

ETTU Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Malmö, Sweden

Wednesday 17th July and Thursday 18th July 2024

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)

Wednesday 17th July

11.00 1. Welcome of the Acting President

The Acting President welcomed the Executive Board members.

11.04 2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda has been adopted.

10.05 3. Minutes of the previous Executive Board Meeting (26.6.2024) – sent by email on 27.6.2024

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

11.06 4. Update by Acting President

The Acting President reported about his visit to the World Masters in Rome which was well organised and his meetings with ITTF. He informed about the ETTU representation at the Paris Olympic Games and the request to ITTF to grant award to ETTU for the organisation of the European Para Championships starting the 2027 organisation.

11.30 5. Europe Top 16 Cup

Following the meeting held with the Swiss TTA and the Europe Top 16 LOC, the EB agreed to the request of a 4 days competition to be played on one table.

The EB agreed that the LOC may go ahead signing agreement with Eurosport provided there being no rights issues with other existing TV agreements.

The EB reconfirmed its decision from 1st April 2024 to have all matches played best of 5 games.

The EB clarified that as opposed to the concept document, not only the previous round losers should be invited to dinner but all players.

11.50 6. Coaches meeting on 13.7.2024 at EYC

The Vice President in charge of the Coaches Committee, Mr. Vicens reported on the Coaches Meeting that took place on Saturday, 13th July, during the European Youth Championships. The meeting, organized by the Chair of the Coaching Committee with support from the Chairs of the Umpires and Referees Committee and the Ranking Committee, saw high attendance. The EB will receive a full report of the Coaches Committee chair on the following days.

12.12 7. Events

7.1. Club Competitions

- European Club Competitions men regulations and directives

The Executive Board approved the draft propositions for J - European Club Competitions women to be put forward to Congress and accepted the additional sentence on ITTF approved floor for regulation K - European Club Competitions women.

The European Club Competitions men directives will be sent to EB later for approval as they could not be finalised on time for the meeting.

7.2 European Multisport Championships (ECM)

- prolongation agreement decision

ECM had requested a further prolongation of the deadline in order to find a host until 30th September 2024. The EB discussed the request and decided to accept the prolongation but only until 30th September 2024.

7.3. Ranking system at ETTU Stage 1

The Executive Board reviewed a proposal regarding the ETTU Team Ranking and decided to publish the ranking starting in August.

The EB decided to submit a proposition to Congress to use the ETTU Ranking for seeding in all ETTU team and individual competitions starting with the events in 2025.

A webinar dedicated to this proposition will be held on Wednesday 18th September 2024 at 1800 CET.

7.4. Europe Youth Top 10 – player representation

- follow up from EB meeting of 18th October 2023

The national Associations' representation through playing shirts at the Europe Youth Top 10 was discussed. The Executive Board decided not to impose any special restriction of the playing shirt but decided that no flags and no national anthems to be displayed.

13.35 8. Legal matters

- Registrations/nominations eligibility

The Acting President reported about a meeting with ITTF on participation and representation of Russian and Belarusian passport holders.

The EB discussed the matter and reported the item to the following day.

Following IOC and ITTF recommendation (**only preventing Russian and Belarusian Government or State official to be invited to or accredited for any international sports event or meeting**), the ETTU Executive Board decided that persons holding either Russian or Belarusian passport will be eligible for nomination at ETTU positions at the following ETTU Congress. In addition, the board decided to allow participation of Russian and Belarusian passport holders in ETTU development activities.

- 2022 European Veterans Championships

A second agreement with FITET and second partial payment has been received.

13.40 Lunch Break

15.10 9. ETTU Recognitions

- Award to the most successful MA at Individual ETTC

The Executive Board approved the introduction of a prize for the most successful association at the European Individual Championships. This prize (award) was already introduced by the European Multisport Championships organization for the 2022 European Championships in Munich.

The EB approved to have the same prize at the European Youth Title events.

- Stars on Tshirts

The General Secretariat proposed that Europe Top 16 players could include stars or similar emblems on their t-shirts, inspired by traditions in other sports to recognize champions. The Executive Board approved this proposal and the General Secretariat will proceed with the finalisation of the details.

15.28 10. ETTU Congress

10.1 Webinars pre Congress

- Finances (date)

Wednesday 2nd October 2024 start 1100 CET.

- Propositions (date)

Tuesday 8th October 2024 start 1100 CET.

Both webinars will be recorded and made available to the membership.

- Stupa update

It was agreed to have a presentation by Stupa during the Congress showing a video of innovations.

10.2 Executive Board Propositions:

- H- Europe Top 16 Cup

The Executive Board approved the draft propositions to be put forward to Congress.

- CI- European Championships Individual

The Executive Board approved the draft propositions to be put forward to Congress.

- Deadlines senior events

The Executive Board approved the draft propositions to be put forward to Congress.

- A- ETTU Constitution (additional proposal)

The Executive Board approved the draft propositions to be put forward to Congress.

10.3 2024 financial update

The EB received an update on the current financial situation and end of year estimation.

10.4 2025 ETTU Budget

The Executive Board approved the presented 2025 Budget to be put forward to Congress.

10.5 Badges of Honour

- Propositions from Member Associations
- Propositions from Executive Board
- Propositions from the Senior Advisor

The Executive Board considered all propositions received and decided to award the following persons with an ETTU Badge of Honour:

Genadijs Kartuzovs (Latvia)
Alex Anastasi (Malta)
Henk Hommes (Netherlands)
Andreas Georgiou (Cyprus)
Adriana Zamfir (Romania)
Isabelle Beumier (Belgium)

17.00

11. Closure meeting day 1

The Acting President thanked all members for their contribution to be continued on the next day.

Thursday 18th July

11.00 12. Welcoming the ITTF President and the Swedish TTA President

The Acting President welcomed the ITTF President and the Swedish TTA President. The ITTF President thanked for the invitation and reflected on the evolution and modernization in our sport.

The Swedish TTA President gave all members a warm welcome to Malmö and pointed out his association's strong will to continue with the organization of future ETTU events.

11.30 13. Development

- VR Table Tennis Challenge

After the successful first edition of the Virtual Reality Table Tennis Challenge in 2023 the Executive Board has decided to organise the Virtual reality Table Tennis Championships in 2024.

- Para U23 Challenge

The first European Para Table Tennis U23 Challenge will be organized in Hennebont, France on 21-25 October 2024. The event will consist of 3 days training Camp and classification for new players and 2 days competition.

- GAP Women

The GAP Women Online Learning tool will be ready and made available to all ETTU members in October 2024. Additionally, the project's culminating event will be held in Aix-en-Provence, France on 27 and 28 October, featuring a study focused on women's initial engagement in Table Tennis.

12.00 14. "TOVA- The Documentary"

The Executive Board agreed to financially support the production of "TOVA- The Documentary" on the life of Antun Stipančić.

12.05 15. Internal Policies

- ID05 – Open Recruitment Policy

The Executive Board approved the submitted Open Recruitment Policy ID05.

12.07 16. General Secretariat update

- General Matters

The General Secretariat updated the EB on the preparations of the upcoming Congress, the negotiations on TV exposure in Asia and sponsorship and the status quo of the newsletter.

12.20 17. Any other Business

The next EB meeting will be held on Monday 23rd September 2024 start 1100 CET.

12.20 18. Closure meeting day 2

In closing, the Acting President thanked all members for their contribution.
