

MINUTES

Executive Committee Meeting (1)

Shanghai, China, 29th April 2005, at 14.00 hours

1 President's welcome and opening address

The President welcomed all to Shanghai and congratulated the Chinese Table Tennis Association for the renovations made to the hall in such a short time. He thanked the CTTA and the City of Shanghai for the excellent organisation in place.

2 Roll call

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

In attendance

Jordi Serra	Executive Director
Lilamani De Soysa	Project Manager
Glenn Tepper	Development Manager
Christian Veronese	Event Marketing Manager (TMS)

3 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

4 Minutes

4.1 Approval of Minutes of previous meeting (Renens/Lausanne, 19 February 2005)

The Minutes were approved and signed by the President as a true record of the meeting, with correction to item 9, last line: final report was submitted to the **BOD**.

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

No other business.

5 Marketing update

Mr. Christian Veronese reported that the advertising on the website and Table Tennis Illustrated was now generating USD 100,000. The European Championships held in Aarhus, Denmark had been a great success from a commercial and television point of view. He said that CCTV would be broadcasting the WTTC mainly live and that Eurosport would be broadcasting around 20 hours of the

championship. He said a presentation on marketing activities would be made to the AGM.

6 World Table Tennis Championships

6.1 Shanghai update

Mr. Nils Bergström reported that the 2nd arena contained 24 tables but there were no seats for spectators and was not open to the Chinese spectators. The main arena had been set up marvellously and all preparations seemed to be of the highest standard. He said he met every morning with the Organising Committee together with the Executive Director where all minor problems were discussed and solved. Mr. Jordi Serra explained certain organisational and practical items such as VIP seating, transportation, etc. It was reported that the hotel rooms for journalists were more expensive than announced in the Bulletin.

6.2 Team WTTC playing system. Final proposal

Mr. Adham Sharara reported that the final proposal from the working group had been submitted to the BOD 2 months ago according to deadline. He said the BOD would be voting at its next meeting in order to decide the number of teams, challenge matches and the question of the number of teams to be guaranteed in the first division. He said the system that will be approved should be in place for the next few years.

6.3 World Junior Championships

It was reported that bids from the USA for 2007 and New Zealand for 2008 would be presented at the 2nd session of the BOD. It was notified that the bulletin regarding this year's Junior Championships in Linz was ready and had already been distributed in printed form.

7. Development programme. Formula 2006-2008

The Executive Committee unanimously approved the new formula for the distribution of development funds presented by Mr. Glenn Tepper.

8. Special ITTF Solidarity Fund

Mr. Pierre Albertini explained that he had been working closely with Ms Lilamani de Soysa on this idea and that from a moral and ethical point of view, and in keeping with IOC solidarity fund and the UN Millennium goals, the ITTF should put in place a policy for a special assistance fund. He said it would be necessary to identify the conditions for establishing this fund, such as a strong will on the part of the leaders who share the same feelings of generosity and solidarity with members of the table tennis family. He suggested that a group should be formed for this purpose. Ms Lilamani de

Soysa was requested to present a written proposition at the next EC meeting.

9. Next Meeting (05 May 2005, Shanghai Olympic Hotel)

The next EC meeting was confirmed to be held on 5th May at 14h at the Olympic Hotel, Shanghai.

10. Any other business

10.1 Directives for match officials

Item referred to next EC meeting, to be finalised with new URC Chairman.

- Mr. Jordi Serra reported that he had attended the last ASOIF meeting in Berlin together with Mr. George Segun and that the IOC would be deciding at its next meeting in July which sports would be retained for the 2012 Olympic Games. He said that each sport would be put to a vote and that it was necessary to protect our sport and ensure that it stays within the Olympic family. Mr. Adham Sharara mentioned that one of the criteria still not fulfilled by the ITTF was the number of women in leadership positions. He said it would be necessary to recruit more women in order to bring them forward for leadership positions within the ITTF.
- Mr. Han Sang Kook, Mr. Nils Bergström and Mr. Pierre Albertini who would be leaving the EC at the coming AGM said a few words of farewell to colleagues in the EC.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 17h20.

Meeting Chairman, Adham Sharara