



INTERNATIONAL PARALYMPIC TABLE TENNIS COMMITTEE
A Standing Committee of the International Paralympic Committee

SPORTS ASSEMBLY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: 9/2004

Minutes of meeting of the Table Tennis held on September 22, 26 and 28 during Paralympic Games in Athens, Greece.

PRESENT: Christian Lillieroos (CL) (Chairperson), Raúl Calín (RC), Linda Chen (LC), Silas Chiang (SC), Jiri Danek (JD), Øivind Eriksen (OE), Aart Kruimer (AK), Leandro Olvech (LO), Nico Verspeelt (NV), Gaël Marziou (GM)

WELCOME: the Chairperson welcomed all members to the meeting noting full attendance. The SAEC noted that some members could not join: Vincent Boury and Alison Burchell.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: the minutes of the meeting held on 20 and 21 March 2004 in Bonn were confirmed and signed (yes: 7, no: 0, abstentions: 1)

2. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: the SAEC noted the report from the Chairperson including:

2.1 Marketing of and sponsorship for IPTTC. Donic meeting September 27. Meeting with IPC marketing director to clarify which kind of contract is possible.

2.1 Report of meeting with Islamic Women's Games Federation (sep. 2005). They want to get their games sanctioned by IPTTC:

- Issue about discrimination against women or base on religion. JD must investigate the details to help IPTTC to take a decision.

2.2 No info on when is next Sports Council meeting.

2.3 Senior Classifier Sheng Wu vs. CTPC situation: a meeting will be held with all involved parties.

2.4 Future IPTTC elections and Assembly.

- No Table Tennis Assembly in Paralympics (2004 and 2008).
- 3 members cannot be elected.
- Need to make a by-law change in Montreux 2006. Based on exceptional change from IPC, we have to change this.

2.5 Presentation to the nations on new Ranking, The presentation was made by GM to members.

2.6 Presentation to the nations on proposed minimum eligibility definitions. The presentation was made by AK to members.

The SAEC resolved to:

- i) Continue the mandates of chairperson, athletes rep. and medical officer until next Table Tennis Assembly in 2006.
- ii) Accept the following motion: The World Championships general assembly will be the place where to elect the EC members (except for regional representatives). (yes: 8, no: 0, abstentions: 0)

The SAEC asked:

a) CL to ask IPC to clarify their position on Islamic Women's Games.

3. VICE-CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: the SAEC noted the report from the Vice-Chairperson that:

3.1 Protocol and promotion including the criteria for awards for the best Paralympic male and female players and best umpire.

3.2 Gifts and jackets/golf shirts for the SAEC: no progress.

3.3 Award for Georgios (Athens competition manager)

The SAEC resolved to:

i) Buy a present to Georgios and to give it to him on 24 September.

ii) Not implement these awards in Athens as it turned too difficult to implement here

The SAEC asked:

a) LC, LO and VB to create "best player award" criteria

4. TREASURER'S REPORT: the SAEC noted the Treasurer's report including:

The SAEC resolved to:

i) Co-opt OE as treasurer until WC 2006. (yes: 8, no: 0, abstentions: 0)

ii) Grant 30 €/day for 12 days for food of JD, GM, CL and LO during Paralympics.

5. SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT: the SAEC noted the Secretary General's report including:

5.1 communication:

- Need to increase communication (IPC Newsletter).

5.2 increasing participation of women in table tennis: no progress had been made.

5.3 report on the strategic planning meeting with IPC is postponed;

5.4 LO, NV, AB and OE worked on TD education and financial issues.

The SAEC asked:

a) OE to find what are the IPTTC rights on Paralympics TT pictures.

6. ITTF-ITTC LIAISON REPORT: the SAEC noted the ITTF-ITTC Liaison's report including:

6.1 meeting with ITTF: president Adham Sharara will be in Athens 26-28.

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8. DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: the SAEC noted the Development Officer's report including:

- 8.1 Coaches conference at end of the Toluca City tournament (December 2004 1st)
- 8.2 Database and coaches education, handbook, certification and teaching resources.
- 8.3 Diplomas to Malaysia's coaches: no progress.
- 8.4 TD and tournament organizer education and handbook: 80% done.
- 8.5 referee education: work in progress
- 8.6 umpire education, guide and video: between 285 and 295 certified umpires in our database.
- 8.7 development of women and the severely disabled in all areas: postponed to next meeting

The SAEC resolved to:

- i) Accept this motion: Add to the rulebook that in regional championships the organizers must provide facilities for TD education seminar. (yes: 7, no: 0, abstentions: 1)

The SAEC asked:

- a) LO, VB, CL and AK to create a working group for 8.1 and 8.2.

9. ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT: the SAEC noted the Athlete Representative's report including:

10. TOURNAMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: the SAEC noted the Tournament Officer's report including:

- 10.1 Tournament information on the website (application forms, information on hosting events, pro forma entry forms.
- 10.2 The 2006 World Championships in Montreux and the proposed test event.
- 10.3 progress on regional championships in 2005:
 - Asia South Pacific Championships in Kuala Lumpur.
 - European Championships in Jesolo
 - Americas Championships in Mar Del Plata (probably end of July – beginning of August)
 - Africa Middle-East Championships in Cairo (no date yet, TD inspection in February)
- 10.4 Competition management software (Raúl, Nico and Dr Wu).
 - Excel based for ease of use.
 - The presentation of all events result is ready.
 - Need to integrate automatization of draw from Dr Wu.
 - Should be ready by the end of this year.
- 10.5 World Team Cup 2005.
- 10.6 Cancel Open singles and have Open doubles instead in Fa 50 and 80 tournaments.
- 10.7 The need for an accessible accommodation, venues and restrooms code for tournaments: LO wrote a document "Accessibility check list" to be reviewed.
- 10.8 Training for results officials: cancelled, no special need, it is TD's responsibility to inform organizers about result software.
- 10.9 Changes for 2008 to lower number of matches and tables needed that will apply for 2007 Regional championships as well.

