

# Extraordinary General Meeting

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## Minutes

of the Extraordinary General Meeting of the International Table Tennis Federation, held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2000 at the Nikko Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, at 9 a.m.

### Welcome by Malaysia Table Tennis Association

The Chairman of the Malaysian Table Tennis Association, Dato' Chan Kong Choy, wished the delegates *Selamat Datang* (welcome in Malaysian), and hoped that they would have a successful meeting. He said the Malaysian Table Tennis Association was very honoured to host this prestigious meeting in conjunction with the WTTC and thanked the ITTF for its help and support to run the championship as efficiently as possible. He also took the opportunity to pay tribute to the late Mr. Yap Yong Yih and expressed his deepest appreciation to Mr. Yap Yong Yih for his life-long contribution to table tennis saying that his absence was not only a great loss to Malaysia but also to the international table tennis community.

### Special Presentations

- On behalf of the ITTF, Mr. Xu Yinsheng, Chairman of the President's Advisory Council, made a presentation of appreciation to Dato' Chan Kong Choy.
- Mr. Adham Sharara thanked the manufacturers and sponsors, saying that without their help the tournament would not be possible. Several presentations followed, to the sponsors and manufacturers.
- On behalf of the ITTF, Mr. Pierre Albertini presented a gift to the title sponsor Mr. Liu Guo Wei from Dawei.
- The two equipment sponsors, Double Fish and Double Happiness from China, were presented with gifts by Mr. Nils Bergström and Mr. George Segun respectively.
- Mr. Adham Sharara reported that unfortunately the table sponsor for Sydney, Joola, was not in Kuala Lumpur to receive the award and it would be presented at a later date.
- Mr. Neil Harwood, Continental Vice President (Oceania), presented an award to Double Happiness, the official supplier of balls for Sydney.
- Mr. Adham Sharara informed the EGM that the ITTF had recently renewed its equipment contract and sponsorship for the ITTF Pro Tour Final for the years 2000 to 2002 inclusive, with Butterfly Tamasu of Japan.
- Mr. Yang Shuan presented an award to Mr. Kamizuru from Butterfly Tamasu.

### 1. Welcome and opening remarks

Mr. Adham Sharara welcomed all present to this Extraordinary General Meeting and explained the procedures. He thanked the 79 Associations that had sent the requisition forms in time so that this meeting could be held (47 forms were required). He said that all requirements and deadlines had been met and that all items in the Constitution relevant to holding an EGM had been respected. He declared the meeting open.

### 2. Appointment of Chairman of Meeting

Mr. Adham Sharara was appointed Chairman of the EGM.

Mr. Sharara referred to Dato' Chan Kong Choy's words about Mr. Yap Yong Yih and in turn thanked Mr. Yap Yong Yih for leaving behind the legacy of this championship. Mr. Sharara explained that Mr. Yap Yong Yih had worked very hard to obtain the Championships for Malaysia. A moment of silence was observed in his memory.

### **3. Roll call and verification of proxies**

Mr. Adham Sharara explained procedures and took the Roll Call.

A total of 93 Associations were present and in addition there were 15 proxies for a total of 108 votes.

### **4. EGM business**

#### **4.1 AGM incorporation requirement**

Mr. Adham Sharara explained that according to incorporation laws the ITTF had to hold an Annual General Meeting and have a Board of Directors. It was decided that the ITTF would hold AGMs in the future according to the incorporation laws.

#### **4.2 Board of Directors (Council)**

It was decided that Council would act as Board of Directors until the new Constitution is presented in 2001.

#### **4.3 Convene the AGM and waive timelines**

Proposed by the USA, it was decided to waive timelines and convene an AGM immediately after the EGM.

#### **4.4 Confirm elections for 2001**

Mr. Adham Sharara notified the EGM that Council had filled the vacancy in the Executive Committee with the election of Mr. Han Sang Kook to the post of Executive Vice-President for Finance. Mr. Han Sang Kook was invited to join the Executive Committee on the podium.

### **5. Adjournment**

Proposed by Pakistan and there being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.