

Board of Directors (2nd session)

Minutes

of the ITTF Board of Directors meeting (2nd session) held in Paris, France, **23 May 2003**, at 09:30 hours

1. Welcome and President's opening remarks

The President presented the Hall of Fame Plaque to Deng Yaping who was one of the World Champions inducted to the Hall of Fame in Paris. On behalf of the ITTF, Mr. George Segun presented gifts as tokens of appreciation to Mr. Rauber and Mr. Henning Rapp from LIEBHERR, the title sponsor of the 47th Liebherr WTTC.

2. Roll call

Roll call was taken and new members to the BOD duly welcomed.

Adham Sharara	President
Pierre Albertini	Deputy President
George Segun	Executive Vice President
Nils Bergström	Executive Vice President
Yang Shuan	Executive Vice President
Han Sang Kook	Executive Vice President (Finance)
Judit Faragó	Executive Vice President

Chérif Hajem	Continental Vice President (Africa)
Khalil Al-Mohannadi	Continental Vice President (Asia)
Stefano Bosi	Continental Vice President (Europe)
Miguel Angel Delgado	Continental Vice President (Latin America)
Aly Salam	Continental Vice President (North America)
Neil Harwood	Continental Vice President (Oceania)

Continental Representatives

Africa

Ganief Fataar
Berthe Bakhary
Henri Djombo
Khaled El Salhy
Olabanji Oladapo
Jane Pinto
Philippe Hao Thyn Voon

Asia

M. C. Chowhan
Rabee Al Turk
Koji Kimura
Park Do Cheon
S. H. Shah
Tony Yue
Sharokh Shahnazi
Choo Wee Kiang

Europe

André Damman
Zdenko Kriz
Radivoj Hudetz
Yuri Posevin
Alan Ransome
Walter Rönmark
Eberhard Schöler
Rudolf Sporrer

Latin America

Alaor G. P. Azevedo
Jorge Herrera
Melecio Rivera

North America

Bruce Burton

Oceania

Patrick Gillmann
Graeme Ireland
David Jackson

Committee Chairmen

Claude Bergeret	(Athletes' Commission)
Arne Madsen	(Media Committee)
Yao Zhenxu	(Technical Committee)
Odd Gustavsen	(Equipment Committee)
Colin Clemett	(Rules Committee)
Aksel Beckmann	(Co-Chairman Umpires and Referees Committee)

Dr. Jean-François Kahn (Sports Science Committee)

President's Advisory Council

Ranga Ramanujan
Hans Giesecke
Misha Kapetanic

In attendance

Jordi Serra	Executive Director
Peter Jensen	Media Manager
Mikael Andersson	Co-ordinator Junior Commission
Glenn Tepper	Development Manager
Lilamani de Soysa	Programme Co-ordinator
Roman Plese	Development Officer
Etsuko Enami	Executive Assistant
Violet Le Blanc	President's Assistant
Habiba Besic	Executive Assistant
Li Tiefeng	Translator

Absent with regrets

Jimmy McClure	President's Advisory Council
Rufford Harrison	President's Advisory Council

Absent

Reto Bazzi	(Europe)
Norman Carrillo	(Latin America)
Darwin Goodridge	(Latin America)

3. Minutes of previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held in Paris on 19 May 2003 will be mailed in due course.

4. Appointment of Committee and Commission Chairmen

The following Committee/Commission Chairmen were appointed:

Athletes' Commission:	Claude Bergeret
Equipment Committee:	Odd Gustavsen
Junior Commission:	Tony Yue
Media Committee:	Arne Madsen
Ranking Committee:	André Damman
Rules Committee:	Rudolf Sporrer
Sports Science Committee:	Dr. Jean-François Kahn
Technical Committee :	Yao Zhenxu
Umpires & Referees Comm.:	Aksel Beckmann and Aly Salam (Co-chairmen)

5. Co-option of Committee/Commission Chairmen as per Constitution

All chairmen appointed above were co-opted as members of the Board of Directors as per the Constitution.

6. Propositions and Resolutions (Document A26)

Simple majority required

BD-01 Proposed by Germany

3.2.2.8

That differences in the number, size, colour and design of advertisements on clothing do not violate the requirement of uniformity for teams and for doubles pairs from the same Association.

This would mean that only the basic design of clothing would have to be the same for different players of the same team or doubles pair.

ACCEPTED.

BD-02 Proposed by the Athletes' Commission 3.4.2.2

That a player be allowed to change a racket once during an individual match, whether or not it is damaged, but it cannot be replaced twice unless it is accidentally damaged so badly that it cannot be used.

DEFEATED.

BD-03 Proposed by Finland 3.4.4.6

That players must remain within 3 metres of the playing area throughout an individual match, including during intervals *and time-outs*.

Although it is implicit in the current regulation, this would confirm that players must not leave the playing area during all authorised intervals.

ACCEPTED.

BD-04 Proposed by the Rules Committee 3.5.1.2 – 3.5.1.4

That where a doubles pair has two nominated advisers, the advisers be treated as a unit for the purposes of the advice regulations.

This would mean that if either of the pair gave advice illegally after either had been warned, both would be sent away from the playing area.

ACCEPTED.

