

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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## Minutes

Of the ITTF Executive Committee Meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> session) held in Doha, Qatar, **6<sup>th</sup> March 2004**, at 09:00 hours

### Roll call

Adham Sharara	President
Pierre Albertini	Deputy President
George Segun	Executive Vice-President
Nils Bergström	Executive Vice-President
Hans Sang Kook	Executive Vice-President (Finance)
Judit Faragó	Executive Vice-President

### In attendance

Jordi Serra	Executive Director
Lilamani De Soysa	Project Manager

### Invited to attend

Aly Salam	Co-Chairman Umpires & Referees Committee
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### Apologies for absence

Yang Shuan	Executive Vice-President
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1. Mr. Aly Salam was invited to attend so that he could present the final list of International Umpires for the Athens Olympic Games. Mr. Salam explained selection procedures for the 24 umpires and said that 4 of the chosen umpires had not fully qualified yet. The Executive Committee decided to accept the 4 umpires but with the condition that they should attend a further course at their own expense at the Volkswagen Korea Open. Mr. Aly Salam was requested to write a memo informing all concerned.
2. According to BOD decisions, 4 new working groups were formed:
  - A working group to follow-up on the decision to ban toxic glues was formed. It was decided to ask the Chairmen of the Sports Science Committee and the Equipment committee to figure out the best way to implement the research leading towards the final ban in 2007. They would be asked to present a plan to Mr. George Segun before the AGM in Shanghai.
  - A working group composed by Mr. Raul Calin, Mr. Neil Harwood and Mr. Alaor Azavedo were requested to study the possibilities of bringing the Paralympic activities under the ITTF umbrella.
  - A working group composed of Mr. Pierre Albertini, Mr. Rudi Sporrer, Mr. Han Sang Kook and Mr. Nils Bergström were requested to study the proxy system in place at the ITTF. At the present World Championships the intent of the use of proxies had been questioned and it was necessary to have clear regulations concerning proxies. The group was asked to present some proposals at the next Executive Committee Meeting.

- The new playing system for the WTTC would be studied by Mr. Adham Sharara (Chairman), one continental representative from each continent, Chairwoman of the Athletes' Commission and the Chairman of the Ranking Committee.
3. The BOD decision regarding the deadline for nominations was reconfirmed:  
For Committee members: nominations to be received 60 days before the AGM and all names to be made public by the ITTF Headquarters 15 days before the AGM.  
For EC and EC+ members: nominations to be received 30 days before the AGM and names to be made public by the ITTF Headquarters 15 days before the AGM.
  4. Mr. Nils Bergström explained medal distribution procedure.
  5. It was reported that Mr. Adham Sharara, Ms Judit Farago, the President of the Association of Serbia and Montenegro and Mr. Misha Kapetanovic had met in order to discuss the debt that the Association still owed the ITTF. It had been decided that the ITTF would inform them officially of the exact amount to be paid and by when. It was said that they would like to make part of the payment in kind (courses, coaching camps etc).
  6. It was reported that the Association of Montenegro had offered to host a meeting of the Executive Committee in the near future.
  7. Mr. George Segun said that he was continuing research on the longer reach and other experiments undertaken by the ITTF. He suggested that the CAR in Barcelona should do more research to confirm the results obtained concerning longer reach table tennis and the 44mm ball, etc. He said that he had spoken to Mr. Radivoj Hudetz and Mr. Miran Kondric about combination of sponges, thickness; spin effects and other such subjects of interest for table tennis. It was said that Joola and a Japanese manufacturer were interested in holding a tournament with 44mm balls. Mr. Segun said that following the successful open-air experiment in Paris, Brazil was interested in the idea and that he would visit Brazil in order to see what could be done. Mr. Adham Sharara said that the city of Ottawa and Egypt were also interested in Open Air table tennis.
  8. Ms Lilamani de Soysa said that the Women's Working Group intended to propose the idea of a mixed world cup where the teams would be made up of men and women. She said this would eliminate the problem of organisation and also help to reinforce and uplift the image of women's table tennis. The Executive Committee agreed to the idea and asked the Women's Working Group to present a detailed written proposal.
  9. Mr. Nils Bergström said he was making plans to visit Shanghai and Bremen and the exact dates will be announced after the Athens Olympic Games.
  10. Mr. Adham Sharara said he was very happy with the Qatar WTTC and the way in which the meetings were held. He said the BOD meeting in particular had been exceptionally fruitful and many members had made valuable contributions. He thanked the Executive Committee and Staff for their support and work throughout the year.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11h03.

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Meeting Chairman, Adham Sharara