 members of the ITTF staff including 1 assisting the Doping Control Panel.</p>	<p>Passed</p>
24	<p>Proposed by the Swiss Table Tennis Association</p> <p>To amend 4.1.3.3.1 (as well as 4.2.3.5, 4.3.6.2.1 and 4.4.6.2.1 accordingly):</p> <p>(4.1.3.2 In addition to provisions of 3.8, players having acquired a new nationality and wish to represent the association corresponding to the new nationality shall register with ITTF through this new Association.</p> <p>4.1.3.3 Such players shall not represent the new association before:)</p> <p>4.1.3.3.1 3 years after the date of registration, if the player is under the age of 15 when registered, but only 1 year after the date of registration if the player <u>has never represented</u> another association; . . .</p>	<p>Passed</p>

25	<p>Proposed by the Equipment Committee</p> <p><i>To modify Technical Leaflets:</i></p> <p>25.1 T1 Table (update) 25.2 T2 Net Assembly (update) 25.3 T3 Balls (update) 25.4 T4 Racket Coverings (update) 25.5 T6 Table Tennis Flooring (update) 25.6 T9 Racket Control (update)</p>	<p>Passed Passed Passed Passed Passed Passed</p>
26	<p>Proposed by the Brazil TTF</p> <p><i>To modify Technical Leaflet / T1 Table:</i></p> <p>4.8The dynamic CoF between the playing surface and that of any ITTF approved ball is specified between a minimum value of 0.6 and a maximum value of 1.0 should not be greater than 0.6.</p>	<p>Deferred to Resolutions</p>

The Board considered the following resolutions, which required a simple majority of the votes cast:

A	<p>Proposed by the Athletes Commission</p> <p><i>To modify the Terms of Reference for Athletes Commission:</i></p> <p>5. Chair and Deputy Chair of the Commission</p> <p>5.1 The Chair will be proposed to the Executive Committee, and endorsed by the Commission itself. He/she could be an active or retired player.</p> <p>5.2 The Deputy Chair will be proposed and endorsed by the Commission itself. He/she could be active or retired player.</p>	<p>Passed as amended</p>
B	<p>Proposed by the Brazil TTF</p> <p>The ITTF Equipment Committee shall research on the dynamic CoF between the playing surface and any ITTF approved ball, and shall propose modifications on T1 and T3 Technical Leaflets accordingly.</p>	<p>Passed</p>

The Board considered the following separate item, which required simple majority of the votes cast:

C	<p>Proposed by the Technical Commissioner and the Competition Program</p> <p>That the playing and qualification system proposed and presented be approved and implemented for the 2016 World Team Championships.</p>	<p>Passed</p>
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7. Appointment of Junior Continental Commissioners: the Board noted the appointments of the Continental Junior Commissioners by the Executive Committee as follows after the AGM approved Proposition No.4a:

<u>Commissioner</u>	Dennis DAVIS (North America)
<u>Continental Commissioners:</u>	
Africa	Oluranti LAJIDE (Africa)
Asia	Afshin BADIEE (Asia)
Europe	Heike AHLERT (Europe)
Latin America	Carlos ESNARD (Latin America)
Oceania	James MORRIS (Oceania)

8. Appointment of committee chairs and Special appointments (item 13): the Board considered the recommendations of the Executive Committee:

Equipment	Chair	Federico LINEROS
	Deputy Chair	Paul SCHILTZ
Media	Chair	Arne MADSEN
	Deputy Chair	Manfred SCHILLINGS
	Special Advisor	Sheri CIOROSLAN
	Special Advisor	Chandra MADHOSINGH
	Special Advisor	Michel De CHADAREVIAN
Rules	Chair	Rudolf SPORRER
	Deputy	Philip MALES
	Special Advisor	Azmy IBRAHIM
	Special Advisor	Nabil ALMAMOON
Sports Science & Medical	Chair	Prof. Miran KONDRIC
	Deputy	Kazuto YOSHIDA
	Chief Anti-Doping	Dr. Shiro MATSUO
	Special Advisor	Dr. Jean-Francois KAHN
Umpires & Referees	Chair	Ronald WEE Tui Yong
	Deputy (Umpires)	Norman TANG
	Deputy (Referees)	Werner THURY
	Special Advisor	Patrick RINGEL
	Special Advisor	Mike SKINNER
	Special Advisor	Michael ZWIPP
Veterans	Chair	Reto BAZZI
	Deputy	Galal EZZ
PARA TT Division	Chair	Dorte DARFELT
	Deputy	Nico VERSPEELT
	Special Advisor	Oeivind ERIKSEN

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The Board unanimously approved the appointments of the chairs, deputy chairs and special advisors as proposed.

The Board noted that:

- It would be desired to have more women in the committees.
- The Special Advisors have similar status to corresponding members.
- The Finance Committee has a different structure than other committees.

9. World Junior Championships: the Board noted updates in relation to:
- 9.1 World Junior Championships 2015 (Vendee, France)
 - 9.2 World Junior Championships 2016 (Cape Town, South Africa)
 - 9.3 World Junior Championships 2017 (bids open in September 2015)

10. Global Junior Programme: the Board noted updates in relation to:
 10.1 World Cadet Challenge – Excellent organization of the 2014 edition by Barbados TTA and the fact of not having allocated yet the 2015 edition.
 10.2 World Junior Circuit and Finals – presentation of the very successful 2014 GJCF event held in Paraguay including a video and statistics by the Director of Operations. 2015 Finals are not yet allocated.
11. World Title Events and World Tour update: the Board noted presentation including statistics by the CEO

Mr Azevedo congratulated ITTF for the statistics for both junior and senior event and encouraged the strong associations to participate more in the ITTF World Tour and World Junior Circuit. He mentioned tennis as an example where players are obliged to participate.

