



INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS COMMITTEE FOR DISABLED
A Standing Committee of the International Paralympic Committee

SPORTS ASSEMBLY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: 2/2002

Minutes of a meeting of the International Paralympic Table Tennis SAEC held in Taipei, Taiwan during the 2002 IPC World Table Tennis Championships.

FOR THE MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY 11 AUGUST 2002 AT 09H30

PRESENT: Christian Lillieroos (Chairperson), Vincent Boury, Leandro Olvech, Nico Verspeelt

ALSO PRESENT: Alison Burchell, Raúl Calín, Aart Kruimer

BY INVITATION: Margita Homolova

APOLOGIES: Silas Chiang, Jiri Danek (except for items 1 and 3), Øivind Eriksen (except for items 1 and 3)

ABSENT: Hong-Jae Lee

WELCOME: the Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting noting that Øivind and Jiri would attend when their TD duties allowed. The Executive then drew up an agenda dealing with the General Assembly and other important items.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: of the meeting held on 26 and 27 January 2002 in Roermond, the Netherlands were confirmed and signed. The Executive authorized the regional representatives to form regional committees as subcommittees of the ITTC and the regional representatives to be chairpersons of such committees. The Executive further encouraged the regional committees to cooperate closely with the IPC regional committees.

2. MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT: the Executive noted that:

- the classification system would be continuously refined;
- for the standing classes, the proposed system would take the most severe in TT6 to the least in TT10;
- rules for the classification of players into each class would be described for each class;
- the proposals to change both the sitting and standing classes had been on the website with comments invited;
- Australia, South Africa, Germany and some athletes had commented;
- for the presentation at the Assembly, it would be positive and marketable and it would be explained to those attending the classification seminar;
- there had been some resistance to the proposed changes from TT5 players on the pretext that the changes would be bad for TT4 players;
- a motion should be considered that those players who were able to stand should be in the standing classes;
- the minimal disability for the sitting classes should be defined along the lines of continuous contact with the wheelchair of the back and buttocks as was done in athletics;

- a definition of “walk” may be necessary;
- under motion 9, the changes proposed to the standing classes should be clarified while emphasizing that the number of classes would not change;
- the origin of the proposed changes was the Assembly held in 1996 and again in 2000.

The Executive asked Aart and Nico to organise a briefing session at the team leaders meeting at 16h00 on 14 August 2002.

3. TECHNICAL DELEGATE’S REPORT: the Executive noted the report from the TDs, for which they were present, that:

- Jiri had arrived on 8 August 2002 to check the new hotels;
- he believed the hotels would be acceptable although there was a problem with the Santos Hotel but the organizers had agreed to purchase smaller chairs to allow the quadriplegics to get into the bathrooms;
- access to the dining room was also being investigated;
- the transport during the event would run every 10 minutes from 07h30 to 09h00 and then hourly from 13 to 15 August 2002 and every 10 minutes from 08h00 to 08h50 and thereafter hourly from 16 – 18 August 2002.

4. SELECTION OFFICER’S REPORT: the Executive noted the report and that:

- all selection information had been on the website;
- as a result of Nigeria’s entry being too late and that they had not paid their affiliation fee to the IPC, their invitation had been cancelled;
- there had been enough alternates to fill the vacant slots;
- the payment of IPC affiliation fees could in future affect selections for the Paralympic Games;
- for 2004, table tennis had been allocated 220 slots of which 30% would go to regional slots and thus only gold medallists at regional championships would be selected in this way;
- planning for TT11 (class singles and team) participation should be done and if they did not participate for any reason, the slots would be re-allocated;
- the ranking list for TT11 with the most players on should be used such that a minimum of 20 players was needed for the team event;
- the ranking list as of 1 December 2003 would be used as the basis for the allocation of slots;
- by January 2003, ATHOC should be informed of the slot allocation across classes;
- INAS-FID would hold their world championships in Mexico from 5 to 9 September 2003.

The Executive:

- a) approved the cancellation of Nigeria’s participation;
- b) asked Nico to investigate selections based on the team event before doing the individuals’ events;
- c) asked Nico to select the slots by 1 December 2002.

