

ETTU Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Online

Monday 18th December 2023, 1105-1315 CET

Present:

Pedro Moura (POR), (Acting President)
Heike Ahlert (GER), (Acting Deputy-President)
Sandra Deaton (ENG), (Vice-President for Finances)
Sonja Grefberg (FIN), (Vice-President)
Ina Jozepsone (LAT), (Vice-President)
Miguel Vicens (FRA), (Vice-President)
Chiara Colantoni (ITA), (Athletes Commission Chair)
Pierre Kass (Secretary General)
Galia Dvorak (Deputy Secretary General)

11.05 1. Welcome of the Acting President

The Acting President welcomed the Executive Board members.

11.09 2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda has been adopted.

10.10 3. Minutes of the previous Executive Board Meeting (15.11.2023) – *sent by email on 15.11.2023*

The minutes of the previous Executive Board Meeting have been agreed.

11.11 4. Update by Acting President

The Acting President reviewed the year 2023 and gave a special thank you to the general secretariat for all the work done.

Mr. Moura updated on the outstanding payments situation from the 2022 EVC and informed that agreements with Liebherr for 2024 have been finalised.

Mr. Moura reported on the meeting in Geneva on the 22nd November with the European Championships Management.

Mr. Moura informed that Mr. Scruton will stay in ETTU for 2024 as senior advisor on a volunteer basis.

- Partnership agreements' status

Mr. Moura reported on the agreement status being at final stage with the partners Sportradar and Stupa.

- Visit World Youth Championships

Mr. Moura reported about his visit to the World Youth Championships.

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5. Update by General Secretariat

- Events applications

The Secretary General informed on the event applications received:

2025 Europe Top 16 Cup – France and Switzerland

2025 European Team Championships Stage 1 – Bosnia and Herzegovina

2025 European U13 Championships – Sweden

2025 Europe Youth Top 10 – France

- Events update

The Deputy Secretary General updated the EB about the Virtual Table Tennis Challenge, including the upcoming final in Düsseldorf, Germany to be held on January 13th 2024 and noted the need to revise the competition's format to increase member associations' interest and participation due to its budgetary implications.

Mr. Moura informed on the current situation about the European Olympic Singles Qualification and that a decision may have to be taken asap but latest in January 2024.

ETTU will let TV produce all tables and days at the 2024 CCB Europe Top 16 Cup. The EB decided that the award ceremonies for both men and women should be organised after the last final match of the competition and not each award right after the respective final match.

All event contracts for 2024 have been finalised except the European Youth Championships which will be ready within the current week.

- Club Competitions

The Secretary General reported on the men and women Champions League annual club meetings which took place on 30th November.

Highlighted from the men's meeting the clubs' dissatisfaction of the clash from the WTT events with the Champions League men Final 4. It was also reported that the decision about an eventual reintroduction of the men's quarter-finals was still to be taken.

The Executive Board decided to invite the clubs to a hybrid meeting during the Final 4.

The Europe Trophy regional stage ended with 19 women and 31 men teams participating.

The hosting tender to all qualified teams to the Grand Finals will be opened within the coming days. It was reported that the selected dates for the Grand Finals clashed with various national leagues competitions which would not allow 6 out of the 20 qualified teams to participate. An internal meeting was set for later that day and if there would be any date change seen as required, the general secretariat will contact the EB.

- Suppliers and partners

Nothing new to report.

- 2024 Development Budget

The ETTU Deputy Secretary General updated the EB members on the reduction of the budget for development activities in 2024 due to the reduction from ITTF budget.

- Report from Webinars: Para TT EPC 29.11. – women coaching seminar Granada 11-13.12. – Governance workshop 13.12.

The Deputy Secretary General provided an update to the EB members regarding the organization, attendance, and positive feedback received for the Para TT webinar and the Governance webinar and informed them that owing to the successful outcome of both events, it is likely that they will be held again in 2024.

The Deputy Secretary General also reported on the Women Coaching Seminar in Granada, noting its successful organization despite the lower attendance compared to previous events. The reduced number of participants was attributed to the last-minute announcement of the seminar, a consequence of budget uncertainties.

12.40 6. WTT Advertising Rules

The EB discussed the new WTT Advertising Rules and as a matter of common interest decided to write to the ITTF and WTT leadership requesting to review their decision.

12.50 7. 2024 ETTU support

The EB decided to continue to financially support Ukraine athletes in 2024.

13.10 8. Any other Business

The board shall receive the actual budget version.

The EB members were asked to send their claims for 2023, if any, within the current week.

13.15 9. Closure

In closing, the Acting President thanked all members for their contribution and wished all a festive season.
