

# Executive Committee (2)

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## MINUTES

Of the Executive Committee meeting of the International Table Tennis Federation held on **26th May 2007 at the Westin Hotel, Zagreb, Croatia** at 08h00

### 1. President's welcome and opening remarks

The President said that there had been a record number of hits on the website since the start of the championships and that over 13 hours of TV coverage had already been produced with two more days to go. He said that a solution would have to be found in order to fill up the VIP seats, which seemed to be often empty on TV screens. He also informed that he had obtained legal advice in order to verify the legality of the text that would be distributed regarding the glue ban decision taken by the BOD.

### 2. Roll call

Adham Sharara	President
George Segun	Deputy President
Koji Kimura	Executive Vice-President
Judit Faragó	Executive Vice-President
Claude Bergeret	Executive Vice-President
Neil Harwood	Executive Vice-President (Finance)

#### In attendance

Jordi Serra	Executive Director
Glenn Tepper	Development Manager
Lilamani de Soysa	Project Manager

#### Apologies for absence

Yang Shuan	Executive Vice-President
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### 3. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved as presented.

### 4. Decisions

#### 4.1 Pro Tour entries limitations – 2007

Ms Judit Faragó explained that several changes would be made in 2008 to the Pro Tour regulations and presented some modification proposals including the online entry system, the maximum number of entries (fixed, waiting list, ranking list) based on the number of tables available. The new entry system will be implemented 1st July 2007 (**see Document attached**). Ms Judit Faragó also said that some measures should be taken regarding Pro Tour organisers staged whereas women from the host association do not take part.

#### 4.2 Pro Tour changes to Directives – 2008

It was reported that a working group would be formed by the President to update the Pro Tour Directives.

#### 4.3 Development – Financial contribution to Continents

Mr. Adham Sharara reported that the next Olympic distribution would be split over 4 years (instead of 5 as was the case of the

last distribution) after Beijing 2008 (2009-2012). More details will be given at the next EC meeting regarding the distribution of the Olympic revenue.

#### **4.4 Proposal for future Publications**

It was decided, in principle, to stop, at the end of this year, the publication of the Table Tennis Illustrated in its present form and to replace it by two publications, with a new look, content and design. The President would discuss with the TTI editor the future direction. It was also decided to discontinue the Review/Preview yearly publication. The e-news distributed by e-mail would be revived with the arrival of the new Media Coordinator and would be issued from Lausanne periodically according to a schedule established by the Executive Director. It was also decided to maintain the frequency of the Development publication and issue it once per quadrennial.

#### **4.5 Deputy Chairman for Committees and Working Groups**

All Chairpersons had been requested to indicate their choice of Deputy. **See Committee list attached.**

#### **4.6 Signing authority**

The signing authorities for expenses at the ITTF were confirmed as follows:

Lausanne Office - the President, Executive Vice-President (Finance), the Executive Director and the Renens Executive Assistant.

Ottawa Office - the President, Executive Vice-President (Finance), the Executive Director and the Ottawa Executive Assistant.

Shanghai Office - the President, Executive Vice-President (Finance), the Executive Director and the Director of the Asia Office.

### **5. Next Meeting**

It was reported that the next EC meeting would take place in Moscow, Russia, 8 –9 September 2007.

### **6. Any other business**

#### **• Miscellaneous**

Tickets were distributed for the Presidential box, and EC members were informed of their respective tasks during the award ceremonies. All were requested to hand in their departure details to the information desk at the hotel.

#### **• Glue Working Group Meeting**

Mr. George Segun reported that a Glue Working Group meeting had been held the previous day with the manufacturer of the Enez equipment, which would be ready for sale by September 2007. Mr. George Segun recommended that it would be wise to order a large quantity of the devices and Mr. Serra was requested to ask all the national associations for the quantities that would be needed.

#### **• Glue Announcement**

The preliminary text was approved by the EC for distribution to all concerned. The President would distribute a final legal announcement after obtaining further legal advice on the text.

- **Development staff**

The Executive Committee, on recommendation from Mr. Glenn Tepper, approved the hiring of Mr. Leandro Olvech for the position of Coordinator of Development Programmes (CDP). Mr. Olvech is from Argentina currently living in Germany and speaks English, Spanish and German. Mr. Tepper will decide a starting date.

**7. Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 09h46.

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Meeting Chairman, Adham Sharara