

Report of meeting of Executive Committee members - Meeting (1)

23 April 2006, at 014.00 hours, Bremen, Germany

1. Welcome and opening address

Thomas Weikert, President of the DTTB and Matthias Vatheuer, General Secretary of the DTTB, addressed the members of the Executive Committee and wished them a successful meeting and World Championships.

2. Roll call

Mr. Adham Sharara explained that due to the decision made by the CAS, it would be preferable to request from the AGM to validate all Executive Committee meetings and decisions since Shanghai 2005 AGM. The present meeting would be an informal meeting of Executive Committee members and reported as "**Report of meeting of Executive Committee members**". All decision-making will be done at the next Executive Committee meeting with the newly elected members in place. The Olympic Commission meeting will be postponed until after the AGM.

The meeting was attended by:

Mr. Adham Sharara,	President
Mr. Khalil Al-Mohannadi,	Deputy President *
Mr. Yang Shuan,	Executive Vice-President *
Mr. Koji Kimura,	Executive Vice-President *
Ms Claude Bergeret,	Executive Vice-President *
Mr. Ivo-Goran Munivrana,	Executive Vice-President *
Mr. Neil Harwood,	Executive Vice-President (Finance)

Mr. Jordi Serra, Executive Director
Ms Lilamani de Soysa, Project Manager
Mr. Anders Thunström, TMS Managing Director

* = positions to undergo re-election at AGM

1. World TT championships

1.1 2006 WTTC Bremen

Ms Claude Bergeret gave an update of the World Championships and informed that the event was well organised and all measures were being taken to improve and eliminate existing problems. She said that there were no problems reported from the main hall, but a solution was being found for a lighting problem in the practice hall. She said that all issues arising from accreditation, gluing hall, food, etc., were reported, discussed and being solved together with the Organising Committee. It was reported that the Jury meeting would take place at 18:00h.

Mr. Anders Thunström reported that Tokyo TV would be broadcasting matches from the first day of play.

1.2 2007 WTTC Zagreb

It was reported that the Directives for the 2007 World Championships had been received by the Organisers, that the agreement was now ready for signing and that an inspection visit would be planned soon. Mr. Adham Sharara said that the agreement could be signed in Bremen and a ceremony could be organised at a later date in Zagreb if so wished by the OC. However, Mr. Munivrana preferred a signing in Zagreb.

1.3 2008 WTTC Guangzhou update

Mr. Yang Shuan reported that the local organisers had commenced preparations and that he had met recently in Beijing with the Sport Director of Guangzhou. A large delegation from Guangzhou was present in Bremen and would make an update report to the AGM. The dates for the Championship had been fixed for the last week of February 2008. It was reported that Ms Claude Bergeret would be accompanied by Mr Werner Schlager on the inspection visit, in order to test the lighting in the practice hall.

1.4 2009 WTTC Bids

It was reported that both candidates, Austria and Japan, would host a reception in Bremen. It would be decided by draw at the EC+ meeting, the order of presentations at the AGM.

2. Preparation of AGM

2.1 Bahrain

Mr. Adham Sharara explained briefly the litigation that existed between the former Executive Committee of the Bahrain Table Tennis Association and the current Executive Committee. He said that he had met, the previous day, with the currently elected President of the Bahrain Table Tennis Association who had produced original letters from the Bahrain NOC and the Ministry of Sports confirming the legality of the current Executive Committee. Therefore, it was decided that the Bahrain delegate would be authorised to participate in the AGM.

2.2 Palestine

It was reported that the ITTF had received official letters from the Palestine NOC and the Palestinian Sports Ministry recognising, yet again, different persons as President of the Palestinian Table Tennis Federation. It was decided that until the Palestinian NOC and the Ministry of Sports agree on the same person, or have joint elections, the ITTF would not recognize the Palestine Table Tennis Association and they would not have the authorisation to participate at the AGM.

2.3 Election procedures (Deputy President, Vice-Presidents, World Championships)

Mr. Adham Sharara explained that the elections would be held according to the recommendations made by the CAS and all measures taken to ensure that voting procedures would guarantee independence and legality.

It was reported that Austrian TV and Japanese TV would be given permission to attend the AGM only at the time when the winner of the 2009 host city is announced.

Mr. Ivo-Goran Munivrana officially announced his intention to withdraw from the elections. Mr. Ivo-Goran explained that this was not his personal decision, but a decision made in the best interest of the ITTF and the ETTU. Mr. Adham Sharara thanked him for this decision and for taking into consideration the overall best interest of the sport and maintaining unity and peace within the ITTF.

2.4 Congo complaint

The allegation from the Congo regarding inducements in the forthcoming elections was noted. It was proposed that the IOC Ethics Commission should be invited to a future EC meeting in order to seek their collaboration on such issues.

2.5 Result of the Lausanne Court / Civil Tribunal

It was reported that the request from the Qatar Table Tennis Association of an injunction to obtain the documents used by the CAS to reach its decision regarding the re-election had been rejected by the Lausanne Tribunal, with immediate effect, with all costs of the procedure to be paid by the Qatar TTA. The QTTA has the right to appeal.

3. Next meetings. Executive Council and Olympic Commission meeting

The next meeting of Executive Council members will take place on 25th April. The Olympic Commission meeting will take place soon after the BOD meeting on 28th April.

4. Any other business

No other business.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 15h50.

Meeting Chairman, Adham Sharara