



THE WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION

**MINUTES OF THE 3rd MEETING
OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
Sanya, China
Tuesday, 14th October 2014 at 14:30**

In Attendance

Mr Gianarrigo Rona, President in the Chair
Mr José Damiani, President Emeritus
Mrs Sevinç Atay, Member
Mr Yves Aubry, Member
Mr Bruce Blakely, Member
Mr Patrick Choy, Member
Mr Marc De Pauw, Member
Mr Ernesto d'Orsi, Member
Mr David Harris, Member
Ms Georgia Heth, Member
Mr Mazhar Jafri, Member
Mr Paul Janicki, Member
Mr Radoslaw Kielbasinski, Member
Mr Al Levy, Member
Mr Bernard Pascal, Member
Mrs Sheena Rayner, Member
Mr Merlin Vilhauer, Member
Mr John Wignall, Member

Also in Attendance

Mr Jean-Claude Beineix, Honour & Advisory Committee Member
Mr Panos Gerontopoulos, Honour & Advisory Committee Member
Mrs Anna Maria Torlontano, Honour & Advisory Committee Member
Mr Jeff Polisner, General Counsel
Ms Carol von Linstow, Secretary to the Executive Council

Excused

Ms Chen Zelan, Member
Mr Nick Nickell, Member
Ms Sylvie Willard, Member

Invited

Mrs Lilian Sun, Interpreter

The President called the meeting to order at 14:30. He declared that there was a quorum, and the meeting proceeded as follows.

1. Women's Committee

Mrs Torlontano presented her report which is attached as Exhibit 1-3. The President thanked her for a detailed report and congratulated her on her excellent work.

2. WBF Championship's broadcasting & Internet Tournaments

2.1 Proposal from Ourgame

Mr De Pauw reminded members that for many years the WBF has made the records of the championships available for free to BBO taking at charge also the logistic costs for the broadcasting. Now, we have a proposal from Ourgame concerning the broadcasting of the major championships and the organization of online bridge. We have discussed the situation with BBO, but they will not compete in the field of broadcasting. While as yet there is no contract, as part of its sponsorship of the championships in Sanya, Ourgame will have the exclusive right to broadcast the final stages. Discussions on both topics are on-going.

Mr. De Pauw reported also about a proposal from Ourgame, already approved by the Management Committee in Opatija, to organize a worldwide event in 2015. The Executive Council gives a green light to the President and the Treasurer to define the project and to close the agreement.

2.2 Proposal from WCB

WBF has received a proposal made by a group of Dutch people, one of them being Enri Leufkens, a World Grand Master, to organize a World Bridge Contest. The precise format and other technical aspects still having to be discussed, this project aims at marketing in a broad way, the sport of bridge, in particular by aiming for a young audience.

After discussion, the Executive Council gives a green light to the President and the Treasurer to continue with this project.

3. Medical & Anti-Doping Matters

Dr Paolo Gabriele and Dr Giovanni Capelli gave a presentation on the activities undertaken by the Medical Commission this year.

The results of a survey begun in Lille in 2012 were presented as the beginning of a campaign to raise the awareness of players, captain and coaches of anti-doping procedure and the consumption of forbidden substances.

They stressed that players who are requesting a TUE must ensure the correct specialist signs the form, which must be lodged well before the event. Players should be educated to take care of their health and diet, particularly the young and especially is they have been diagnosed as suffering from ADHD.

The WBF Anti-Doping Commission had met with SportAccord, to discuss WADA requirements. A new Code will, as required by WADA, be signed by the WBF President in the coming week, and come into force in 2015. A copy of the report is attached to these Minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 17:10 to be resumed at 09:30 on Wednesday, 15th October.