

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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## Minutes

Of the ITTF Executive Committee Meeting held in Doha, Qatar, 29 February 2004, at 14:00 hours

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

The President welcomed all to Doha, to the sumptuous Ritz Carlton Hotel. Representatives from Sweden, Korea and Croatia were present for the draw in order to decide the order for the 2007 WTTC bid presentation at the AGM.

### 2. **Roll call**

Adham Sharara	President
Pierre Albertini	Deputy President
George Segun	Executive Vice-President
Nils Bergström	Executive Vice-President
Yang Shuan	Executive Vice-President
Judit Faragó	Executive Vice-President

In attendance

Jordi Serra	Executive Director
Lilamani De Soysa	Project Manager

### **Apologies for absence**

Han Sang Kook	Executive Vice-President (Finance)
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### 3. **Approval of Agenda**

The Agenda was approved as presented.

### 4. **Minutes**

#### 4.1 **Approval of Minutes of previous meeting (Santiago, 19 December 2003)**

The Minutes of meeting held in Santiago were approved as a true record of the meeting.

#### 4.2 **Business arising from the Minutes (not covered by Agenda)**

No other business than that covered by the Agenda.

### 5. **World Table Tennis Team Championships**

#### 5.1 **2004 Doha**

Mr. Nils Bergström explained that he had already held two meetings with the Organising Committee. As expected there were small problems with transport, hotel accommodation, television production etc but nothing that could not be solved within the next 24 hours. He said that there would be a meeting with the OC every morning.

#### 5.2 **2005 Shanghai**

Mr. Yang Shuan reported that the Shanghai event was now being organised according to schedule and that the renovations on the venue had begun. Mr. Adham Sharara was invited to China to sign the contracts at his

convenience. He said that the OC and CTTA were planning to organise a cultural event at the same time as the WTTC.

### **5.3 2006 Bremen**

Members of the Bremen OC were in Qatar and they would present an update report at the AGM and meet with ITTF officials on 4<sup>th</sup> March.

### **5.4 2007 Bids (Draw. Order of presentation 2007 bids at the AGM)**

It was decided by draw that Sweden would make the first presentation, followed by Korea and then Croatia. Mr. Adham Sharara explained that Chicago had withdrawn but would probably apply again for the 2008 team event.

## **6. Finances**

Mr. Jordi Serra reported that the final audit for 2003 would be completed by the end of April 2004. However, the books for 2003 had now been closed and the unaudited financial statements were ready. He briefly commented on the statements and said that income had increased and that the building owned by the ITTF in Ottawa was generating a steady income. He said that a tentative budget for 2005-2008 had been distributed to all concerned through their pigeonholes at the venue. Mr. Adham Sharara said that there had been recent cash-flow problems. However, Volkswagen may soon pay their second instalment in advance but at a small discount in order to rectify this problem.

## **7. AGM and BOD**

It was reported that all arrangements had been made for AGM and BOD meetings. 23 proxies had been received. It was said that the Team system with 12 teams was thought to be too restrictive and that the system would have to be rethought after the Qatar WTTC and a final decision made in Shanghai.

## **8. Competition Managers Position**

It was reported that both Mr. Raul Calin (1 March 2004) and Mr. Didier Leroy (1 April 2004) had accepted the positions of Competition Manager of the ITTF.

## **9. Final World Olympic Qualification Tournament**

It was reported that the final World Olympic Qualification tournament would take place in Innsbruck, Austria from the 13-16 of May 2004.

## **10. Appointment of Technical Delegate for 15<sup>th</sup> World University Championship, Gyor, Hungary, 1-5 September 2004.**

It was decided that Mr. Rudi Sporrer would be appointed Technical Delegate for this event.

## **11. Olympic Games Update**

Mr. Jordi Serra reported on his visit to Athens and said that the test event had been handled well with no major problems. The hall for the Olympic Games was not ready yet but work was progressing according to schedule. The qualification process was half way through. It was also reported that the Greek Competition Manager Mr. Georgios Seliniotakis was back at work after his illness and would be taking up his position full-time in due course.

## **12. Next Meeting (Doha, Saturday, 6 March 2004)**

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will take place on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March.

## **13. Any other business**

- It was reported that the former Yugoslav TTA still owed money (US\$200,000) to the ITTF which was the TV rights advance for the 1999 WTTC, which was cancelled due to the war.

It was unanimously decided that the ITTF should seek reimbursement from the Serbia Table Tennis Association (after approval of the new members at the AGM) which has agreed to assume all assets and liabilities from the former Yugoslav TTA and the Serbia & Montenegro TTA. Mr. Adham Sharara will discuss with the President of the Serbia TTA a repayment schedule to recover the debt.

- It was decided that Mr. George Segun would make a proposal to Mr. Colin Clemett regarding his future involvement in the ITTF. If possible, Mr. Clemett would be invited to the Olympic Games.
- Mr. Pierre Albertini enquired about the situation between TMS and the ETTU and it was explained that the ETTU had decided to use their own staff for ETTU marketing purposes.

#### **14. Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 16h15.

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Meeting Chairman, Adham Sharara