- 10.10 Take away the new (PNS) athletes from regional championships starting 2007 and lower the number of classifiers needed to 3.
- 10.11 TD coordination: TD education plan; including handbook, selection section, examination, an application form, a checklist and explanation of items on the checklist.
- 10.12 Polish open for classes 4-5 only.

The SAEC resolved to:

- i) Reject classes 4-5 for Polish Open, it must be all wheelchair classes or none.
- ii) Accept this motion: Clarification that a tetra open event cannot be counted for ranking points. (yes: 7, no: 0, abstentions: 0)
- iii) Accept this motion: Change regulations to require 2 deputy TD's for WC. (yes: 7, no: 0, abstentions: 0)
- iv) Accept this motion: Change regulations to require 1 referee + 4 deputy referees for WC. (yes: 7, no: 0, abstentions: 0)
- v) Accept this motion: Change regulations to require 1 referee + 4 deputy referees for PG. (yes: 7, no: 0, abstentions: 0)
- vi) Appoint SC as TD for ASP championships in Kuala Lumpur.
- vii) Recommend to consult General Assembly in 2006 to take such decision (on 10.6)
- viii) Review the "Accessibility check list
- ix) keep the new (PNS) athletes in regional championships as NPC's are still allocating substantial funds towards the RC as development tournaments.

The SAEC asked:

- a) LO to work with GM to publish new documents on web site.
- b) CL to talk with ITTF of the possibility to get an ITTF exhibition during WC 2005.
- c) NV to contact the WC organizers for the 2nd deputy TD and a list of officials that we would like to invite (IOC president, ITTF president, ...)
- d) RC to finalize competition management software and add instructions on how to use it. Define a version number so that people can check on the web site that they have an up to date copy.
- e) Tournament committee to investigate whether the WTC should be cancelled or organized.
- f) Tournament committee to report for next EC meeting on how to improve the format of events for factor 50 to 100 (10.6 and 10.9)

11. TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT: the SAEC noted the Technical Officer's report including:

- 11.1 Updated handbook with the changes from the minutes from the March meeting: Part 1 (rules which the Assembly may amend) and Part 2 (regulations which the SAEC may amend).
- 11.2 Translation of the handbook French, Spanish, Chinese and Russian.
- 11.3 Database update for referees and umpires on the website.
- 11.4 Umpires' education seminars.
- 11.5 plan for referees' seminars
- 11.6 Racket control for 2005 Regionals: 2 players disqualified in Athens
- 11.7 Change to play 4 out of 7 games in all singles and doubles events
- 11.8 Change to have only the winner of RR's advance to SE in events with more than 4 groups.
- 11.9 Code of conduct for IPTTC officials during tournaments for EC members, classifiers, umpires, TD's. Such code of conduct exists in IPC for classifiers.

The SAEC resolved to:

- i) Accept this motion: Change regulations to say that one Racket Control person is required for regional championships if 200 players or less are expected, 2 RC persons if more than 200 players. (yes: 7, no: 0, abstentions: 0). For 2005 RC, IPTTC will pay travel expenses.
- ii) Accept this motion: Change regulations for regional championships if 200 players or less are expected there will be 50 racket tests, 100 tests if more than 200 players. (yes: 7, no: 0, abstentions: 0)
- iii) Accept this motion: Change regulations to say that 2 Racket Control persons are required for WC or PG. (yes: 7, no: 0, abstentions: 0)
- iv) Accept this motion: Change regulations to say that the players should be allowed to request voluntary test of their rackets before competition starts. The expense of testing will be covered by players or their NPC's. (yes: 7, no: 0, abstentions: 0)

The SAEC asked:

- a) AB to consult IPC for any written guidelines and will work on a proposition of code of conduct for next meeting.

12. MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT: the SAEC noted the Medical Officer's report:

13. SELECTION OFFICER'S REPORT: the SAEC noted the Selection Officer's report including:

14. REGIONAL REPORTS: the SAEC is asked to note the regional representatives' reports that:

14.1 Americas:

- LO presented his report but noted that it often happens that regional reports are processed at the end of meetings with not enough time for input from other EC members.

14.2 Africa-Middle East:

- AB was not here.

14.3 Europe:

- Tournament in Moscow in August 2005
- Development needs in eastern Europe

14.4 Asia and South Pacific:

- Silas reported.

The SAEC resolved to:

- i) For next meeting: the regional reports will be the first on the agenda after the chairperson's report.

15. GENERAL

15.1 CL apologized for not being able to control time during these meetings. He proposed that maybe someone else should chair the next meeting.

15.2 Meeting with Adham Sharara, ITTF president. EC should write a letter to express that IPTTC would like to become under ITTF's umbrella. RC will be our contact in ITTF. An administrative person could be half paid by ITTF and IPTTC.

The SAEC resolved to:

- ii) For next meeting: the regional reports will be the first on the agenda after the chairperson's report.

The SAEC asked:

- a) AB and CL to work on postal vote guidelines to be submitted to IPC for approval. Guidelines should include examples.
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- **16. NEXT MEETING:** 14-16 January 2005 in Bonn: 2 full days of meeting. Meeting will start from Friday 14th at noon until Sunday 16th at noon.

READ AND CONFIRMED AT THE MEETING

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CHAIRPERSON

GM/

2 October 2004