5. SUBCOMMITTEES: the Executive recalled that it would ratify appointments to subcommittees annually based on recommendations from the subcommittee chairpersons.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT: the Executive noted, in the absence of the Treasurer, that his report had been circulated and further that the responsibilities of the subcommittee chairpersons included:

- presenting a budget proposal annually to the Treasurer for submission to the IPC Sports Council;
- presenting a budget annually for the Executive to approve at its first meeting of the year following the allocation from the IPC;
- being responsible for the budget in total with the approval of the Treasurer;
- reporting, before it happened, possible over-expenditure so that it could be approved by the Treasurer in consultation with the Chairperson and Secretary General depending on available funds;
- should there be unauthorized expenditure, it would be deducted from the next year's allocation;
- first call for expenditure would be the IPC grant depending on what items for which this could be used.

The Executive noted that the budget for a selection meeting had not been spent as it had been done by telephone and agreed that this allocation could be used to fund an airline ticket for classification instead.

7. IPC STAMPS: the Executive approved the allocation of stamps from the IPC to the Chairperson and Secretary General and for classification to Aart and Nico and recorded that these stamps would cost US\$20,00 each to replace.

8. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2006: the Executive noted that a presentation (10 minutes with 5 minutes for questions each) from those nations which had expressed an interest in hosting the next world championships, namely Bilbao, Montreux and Korea should be included in the Assembly.

9. AMERICAS REPORT: the Executive noted the report and that:

- a seminar was being organized as a general introduction to table tennis for the disabled and ATTC certificates would be issued;
- contact would be made with other countries about other seminars;
- either Cuba or Brazil would host the Parapanamerican Championships;
- three tournaments would take place in the region in 2003 but the INAS-FID world championships in Mexico would take place at the same time as an event in USA;
- in terms of an IPC rule, a maximum of US\$600,00 could be paid as prize money;
- the ATTC website was being developed;
- an informal meeting of countries present at the world championships would be held.

The Executive asked Aart to contact Jos and Anita about classification and the INAS-FID world championships and agreed that members of the classification committee should attend.

10. AFRICA-MIDDLE EAST REPORT: the Executive noted that:

- a seminar would be held in Cairo 23 to 26 September 2002 aimed to promote the knowledge of those working at grassroots level of athletics, goalball, table tennis, sitting volleyball and powerlifting;

- the technical rules for the All Africa Games for table tennis were the same as outlined in the ITTC rules and regulations;
- in general, the request was for officials for the All Africa Games to be appointed from Africa;
- the sanction for the All Africa Games would have to be from both the IPC and ITTC;
- some concerns about the bid from Iran for the regional championships would be discussed when Jiri was present.

11. DEVELOPMENT REPORT: the Executive noted the report and that:

- the subcommittee was Leonardo Marino Jnr, Silas, Brett Mills, Jean-Luc Delassus and Christian;
- Brett did not seem to be working;
- the focus was on coaching in order to increase the number of people able to give courses;
- contact would be made with Glenn Tepper, the ITTF's development officer.

The Executive asked Vince to discuss Brett's refund with Silas as it was from 2001 and Øivind and Jiri to try to get a video of the world championships from the organizers to be used in coaching.

12. ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVE: the Executive noted the report and that this portfolio took up a lot of time.

13. TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT: the Executive noted a report from the Technical Officer that:

- the competition manager had asked for the appointment of the referee to be reviewed in favour of a Greek referee as Aly Salam had resigned;
- there had been no ITTC event held in Greece, the organization would be more complicated for the disabled and there was not enough time to train a referee;
- ITTC would not be dictated to in terms of appointments;
- the ITTF similarly did not have a referee in Greece and were beginning to train people now;
- the ITTF and ITTC regulations were different;
- ATHOC should notify ITTC formally about its request for a Greek referee to be appointed;
- Greece should be invited to the European Championships;
- umpires for 2003 would be finalized by September 2003;
- the regulations about racket controllers at events had to be approved;
- for seminars, the organizers would cover the costs of conference facilities but not travel and accommodation;
- the handbook would be distributed in hard copy in due course.