12. Updates of Technical Leaflets (document K): - covered under Proposition No.25
13. Special appointments: - covered under item 8
14. Ratification of the work done by the committees, commissions and working groups:

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The Board resolved to ratify the work done by the committees, commissions and commissioners.

15. Next meeting: the Board noted that its next meeting would be held in Kuala Lumpur on 3 March 2016
16. Any other business:
- 16.1 Mr Kramer proposed to have an analysis of the World Ranking. The President explained that a working group would be established involving different stakeholders for a possible change in the World Ranking system, but not before the Rio Olympic Games.
- 16.2 Mr Azevedo requested the Executive Committee to create the ITTF Code of Ethics.
- 16.3 The 2016 WTTC organisers wish to create special trophy for the Most Valuable Player of the championships. Competition, Marketing and Promotion staff would work together with organisers to create a tradition at WTTCs.
- 16.4 The colour of the equipment for the Rio Olympic Games would be announced in due time in advance and the same equipment would be used at the Olympic test event as at the Games. If any changes are needed, there is enough time to adjust. Colour combination for Olympic Games is different as OG organisers have their own ideas for the Look of the Games.
- 16.5 The proposal for hand signals by the umpires was tested at the Global Junior Circuit Finals, however the input on the survey was not sufficient due to small number of participants, so the EC requested for further testing of the experiment.

17. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 12h40.

 Thomas Weikert
 Meeting Chair

 Date

2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING - ATTENDANCE REGISTER

Function	Name	Notes
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE		
President	WEIKERT Thomas	
Deputy President	AL-MOHANNADI Khalil	
Vice Presidents	HAJEM Chérif SHI Zhihao MAEHARA Masahiro RIVERA Melecio Eduardo GILLMANN Patrick BURTON Bruce SÖRLING Petra	
CONTINENTAL PRESIDENTS		
Africa	EL-SALHY Khaled	
Asia	CAI Zhenhua	
Europe	KRAMER Ronald	
Latin America	VILA Juan	
North America	KIESENHOFER Tony	
Oceania	MORRIS James	
CONTINENTAL REPRESENTATIVES - AFRICA		
	ABOU BAKHARY Berte DJOMBO Henry GUEZO Fortuné Luc Olivier HAO Thyn Voon KIGGUNDU Thomas MONQID El Hajji OLADAPO Olabanji	Apologies Apologies
CONTINENTAL REPRESENTATIVES - ASIA		
	AL-MUFTAH Ali Sultan BADIEE Afshin CHAIPRASIT Thana CHOUDHARY Dhanraj PARK Do Cheon SIBTAIN Mohammad YUE Tony	Apologies
CONTINENTAL REPRESENTATIVES - EUROPE		
	DARFELT Dorte KRIZ Zdenko MUNIVRANA Ivo-Goran MURDOCH Alexander PALIERNE Christian ROMANESCU Cristinel RÖNMARK Walter SCIANNIMANICO Francesco	Committee Chair Apologies
CONTINENTAL REPRESENTATIVES - LATIN AMERICA		
	AGUILAR Leonel AZEVEDO Alaor G. P. BLANCO Sergio Arturo SANTOS Ivan TENCA Néstor	Apologies
CONTINENTAL REPRESENTATIVES - NORTH AMERICA		
	BABUIN Mike	
CONTINENTAL REPRESENTATIVES - OCEANIA		
	HO Anthony IRELAND Graeme KYLE Paul	Apologies Commissioner

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Function	Name	Notes
COMMISSION CHAIR OR REPRESENTATIVE		
Athletes Commission	JAIN Ashu	
COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS REPRESENTATIVES AND COMMISSIONERS		
Technical Commissioner	IRELAND Graeme	BoD Oceania
Para TT Division Chair	DARFELT Dorte	BoD Europe
Equipment Committee Chair	LINEROS Federico	
Media Committee Chair	MADSEN Arne	
Nominations Committee Chair	CHAN Foong Keong	
Rules Committee Chair	SPORRER Rudolf	
Sport Science and Medical Com. Chair	KONDRIC Miran	
Umpires & Referees Committee Chair	WEE Ronald	
Veterans Committee Chair	BAZZI Reto	
Women in Sport Commissioner	KAJEE Hajera	Apologies
PAC		
Chairman	SEGUN George	
Members	PINTO Jane	
	DAMMAN André	Apologies
	HUDETZ Radivoj	
	SCHÖLER Eberhard	
	SHAHNAZI Shahrokh	Apologies
	HARWOOD Neil	Apologies
	KIMURA Koji	Apologies
	LEVITIN Igor	Apologies
ITTF STAFF		
	FARAGO Judit	
	TEPPER Glenn	
	CALIN Raul	
	CEHOVIN Polona	
	DAINTON Steve	
	OLVECH Leandro	
	BESIC Habiba	
	BARSAI Emese	
	ELEFThERIADE Vicky	
	ENAMI Etsuko	
	LEONG Darren	
	POUND Matt	