BD-05 Proposed by the Rules Committee 3.5.1.4

That an adviser who is sent away from the playing area for giving advice illegally cannot be replaced by another adviser.

This would make clear that, in a team match, the penalty of dismissing an adviser cannot be diminished simply by bringing in a replacement.

ACCEPTED.

BD-06 Proposed by the Executive Committee 4.2.1.4

That, as of 2003, the ITTF will not reimburse any travel expenses to players selected or qualified to the ITTF Pro Tour Final and World Cup events, with the exception of the Continental Representative to World Cup events. The prize money to these events would be increased accordingly.

ACCEPTED.

BD-07 Proposed by the Junior Commission

- A junior player who has changed his residence from one National Association to another, may be eligible to represent the new National Association in international junior events, provided that:
- at least one year has passed since the player has represented his former National Association
- the player gets the permission to represent the new Association from his former National Association (3.8.8.1)
- This "provisional eligibility" should be granted up to the period of time that the player can participate in junior or cadet events (3.8.8.2)
- As soon as the player moves ***to the Youth category the provisional eligibility is no longer valid and the general principles of eligibility (nationality) should be applied again (3.8.8.3).
- An Appeals Group composed of the Executive Committee, the Chairman of the Junior Commission and the Chairman of the Rules Committee will deal with any appeals or disputes regarding junior eligibility. The decision of the Appeals Group is final (3.8.8.4).

DEFEATED.

Resolutions to the Board of Directors

Simple majority required

A Proposed by the Athletes' Commission

For the World Championships, that any Association, including the host Association, may enter 5 men and 5 women in singles and 4 men and 4 women in doubles; the doubles players need not be the same players as are entered in singles.

WITHDRAWN.

B Proposed by the Athletes' Commission (if A is not accepted)

That the present rule be maintained, with 2 changes:

- ~~1) the maximum number of players to be 6 (5+1)~~
- 2) No seeding by Association in the draw**

The numbers of entries for World Championships are not defined by regulations but are approved for each occasion by the BOD, on the basis of recommendations from the Technical Committee.

An amendment was passed for the rule to read as follows:

- 1) the present rule is maintained with the following change: that with the exception of qualification groups and the first round, no seeding by Association should be implemented in the draw."**

ACCEPTED.

- C Proposed by the Sports Science Committee

That the ITTF accepts the World Anti-doping Code (the Code) approved unanimously at the World Conference on Doping in Sport, held in Copenhagen, Denmark, from 3-5 March 2003, and will update the ITTF Anti-doping code according to the new Code.

The complete last version of the world Anti-doping code (3.0) approved at the World Conference on Doping in Sport can be consulted at <http://www.wada-ama.org/>

ACCEPTED.

7. Appointment of Panels and Working Groups

- Ms. Judit Faragó was re-appointed as Chairwoman of the Calendar Working Group until further notice.
- Mr. George Segun was re-appointed Chairman of the Research and Development Advisory Board.
- The Standing Orders Committee will be now be known as the Nominations Committee and Mr. Yuri Posevin was re-appointed Chairman.
- The Veteran's Working Group will continue under the same format with Bruce Burton re-appointed Chairman.
- The BOD approved the recommendation from the Women's Forum to form a women's working group. The President will work with the Programme Co-ordinator in the composition of this new Working Group.

8. Next meeting

The next meeting will take place in Doha, Qatar, during the first week of March 2004.

9. Any other business

9.1 Equipment committee report on pimples

Mr. Odd Gustavsen explained how racket coverings were tested and the problems encountered. He said that together with the FIT the Equipment Committee would like to propose that certain random irregularities in the pimples could be acceptable and recorded as such in the Technical leaflet.

Other business

- Mr. Mikael Andersson gave a detailed report about the Global Junior Programme and thanked the sponsors, TMS for finding the sponsors, and Judit Faragó for hosting the first World Cadet Challenge in Hungary. He reported that the first Junior World Championships would be held in Chile in 2003, Japan in 2004, and Austria in 2005. The bid from Egypt to host the World Junior Championships in Cairo in 2006 was unanimously accepted. It was said that priority would be given to North America and Oceania for 2007 and 2008.
- Mr. Yao Zhenxu gave a detailed explanation of the new WTTC team competition system recommended to the BOD by the Executive Council, which should make the system easier to understand and allow for more matches. By vote, it was decided to accept the system as a whole and then to approve the "Modified Page" system for the final matches for the title. The teams will be placed in 5 divisions. The first 4 divisions will each consist of 12 teams. The 5th division will consist of all

the remaining teams. In Doha, Qatar, the 8 best teams from the WTTC in Osaka 2001 will be placed in division 1. The placement of the last 4 teams in division 1 and all other teams in all other divisions will be decided by the individual ranking of the players entered for each team. The BOD accepted this new team format and it will be used in Doha, Qatar.

- Mr. André Damman and Mr. Rudi Sporrer decided to vacate their seats on the BOD and they will be replaced by Mr. Gérard Velten of France and Mr. Milan Kondric of Slovenia. Ms. Judit Faragó will be replaced by Mr. Zdenko Kriz of Slovakia.
- Ms. Claude Bergeret brought to the attention of the BOD several complaints from players who had not been receiving their prize money on time. Circumstances regarding certain delays were explained.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 13:43.

Adham Sharara, Meeting Chairman