The Executive asked Raúl to check if Aly was available to be the referee and agreed, if he was not, to appoint Patrick Ringel with Aly, Cindy Schiltz-Leung and a Greek referee as deputy referees. The Executive also approved that:

- a) in a factor 50 tournament, 1 racket control official would have to be invited at the organizer's cost (travel, accommodation and daily allowance) and that if there were more than 200 players, 2 racket control officials would be needed;
- b) for a factor 80 tournament, 2 racket control officials would be invited at the organizer's cost;

- c) for a factor 100 tournament, 2 racket control officials would be invited at the organiser's cost;
- d) the regulations for factor 100 and 80 would come into effect from 1 September 2002 and for factor 50 tournaments from 1 January 2004.

14. ASSEMBLY: the Executive noted that:

- in Sydney, some Executive members represented nations and voted against motions submitted by the Executive;
- Executive members did not have a vote in that capacity;
- Raúl, Øivind and Silas would be representing the organizations that mandated them;
- there was a need to emphasize the democratic operation of the Executive and ITTC.

The Executive agreed to:

- a) support the motion from Spain;
- b) withdraw motion 11;
- c) to ask:
 - Øivind to speak to motions 1 and 2;
 - Raúl to speak to motions 3 and 12;
 - Nico to speak to motions 4 and 13;
 - Vincent to speak to motions 5 to 8 noting that in motion 9, the definition of junior would be under 21 in line with the ITTF definition;
 - Aart to speak to motion 9;
 - Christian to speak to motions 10 and 14;
 - Christian to introduce the IPC President in his welcome.

In terms of the elections, the Executive confirmed that for the portfolios where there was only one nominee, the Assembly would ratify the candidate's election. For those portfolios where there was more than one candidate, the candidate polling the least number of votes would drop out until one of the candidates reached a simple majority. Each candidate would be asked to do a two-minute presentation.

The Executive also agreed to ask the Assembly to express a view on the requirement from the IPC for a quorum of 50% plus one of IOSDs and nations widely practising table tennis and reducing it to 40% for assemblies held during world championships and Paralympic Games as the number of countries participating in these events was restricted due to the selection process.

The meeting adjourned at 23h10.

FOR THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12 AUGUST 2002 AT 20H15

PRESENT: Christian Lillieroos (Chairperson), Jiri Danek, Øivind Eriksen, Leandro Olvech

ALSO PRESENT: Alison Burchell, Raúl Calín

APOLOGIES: Vincent Boury, Silas Chiang, Aart Kruimer, Nico Verspeelt, Margita Homolova

ABSENT: Hong-Jae Lee

15. TOURNAMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: the Executive noted that:

- Øivind had been appointed TD for the European Championships in 2003;
- many of the staff used would be the same as those who officiated at the able-bodied championships;
- the TD report on the FESPIC Championships had been received for Shanghai and everything seemed well organized;
- the TD visit to Iran for the AME Championships proved that technically the organisation would be good except for problems with the bathroom doors;
- men and women could play together in the same hall but the women's clothing requirements in terms of Islamic law would conflict with the ITTF rules;
- the peripheral view could be restricted by one type of headdress;
- the other option was for women to play in a separate hall 300m away;
- should Iran not be an option, South Africa or Egypt could also host the event;
- this would be discussed as the AME assembly;
- a budget would be prepared for TD seminars at each regional championship covering two days theory and one day practical;
- funding would also be sought from the continental Paralympic committees;
- Nico would cover classification issues, Øivind the rules, Raúl umpires and referees and Jiri practical problems;
- Jiri had been appointed TD for the AME, Raúl referee, Nico classifier and Øivind would attend from the ITTC budget in order to run a TD seminar;
- regulations for the TD should be developed, including that they were the ITTC representative and the highest official, as sometimes the referees were doing the TD's job;
- ideally people other than Executive members should be trained as TDs;
- factor 40 tournaments should be Top 16 or 12 of 8 plus Masters (singles) and World Team Cup;
- currently the Masters (singles) 16 or 12 catered for standing players only.

The Executive asked Jiri to:

- a) develop the TD seminar programme to meet the needs of TDs;
- b) draft regulations for factor 40 events.

