

# MINUTES

## Executive Committee Meeting (2)

Shanghai, China, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2005, at 09.00 hours at the Presidential suite, Hua Ting Hotel, Shanghai, China

### 1 Roll call

Adham Sharara	President
Yang Shuan	Executive Vice-President
Neil Harwood	Executive Vice-President (Finance)
Koji Kimura	Executive Vice-President
Claude Bergeret	Executive Vice-President
Ivo-Goran Munivrana	Executive Vice-President

### In attendance

Jordi Serra	Executive Director
Lilamani de Soysa	Project Manager

### Absent

Khalil Al-Mohannadi	Deputy President
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### 2 Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved as presented.

### 3 Work assignments

Mr. Adham Sharara explained that each Executive Vice-President would have a particular focus and agenda and that he would contact each one in particular before specific work was assigned.

### 4 Travel expenses

The new EC members were informed of the ITTF travel policy for EC members.

### 5 Credit card

It was reported that all Executive Vice-Presidents would be receiving a credit card from the ITTF to be used for ITTF expenses only.

### 6 Umpires and Referees Committee

It was explained that the URC members had voted for a new chairman but 2 letters had been received from URC members regarding the correctness of the selection. Mr. Aly Salam is expected to resign from the URC and the group had been entrusted to choose a chairperson themselves. The URC would be left with 7 members for the next 2 years.

### 7 ITTF Museum

Mr. Adham Sharara said that the next Executive Committee meeting should be held in Lausanne or at a location close to Lausanne so that EC members could visit the museum and give their advice. It was reported that the museum showcases were now ready-- a gift from the Chinese TTA, and that DHS, Butterfly and Joola had pledged to sponsor the museum. Liebherr would be sponsoring the travelling exhibit, for a sum of USD 50,000 per year, for the next 3 years.

### 8 George Segun responsibilities

It was agreed that Mr. George Segun would remain Chairman of the Glue Working Group and the New Technologies & Research Advisory Board.

**9 Medal presentations**

All medal presentations were finalised.

**10 Minutes of meetings in Shanghai**

It was said that all the Minutes of the meetings held in Shanghai would be presented in a booklet form within the next 60 days.

**11 DHS invitation dinner**

The Executive Committee were invited to a dinner by DHS at the Olympic Hotel at 18h and a lunch with the Mayor of Shanghai the following day.

**12 WTTC**

**12.1 Bremen contract and co-ordination visit**

Mr. Adham Sharara reported that the contract with Bremen would be signed at the end of May or beginning of June. He said that Mr. Nils Bergström would continue to help the ITTF with the WTTC but that Ms Claude Bergeret would be the new person in charge of this matter within the Executive Committee.

**12.2 Zagreb contract and coordination visit**

It was reported that an inspection visit of facilities in Zagreb would be made at the end of September or beginning of October where the contract would be finalised.

**12.3 Guangzhou 2008 update**

Mr. Adham Sharara reported that he and Mr. Yang had met the night before with a delegation from Guangzhou, which was extremely motivated to host the WTTC in 2008, and that they would be making a presentation to the AGM in Bremen.

**13 PAC appointments**

**13.1 Meeting with Chairman of PAC**

Mr. Adham Sharara explained that it was the President's prerogative to appoint PAC members. The Chairman of the PAC, Mr. Xu Yinsheng, had invited all PAC members to a dinner for a general discussion. In order to follow-up on the recommendation made by the PAC to the BOD in Doha regarding the invitation of teams that had never participated in the WTTC, Mr. Yang Shuan and Mr. Neil Harwood were requested to consult with Mr. Xu Yinsheng and to submit a proposal to the next EC.

**13.2 Nils Bergstrom (+ special advisor WTTC)**

The EC unanimously accepted the President's appointment of Mr. Nils Bergström as special advisor for the WTTC and PAC member.

**13.3 Han Sang Kook (+ special advisor finances)**

The EC unanimously accepted the President's appointment of Mr. Han Sang Kook as special advisor for finances and PAC member.

**14 Planning**

**14.1 Start process**

Mr. Adham Sharara said that the process of planning would start after the WTTC. The development plans were in place but a new Marketing plan was needed as well as a Business plan. More details on the process would be forthcoming. Draft time-lines were presented at the AGM in the president's power-point presentation to the delegates.

**14.2 Judit Faragó: Junior and Youth planning**

It was agreed to ask Mrs Judit Farago to be involved and lead the planning process for the Junior and Youth programmes.

**15 Any other business**

- Mr. Yang Shuan asked the new EC to strive to create a strong team and to provide their support the President as the captain of the team.
- Mr. Jordi Serra explained that in July the IOC at its next session would decide which sports would remain in the Olympic programme in 2012. It was said that even though table tennis was not threatened in any way, it was important to find ways to protect the sport. It was agreed that IOC/NOC members would be invited to witness ITTF events whenever possible.
- Ms Lilamani de Soysa presented a proposal for a special assistance fund, which was accepted in principle and to be reviewed by the working group to be set-up for this purpose.

**16 Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10h15.

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Meeting Chairman, Adham Sharara