

Executive Committee (third meeting)

Minutes

of the Executive Committee Meeting of the International Table Tennis Federation, held on Thursday 3rd May 2001 at the Rihga Royal Hotel, Osaka, Japan, at 10:00 a.m.

1. Roll Call

Present

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| Adham Sharara | President |
| Pierre Albertini | Deputy President |
| George Segun | Executive Vice-President |
| Nils Bergström | Executive Vice-President |
| Han Sang Kook | Executive Vice-President |

Apologies for Absence

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| Yang Shuan | Executive Vice-President |
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In Attendance

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| Jordi Serra | Executive Director |
| Lilamani de Soysa | Administrative and Project Co-ordinator |

2. Summary of Achievements in Osaka

2.1 WTTC organisation

Mr. Adham Sharara thanked Mr. Nils Bergström for his tremendous help in the organisation of these World Championships and congratulated the Japanese Organisers on a job well done. He said that so far the spectator count had been a little disappointing but the organisers had announced that the tickets for the last two days had been sold out.

2.2 WTTC 2003 & 2004

Mr. Adham Sharara said that he was happy that the organisers for the 2003 and 2004 World Championships had now been decided. He said that bids for 2005 would be opened soon and decided at the next AGM in 2002, which meant that the organisers for 2005 would be known three years in advance.

2.3 AGM Changes

Mr. Adham Sharara said that he was happy that most of the major changes proposed had been accepted by the AGM mainly the service rule, the 11 point game, the 4 year mandate of the Executive Committee (as of 2005) and the expansion of the Executive Committee to 7 members (as of 2003).

2.4 Board of Directors Decisions

Mr. Adham Sharara said he was also happy with the decisions made by the Board of Directors and felt that the members were very well informed on all matters.

2.5 Future World Championships

Mr. Adham Sharara said that he was pleased that the decision had been made to separate the individual and team events in the future.

3. Seating Arrangements for Finals and Closing Ceremony

Mr. Nils Bergström stated that all seating arrangements for finals and closing ceremony had been finalised.

4. Departure Arrangements

It was announced that all departure arrangements had been made and airport taxes paid for all ITTF officials and staff.

5. Medal Presentations

Mr. Nils Bergström provided information on the procedure regarding medal and flower presentations. Tasks were distributed to the Executive Committee and Board members.

6. Chairman for Working Groups

6.1 Veterans

It was reported that Mr. Bruce Burton was considering acceptance of the role of Chairman for the Veterans group (to be confirmed in 2 weeks) and it would be composed as follows:

Chairman (Bruce Burton), 1 Swaythling Club representative (Diane Schöler), 1 World Veterans Championships representative (Hans Westling) and 6 Continental representatives: Galal Ezz (Africa), Chan Foong Keong (Asia), Sven Eric Nordby (Europe), Alaor Azevedo Pinto (Latin America), Anton Kiesenhofer (North America) and Averil Roberts (Oceania).

5.2 Junior (Chairman, EC member and Staff member)

Mr. Adham Sharara said that the Chairman for the World Junior Championship working group would be chosen in due course and a provisional group was formed as follows:

Chairman (to be named by the EC), 1 Executive Vice-President (TBD), 1 member of staff (Glenn Tepper) and 6 Continental representatives: Oluranti Lajide (Africa), Probir Mitra (Asia), Judit Faragó (Europe), Miguel Angel Delgado (Latin America), Doru Gheorghe (North America) and Patrick Gillmann (Oceania).

6. Meeting with French Federation - 2003

Mr. Adham Sharara said that he and Mr. Pierre Albertini had met with the President of the French Federation, Mr. Gerard Velten, and that a first draft contract would be sent out to them in due time.

Mr. Pierre Albertini indicated that his involvement with the Organising Committee would be carefully chosen in order to avoid any possibility of conflict of interest.

7. Development Officers Workshops

Mr. Jordi Serra reported that the Development Officers Workshop would be continuing the next day and depending on discussions a third session may be organised the day after.

8. EC Responsibilities

Mr. Adham Sharara said that specific responsibilities would be assigned to Executive Committee members in due time. It was decided that Mr. Nils Bergström would continue to be responsible for the World Championships.

9. Representations

The ITTF would be represented by the following Executive Committee members at the events stated below:

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| Mr. Nils Bergström | 31 st May – 3 rd June, Men's Club Championships, Macao China |
| Mr. Yang Shuan and Mr. George Segun | 14 th June – 16 th June, Women's Club Championships, Xiaoshan, China |
| Mr. Adham Sharara | 14 th – 24 th July, Francophone Games, Ottawa, Canada |
| Mr. Pierre Albertini | 23 rd – 27 th August, Universiade, Beijing, China |
| Mr. Pierre Albertini | 2 nd – 15 th September, Mediterranean Games, Tunis, Tunisia |
| Mr. Han Sang Kook | 17 th – 19 th August, Women's World Cup, China |

10. EC Dinner

Mr. Adham Sharara announced that he had the pleasure of inviting all Executive Committee and staff members to a dinner on 4th May at 20:45.

11. Any Other Business

It was reported that Germany might be the location for the finals of the Pro Tour 2001 but due to high taxes in Germany the decision will not be taken until the 15th of May. If the Germans declined, Sweden may still be an option.

Mr. Jordi Serra explained that Olympic Solidarity had a programme that was striving to ensure that all NOCs are equipped with suitable computer technology that will enable them to use up-to-date word processing, communicate by e-mail, access the Internet and the NOC Extranet and suggested that the ITTF should do the same. Mr. Adham Sharara asked him to discuss the matter at the Development Officers Workshop and make a concrete proposal to the ITTF EC in due time.

Mr. Han Sang Kook said that the annual budget adjustments should be made available and it was decided that he would meet with ITTF staff in Lausanne, in the fall (October-November) for this purpose.

Mr. Han Sang Kook also reported that he had to personally convey a message of thanks to Mr. Adham Sharara from the South Korean Minister of Sports for his efforts to organise a unified Korean team. The Minister who was present in Osaka would be visiting the competition hall during the day.

Mr. Pierre Albertini reported that it had been decided by the Latin countries to create a new Latin Federation. The 2nd Latin Cup was planned to be held from 5th to 8th November 2001 in Brazil.

Mr. Pierre Albertini also requested that a clause in the Revised Constitution should specify that all ITTF AGM meeting documents should be translated into several languages.

Mr. George Segun was requested to go ahead with further research with Cambridge University.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11.55.

Adham Sharara, Meeting Chairman