The Executive agreed that the:

- i) sanction fee for a factor 40 tournament should be US\$250,00;
- ii) capitation fee for a factor 40 tournament should be US\$25,00 per participant.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 22h00.

FOR THE MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY 17 AUGUST 2002 AT 13H10

PRESENT: Christian Lillieroos (Chairperson), Jiri Danek, Øivind Eriksen, Leandro Olvech, Nico Verspeelt

ALSO PRESENT: Alison Burchell, Raúl Calín

BY INVITATION: Margita Homolova

APOLOGIES: Vincent Boury, Silas Chiang, Aart Kruimer

ABSENT: Hong-Jae Lee

16. TOURNAMENT OFFICER'S REPORT (continued): the Executive considered and approved the following recommendations on factor 40 tournaments:

a) for the World Team Cup:

- there should be eight teams each for men and for women, for standing and for sitting players;
- it should take place every two years starting 1 January 2005;
- the regional team cup, similarly, should take place every two years starting 1 January 2004 with a ranking factor of 30 requiring an application to be submitted at least 12 months in advance and a TD inspection at least eight months in advance of the event;
- qualification for the WTC should be the best two teams from the region;
- if a regional qualifier could not participate, the Selection Officer would select the next best team from the host region;
- there would be three days of competition;
- the format of play would be two groups of four teams with the best two teams going through to the play-off for places 1 to 4 through eliminations;
- the teams placed 3rd and 4th in each groups would similarly play off for places 5 to 8 through eliminations;
- one member of staff would accompany each team;
- for the world and regional team cup, one team per country could enter per section;
- the maximum size group for the regional team cup would be six teams;

b) for the World Singles Cup:

- the various permutations could be 16 men and 12 women, 16 men and 8 women or 12 men and 8 women;
- the organizer could choose the format and whether to host both men and women together or men only or women only and sitting and standing together or sitting only or standing only;
- should the organizer choose to host sitting and standing together, the format would have to be the same;
- the event should take place every year with the WSC being factor 40 and the regional singles cup factor 30;
- there would be three days of competition;
- the format would be:
 - for eight players: two groups of four players would play round robin with the two best players from each going into the final group A and the players placed 3rd and 4th would similarly play in the final group B;

- for 12 players: four groups of three players would play round robin with the two best players from each round robin group going into the final group A and the players placed 3rd would play in the final group B;
- for 16 players: four groups of four players round robin with the two best players from each going into the final group A and the players placed 3rd and 4th would similarly play in the final group B;
- for the final stage, final group A and B would be played by direct elimination;
- for a quadriplegic player, one member of staff would be allowed;
- for all other players, no staff would be allowed;
- the organiser would pay local travel and full board;
- selection would be based on the full open ranking;
- this would come into effect from 1 January 2003.

The Executive asked:

- i) Nico to review the selection process for the world and regional team cups;
- ii) Jiri to review the funding for world and regional team cups together with the ranking.

The Executive heard, on the issue of the bid from Iran to host the AME Championships in 2003, that:

- if the event was held at the same time and in the same hall, Islamic dress regulations would apply which may be unfair for some players;
- if it was held in two venues, no men would be allowed into the women's venue but the women could dress as they chose except that if they went outside the hall, Islamic dress would apply;
- it would therefore be expensive to double the number of officials needed;
- there were two problems: Islamic law and not having enough qualified women officials;
- in the IPC contract, the host NPC would have to guarantee that there was no law or regulation which would limit the participation of teams;
- another problem was that the dress code was in conflict with the ITTC rules.

After discussion, the Executive resolved to recommend to the IPC that Iran's bid not be accepted and to appeal to Jordan, South Africa and Egypt to organise the 2003 regional championships. The Executive asked Christian to inform the IPC President of this decision and then to inform the delegates from Iran with the IPC President, if he was available. The Executive asked Alison to draft the letter informing Iran and the IPC of the outcome.

