

OLYMPICS COMMISSION

MINUTES

of the Olympics Commission Meeting of the International Table Tennis Federation, held on 20 December 2003 at the NH Hotel, in Santiago, Chile, at 13:00.

1 President's welcome and opening remarks

The Olympics Commission meeting immediately followed the Executive Council meeting. The President welcomed Mr. Emmanuel Kolibadis, representative from Athens to the meeting.

2 Roll call

Adham Sharara	President
Pierre Albertinin	Deputy President
Nils Bergström	Executive Vice-President
Ms. Judit Faragó	Executive Vice-President
Han Sang Kook	Executive Vice-President (Finance)
Chérif Hajem	Continental Vice-President (Africa)
Stefano Bosi	Continental Vice-president (Europe)
Miguel Delgado	Continental Vice-President (Latin America)
Neil Harwood	Continental Vice-President (Oceania)
Aly Salam	Continental Vice-President (North America)
Emmanuel Kolibadis	Representative from Greece

In attendance

Jordi Serra	Executive Director
Lilamani De Soysa	Project Manager

Apologies for absence

George Segun	Executive Vice-President
Yang Shuan	Executive Vice-President
Khalil Al-Mohannadi	Continental Vice-President (Asia)
Georgios Seliniotakis	Competition Manager Athens 2004

3 Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved as presented.

4 Minutes

4.1 Approval of Minutes of previous meeting (Paris, France, 20 May 2003)

The Minutes of the previous meeting held in Paris were signed by the President as a true record of the meeting.

4.2 Business arising from Minutes (not covered by Agenda)

No other business than that covered by the Agenda.

5 Appointment of International Technical Officials

5.1 Jury

The Jury members for the Athens Olympic Games were approved as follows: Chérif Hajem (Africa), M. C. Chowhan (Asia), Ivo-Goran Munivrana (Europe), Patrick Gillman (Oceania), Aly Salam (North America), Miguel Delgado (Latin America) and Han Sang Kook (Chairman of the Jury).

Mr. Yao Zhenxu (CHN) and Mr. Neil Harwood (AUS) were confirmed as Technical Delegates.

5.2 Referees and International Umpires

Mr. Aly Salam reported that the umpires for Athens had been selected, however, some of them were still conditional and had to pass an additional qualification before the final list could be confirmed. He said that back-up umpires were available to replace the conditional ones if necessary. The Continental Vice-presidents were requested to ensure that all conditional umpires were informed of the situation and to make sure they had the opportunity to pass the additional qualification requirement. It was decided that the final list of International Umpires would be published after the AUT training course in Qatar, on the 8th of March 2004.

The Referees, Ms. Constandina Crotta (GRE) and Mr. Richard Scruton (ENG) were confirmed.

Mr. Aly Salam expressed his opinion explaining that one of the deputy referees for Athens should have been from North America. However, the President explained that the list proposed will be maintained and that preference be given at the next Olympic Games to referees from Continents not ever selected for Olympic Games provided they meet the criteria and that the ITTF policy is respected.

Mr. Salam requested that an additional accreditation should be given for an Umpire evaluator. It was decided that the list would be accepted as presented but with the condition that Continents that have not had the opportunity to officiate at the Games so far should have preference at the Beijing Games. It was also said that if an additional accreditation were available it would be allocated to an Umpire evaluator.

It was explained that two national technical officials who would specifically take care of Rule 61 and the results had been appointed. The List of racket control officials and national technical officials was confirmed as presented.

5.3 Racket control

Mr. Paul Schiltz (LUX), Mr. Nobiyuki Shirakawa (JPN) and Mr. Federico Lineros (ESP), were appointed as the International Technical Officials in charge of conducting the racket control during the Olympics in Athens.

6 Next Meeting (Qatar, March 2004)

The date of the next OC meeting, to be held in Qatar will be communicated in due course. As this would be the last occasion to confirm the list of International Umpires, the meeting may have to take place after the AUT course in Qatar once all the conditional umpires have been evaluated.

7 Any other business

7.1 Competition Manager

Mr. Adham Sharara announced that two Competition Managers will be appointed for the ITTF, Mr. Didier Leroy (BEL) for Pro Tour events and Mr. Raul Calin (ESP) for the Junior events. Mr. Sharara said that the ITTF would like to involve both these people in the Athens Olympic Games and Paralympic Games. He said that Mr. Didier Leroy would be available to go to Greece for a period of 6 weeks before the Games.

Mr. Emmanuel Kolibadis explained that Mr. Georgios Seliniotakis, the Competition Manager for the Games had suffered a heart attack but that he would be back at work after a by pass operation. In case there were complications after the operation, Mr. Kolibadis would take over from Mr. Seliniotakis. He reported that everything was in place for the test event and that should not present any major problems. It was decided however that a decision would be taken in Qatar concerning the implementation of decisions made during the test event and who should be the person responsible.

Mr. Emmanuel Kolibadis reported that the hall was now ready and that the floor had been installed. There were a few problems with the Oris results system that were being fixed at the moment and that the draw for the test event would take place on the 26th of January 2004. He said that a video replay board would be available in the hall.

Mr. Pierre Albertini requested that there should be a flexible system for the circulation of officials inside the hall as it was too strict in Sydney. Mr. Han Sang Kook asked if it would be possible to have two Jury seats at a place that could have all the tables in view at the same time.

The Executive Committee and Council sent their best regards to Mr. Georgios Seliniotakis and wished him a speedy recovery.

8 Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 14h10.