

ITSF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Saint-Vincent, Italy – Sunday, October 28th, 2007

People in attendance

President:	LOUNAS Farid	France
1 st Vice President:	RAGONA Massimo	Italy
2 nd Vice President:	GOTTESLEBEN Klaus	Germany
Members:	ATHA Boris	United Kingdom
	DAVIS Larry	USA
	LOHMANN Camilla	Denmark

<u>Apologies</u>	UENO Joe	Japan
	SONGWEI	China

Agenda

- 1- New Commission Presidents
- 2- Official and Recognized Tables
- 3- Prototype Tables
- 4- Samantha Di Paolo
- 5- EC meeting in May 2008 in Nantes, France
- 6- 2008 Olympics – Beijing, China

1- New Commission Presidents

- Discipline Commission: Patrick Meijer
- Medical Commission: Marko Lüftenegger
- Technical Commission: Boris Atha
- Legal Commission: Frédéric Autin

COMMISSIONS' PRESIDENTS

			
ADMINISTRATIVE	LEGAL	RULES	SPORT
Ludovic NERI	Frédéric AUTIN	Tom YORE	Klaus GOTTESLEBEN
			
			
FUND	COMMUNICATION	MEDICAL	WOMEN'S
Joe UENO	Larry DAVIS	Marko LUEFTENEGGER	CAMILLA LOHMANN
			
			
MARKETING	TECHNICAL	DATA PROCESSING	DISCIPLINE
Massimo RAGONA	Boris ATHA	Baptiste ABERT	Patrick MEIJERS
			

Vote 1 on new commission presidents
All of them accepted - unanimous

2- Official and Recognized Tables

Official Tables

The annual fee for 2008-09 will have to be decided by vote in May/June 2008.

Current fees: €6000 plus stickers (€50 for Competition Tables; €20 for Training Tables)

The number of stickers sold must increase – min. 2000 Competition & 1000 Training tables; eventually the goal is to sell 3000 Competition & 2000 Training stickers.

Any new request to have a table become an ITSF Official Table must be supported by at least 6 ITSF Regular Members.

Applications for Official Table status (for 2008-2010)

Vote 2 - Bonzini

Vote 3 - Garlando

Vote 4 - Roberto Sport

Vote 5 - Tecball

Vote 6 - Tornado

All of them accepted - unanimous

Recognized Tables

Current fees: €6000 plus stickers (€20)

Any new request to have a table become an ITSF Recognized Table must be supported by at least 2 ITSF Regular Members.

FAS & Sardi – neither are supported by 2 Regular federations; Sardi has Hungary, FAS has Italy.

Fireball (China) – Tornado is currently challenging patent violations from Fireball.

Spectrum (Legend) – USA – so far only a first contact has been established.

Two manufacturers fulfilled the criteria: Leonhart & Rosengart.

- Leonhart – supported by German's DTFB & Luxembourg's FKL

- Rosengart – supported by Czech Republic's CFO & Slovakia's FUS – manufacturers and operators – their home model is to be for sale and used in tournaments.

Applications for Recognized Table status (for 2007-2008)

Vote 7 - Leonhart

Vote 8 - Rosengart

Both of them accepted - unanimous

The overall goal is to reach €130 000 in revenue from manufacturers (registration fees and sticker sales) – €100 000 from Official Tables and €30 000 from Recognized Tables.

3- Prototypes displayed at the event

- **One goalie Tornado table**

Noted no problem with roll from 2-bar, but concern about durability of ramps.

Larry – not good for domestic sales, but may be good in Europe/rest of world.

- **New Roberto Sport table**

Laminate surfaces, no side-ramps, through-rods. Stability – weight is lower.

A vote on these 2 tables' modifications will take place in January 2008.

4- Samantha Di Paolo

Samantha currently plays for Italy, she would like to transfer to Switzerland.

Recap of the 2 meetings that took place during the WCh regarding her situation

October 26th meeting

Samantha, Larry, Boris

Samantha was born in Switzerland but she holds an Italian passport.

Switzerland was not in ITSF when the first national teams qualification took place, so she asked to play for Italy.

Now there are no proper women players in Italy, members of the Italian national team are all expatriates. She can not find a doubles partner as no women play the international style of game.

Now Switzerland is a Regular member.

Samantha plays regularly in Switzerland where she lives. She doesn't have the time to travel to Italy regularly. Her regular doubles partner Franziska Aeschi is in the Swiss team. Samantha would be more comfortable playing for Switzerland. She has not played for Switzerland in ITSF sanctioned events but had done so in pre-ITSF tournaments.

Apparently, the Swiss and Italian federations are both in agreement.

Actions:

- Speak to Massimo Ragona (Italy) and Gianni Baldassari (Switzerland) to verify agreements of federations.
- Propose change to EC
- Review rules on nationality if required.

October 27th meeting

Samantha, Larry, Boris, Massimo and David Baldassari

Massimo stated the Italian Federation was not willing to allow Samantha to play for the Swiss National Team, as their sponsors were relying on her participation as a high-profile player.

Massimo is willing for Samantha to be classed as Swiss for purpose of individual singles/doubles tournaments but to continue to represent Italy in team competitions.

Suggestion: that Italian and Swiss federations agree on a change-over date when Samantha can be transferred to Switzerland at a date between 12 months and 3 years from now.

If no agreement can be reached the decision will be up to the ITSF EC.

This decision will be submitted to the EC vote in January 2008.

5- EC meeting in May 2008 in Nantes, France

The ITSF offices are located in Nantes, a city of about 580 000 inhabitants.

Nantes is situated in the Loire-Atlantique Department, itself located in the Pays-de-la-Loire Region.

On December 17th, 2007, the Region will take a vote, to decide for or against the continuation of regional financial support for ITSF (through government subsidy for staff payroll).

We have asked to have a meeting with the City of Nantes, the “department” of Loire-Atlantique and the Pays-de-la-Loire Region (these 3 government entities are located in Nantes).

In response, the Region offered to host an official meeting with the ITSF Executive Committee in their offices. This meeting could take place the day after the Bonzini WCS event (May 1-4) on Monday, May 5th, 2008. (Nantes is 2 hours away from Paris with the bullet train).

There would be an Executive Committee meeting in the morning, to assess the situation on stickers and tables (with votes on annual fees for partner manufacturers for 2008-2009).

6- 2008 Olympics – Beijing, China

Massimo will have a stand in Beijing during the Olympic Games – Italy House – a space to communicate about foosball and to show that table soccer is a sport.

He would like to invite some players to participate in a special show: minimum of 8 men 8 women and 4 disabled players. Travel and accommodation (4 nights) will be paid for; he would like to have representatives from the 5 continents.