The Executive considered and approved the recommendations on the format of play:

- there should be three teams in a group except for the World Team Cup or regional team cup where up to six teams would be allowed in a group;
- there should be at least 4 individual players in a group;
- for singles, the maximum number of players should be four and minimum three in each factor tournament, except factor 10, except if there were five players where they would form a group;
- for factor 10 tournaments, five would be the maximum number of players in a group;
- the TD would decide which classes could be combined;
- this would come into effect from 1 December 2002.

17. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2006 (continued): the Executive noted that:

- **Bilbao** did not currently have a venue but it would be completed in 2004 or 2005; in 2003, they would host a factor 20 or 30 tournament; they had offered to host the Executive meeting in January 2003; two people would have to inspect the facilities in November or December 2002; they had good support from the city authorities; the formal application to host the world championships had not been completed;
- **Montreux** seemed to have completed the formal application;
- **Korea** had expressed an interest in bidding.

The Executive asked Nico and Øivind to do the inspection for Montreux and Christian to check which bid committees would do a presentation at the Assembly.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 16h55.

FOR THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 20 AUGUST 2002 AT 13H10

PRESENT: Christian Lillieroos (Chairperson), Silas Chiang, Jiri Danek, Øivind Eriksen, Leandro Olvech, Nico Verspeelt

ALSO PRESENT: Alison Burchell, Raúl Calín, Linda Chen, Aart Kruimer

APOLOGIES: Vincent Boury (arrived late and left early)

ABSENT: Hong-Jae Lee

The meeting began with the understanding that Linda, Aart and Raúl had been elected the previous day at the Assembly but the information received from the IPC during the meeting was that a written ballot had to be done to confirm the elections and other resolutions taken.

WELCOME: the Chairperson extended a special welcome to Linda as Vice-Chairperson and welcomed Aart, Nico and Raúl back noting that those elected yesterday would serve till 2006. The Executive asked Alison to update the website.

The Executive recalled that the chairperson of a subcommittee could appoint subcommittee members and develop a budget subject to ratification by the Executive. Thus the work would be done by the subcommittee with rules and regulations being developed for recommendation to the Executive for approval particularly in terms of policy. The Executive noted that issues relating to ranking and classification had to be approved by the Assembly.

18. ORGANISATION OF THE EXECUTIVE: the Executive resolved to:

- a) accept Øivind's decision to stand down as the Sports Council representative in order to be able to concentrate on liaison with the ITTF;
- b) appoint Christian as the Sports Council representative and if he was not able to attend, Alison and if she was unable to attend, Silas;
- c) ask Alison to inform the IPC about the above resolutions;

- d) ask Øivind, Christian, Silas and Alison to continue as the Sports Council working group;
- e) accept Øivind's decision to stand down as ISMWSF representative;
- f) appoint Linda as the ISMWSF liaison noting that this was subject to ISMWSF's approval;
- g) ask Linda to check with ISMWSF that they would be responsible for travel costs for meetings;
- h) ask Øivind to be the main liaison with the ITTF with Christian and Alison as members of the working group;
- i) ask the Tournament Committee to take responsibility for appointing and educating TDs;
- j) suggest the Tournament Committee to add Øivind as a member as TD coordinator;
- k) ask Alison to act as AME representative, with the support of Iran and South Africa, until the next regional championships when elections could be held.

19. ASSEMBLY FOLLOW UP: the Executive, after discussion, resolved:

- a) to ask Alison to write to the NPCs of Yugoslavia, Canada and Lithuania about their mandated representatives not attending the Assembly and jeopardizing the meeting;
- b) to ask Alison and Nico to go through the meeting with these representatives and ask them to sign a letter confirming they endorsed the decisions of the Assembly;
- c) to ask Alison to write to the IPC about the requirement of 50% plus one of NPCs widely practicing the sport and IOSDs, to suggest that the non-voting delegate be allowed to vote should the voting delegate not be able to attend for any reason, the deadline for mandates being too short and agreeing on a definition of widely practicing;
- d) to ask Aart and Nico to make themselves available to explain the changes to the classification for the standing classes;
- e) not to invite a vote of confidence in the changes to the classification for the standing classes as the proposals had been published on the website;
- f) to allow a written protest against the new classification of a standing player at the next tournament without a cost attached;
- g) to adopt the ITTF definition of age with the highest age being 21 and the lowest 18 for junior tournaments noting that a junior event may be organized before the regional or other championships;
- h) to ask the Tournament Committee to review the inclusion of doubles in regional championships noting that there would be no doubles in the 2003 regional championships;
- i) to ask Gaël to be the chairperson of the ranking working group, suggesting that Rolf-Erik Paulsen be co-opted;
- j) to ask Gaël to develop a budget for the working group;
- k) to ask the Medical Committee to develop minimum disability definitions for standing and wheelchair classes for the 2004 Assembly;
- l) to ask the Medical Committee to explain, for the 2004 Assembly, that the aim behind the proposed reduction in sitting classes was to ensure that the classes were more competitive;
- m) to ask Øivind to confirm with the IPC the resolutions passed and what the preferred form of communication between the IPC, ITTF and ITTC was with the aim to have a meeting before the end of 2002 after having confirmed a budget with Silas;
- n) to ask Raúl to update the regulations in terms of the Spanish motion so that for factor 30 tournaments, up to two teams in each class or six players in the singles event could participate although no teams with more than one nationality could participate to come into effect from 1 January 2003;
- o) to ask Raúl to revise the regulations by 1 November 2002;
- p) to ask Christian to contact the IPC Director of Sport about concerns he may have with the regulations;

- q) to suggest to Raúl that he appoint a rules and regulations coordinator;
- r) to ask all members to assist with running a new written ballot for the motions and elections so that a quorum was reached to validate the decisions.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 17h00.

FOR THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 22 AUGUST 2002 AT 10H15

PRESENT: Linda Chen, Jiri Danek, Øivind Eriksen, Aart Kruimer, Leandro Olvech, Nico Verspeelt

ALSO PRESENT: Alison Burchell

BY INVITATION: Margita Homolova

APOLOGIES: Vincent Boury, Raúl Calín, Silas Chiang, Christian Lillieroos

ABSENT: Hong-Jae Lee

The acting chairperson, Øivind, opened the meeting and congratulated those elected formally noting that their elections had been confirmed. The chair was then handed over to Alison for the meeting.

The acting chairperson thanked everyone for their help in getting a full complement of 46 nations and IOSDs to complete the written ballot.

20. TREASURER'S REPORT (continued): the Executive noted that the current financial year ended 31 December 2002 and before further amounts were spent, the chairpersons of the subcommittees should confirm this with Silas. The Executive agreed:

- a) to ask Alison to ask Silas to confirm with the IPC for what purposes the IPC grant could be used so this could be considered in drawing up the budgets;
- b) to ask all members to submit their budgets to Silas by 15 October 2002 covering all needs for 2003 with a motivation so that this could be submitted to the Sports Council in time for the next meeting on 22 and 23 November 2002;
- c) to ask Linda to take responsibility for protocol interpreted as promotion of the ITTC through gifts and to submit a budget for this to Silas.

21. TOURNAMENT OFFICER'S REPORT (continued): the Executive approved the recommendations about factor 40 tournaments (there may be changes to resolutions taken under item 16 in which the resolutions in this item take precedence):

- the organiser would cover the costs (including a daily allowance of US\$15,00 per day, full board and international and local transport) of:
 - one classifier attending two days before until one day after the tournament;
 - one TD attending two days before until one day after the tournament;
 - one referee attending two days before until one day after the tournament;
 - minimum prize money for the WTC of:
 - US\$1 000,00 per men's winning team;
 - US\$800,00 per men's second placed team;
 - US\$600,00 per men's third placed team;

- US\$800,00 per women's winning team;
- US\$600,00 per the women's second placed team;
- US\$400,00 per the women's third placed team;
- minimum prize money for the world singles cup of;
 - US\$550,00 for men's sitting and standing winners;
 - US\$400,00 for men's sitting and standing runners-up;
 - US\$250,00 for men's sitting and standing third place;
 - US\$400,00 for women's sitting and standing winners;
 - US\$250,00 for women's sitting and standing runners-up;
 - US\$150,00 for women's sitting and standing third place;
- full board, local transport and the capitation tax for a
 - minimum of 3 and maximum of 4 players per team plus 1 staff for the men;
 - minimum of 2 and maximum of 3 players per team and 1 staff for the women;
- the selection of the teams would be two from each region;
- if a team from a particular region could not participate, it would be replaced by a team from the same region;
- if a replacement team from the same region was not available, a team from the host country would be invited;
- if this was not possible, then the best team from any region would be invited;
- all selections for factor 40 events, with immediate effect, would be done by the Selection Officer including for teams where no regional team cup was held;
- for the WTC, the best eight teams (two best from each region qualifying through the regional team cups in 2004) would participate;
- the financial commitment for the WTC would not apply for regional team cup events;
- the organiser for the WTC would have to be confirmed before the regional events;
- the sanction fee would be US\$250,00;
- the capitation fee would be US\$25,00 per participant;
- for the WTC if there were less than eight teams, consideration would be given by the Selection Officer that the replacement team would be:
 - the next best team from the host region;
 - a wild card for the host country;
 - the best team from another region.

The Executive asked:

- a) Jiri to contact France about the selections for the upcoming World Singles Cup;
- b) Nico to develop a questionnaire for the website by about 9 September 2002 about team points so that this could be decided at the next meeting;
- c) Raúl to revise the regulations.

22. ISMWSF AGREEMENT: the Executive noted the updated draft of the agreement which had originally been signed between ISMWSF and ITTC in 1994 and that the intention of ISMWSF for their Games was for them to be of an elite nature in the year before the Paralympic Games and of a more developmental nature in the year after the Paralympic Games. The Executive asked Alison to insert therefore that for the developmental Games, no player who had participated in the Paralympic Games should participate in the ISMWSF Games to allow an opportunity for other players. The Executive agreed to consult ISMWSF and IPC about the revised agreement with a view to approving it at its next meeting.

23. PETITION: the Executive noted the petition initiated by the USA relating to the implementation of the amended classification system for standing players noting that there had been an expectation that the Assembly would vote on the issue. After discussion, the Executive resolved to ask the voting delegates to indicate their support or otherwise for the amended system noting that this was the last day of competition and that a full vote may not be possible.

24. ATHENS 2004 (continued): the Executive considered the initial proposal for the allocation of slots for Athens 2004 and noted that:

- if there was no world championship held for the intellectually disabled (scheduled for 5 to 10 October 2003 in Mexico), it would not be possible to allocate slots to the gold medallists;
- there was a disproportionate allocation to TT11 due to the level of inactivity;
- a team event would not be possible.

The Executive supported the initial proposal noting that Nico would refine it further.

The Executive also noted a brief report on the meeting held with the competition manager and that the issue of who would be the referee had not been resolved but would be negotiated further, that the venue plans looked good and that test events would be considered.

25. GENERAL: the Executive noted that:

- a) reports from each member should be submitted before each meeting so that the Executive could prepare adequately for the meeting. Such reports should set out achievements, problems experienced and proposed solutions so that the Executive could address the solutions;
- b) perhaps at the next meeting, each member should chair a section to gain experience;
- c) deadlines for the ITTF publication were 20 October and 20 December 2002 so articles and photos should be sent to Alison by 15 October and 15 December 2002 (Leandro and Aart);
- d) the deadline for the next Paralympian was 15 November 2002 and Linda would send an article and photos to Alison by 1 November 2002;
- e) consideration should be given to including the IPC logo in the ITTC logo;
- f) consideration should be given to changing the ITTC name to IPTTC in line with our website address and to emphasize that the ITTC was a standing committee of the IPC;
- g) a motion would be sent to the Sports Council that where the IPC received one-third of the capitation fee for development, this amount should be allocated to the sport which generated it;
- h) for the regulations, the English version would be the official version and should be stamped as such.

The Executive asked:

- i) Raúl to ask Stephen Lee to translate the rules into Chinese;
- ii) Nico to complete his proposals for the WTC selections for ratification.

26. NEXT MEETING: the Executive agreed to meet either from 10 to 12 or from 24 to 26 January 2002 in either Bilbao or Bonn.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 12h45.

READ AND CONFIRMED AT THE MEETING

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CHAIRPERSON

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20 September 2002