



THE WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION

**MINUTES OF THE 4th MEETING
OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
Chennai, India**

Wednesday, 30th September 2015 at 09:30

In Attendance

Mr Gianarrigo Rona, President in the Chair
Mr José Damiani, President Emeritus
Mr John Wignall, 1st Vice President
Mr Al Levy, Executive Vice President
Mr Yves Aubry, Vice President
Mr Patrick Choy, Vice President
Mr Radoslaw Kielbasinski, Member
Mr Mazhar Jafri, Vice President
Mr Marc De Pauw, Treasurer
Ms Georgia Heth, Hon. Secretary
Mrs Sevinç Atay, Member
Mr Marcelo Caracci, Member
Ms Chen Zelan, Member
Mr Josef Harsanyi, Member
Mr Paul Janicki, Member
Mr Bernard Pascal, Member
Mrs Sheena Rayner, Member
Mr Merlin Vilhauer, Member
Mr Howard Weinstein, Member
Mr David Harris, General Counsel
Mr Simon Fellus, WBF Secretary
Mrs. Carol Von Linstow, Secretary to the Council

Excused

Mr Philippe Cronier, HLPC Member
Mrs Janice Seamon-Molson, Member

Invited

Mr Robert Hartman, CEO of ACBL
Mrs Esther Sophonpanich, President Zone 6
Mrs Suzi Subeck, President Zone 2
Ms Lilian Sun, CCBA Secretary

The President called the meeting to order at 09:30. He declared that there was a quorum, and the meeting proceeded as follows.

The Treasurer reminded all members to kindly provide him with their travel expenses for reimbursement.

1. 15th World Bridge Games – agenda item 27.2

Mr Radek Kielbasinski, in his position of President of the Polish Bridge Union, introduced Mr. Golebiowski, the On Site Organizer, and reported on the

organization of the 2016 15th World Bridge Games that will be held in Wroclaw, Poland (which will be the cultural capital of the world in 2016) from 2nd – 17th September. A new event – the World Pairs Championship – will be organized during the second week where all pairs must be national. Mr Kielbasinski hopes that the WBF will promote this new event. He gave an overview of the playing venue and the various hotels in the city.

The President briefly commented the contract agreed with the PBU, which has been distributed to all the attending, then presented the new format and schedule of play, which was unanimously approved.

The President, in addition, opened a discussion about a proposal to add to the three already existing categories (national open, women and seniors) a new category (national mixed) to be introduced in the World Bridge Games. After the discussion, the matter has been adjourned at the next session.

Mr. Philippe Cronier joined the meeting at 10.30.

2. Disciplinary Code and Rules and Regulations for the WBF Disciplinary Procedure – agenda item 15

Mr Harris explained the changes that have been made to the Disciplinary Code, with the advice of the WBF Swiss Lawyers, Maitre Nicolas Gillard and Ross Wenzel, of Carrard and Associates, consultant of the IOC.

A discussion followed and it was decided to revise and better specify a point of the proposed procedure concerning the terms of application.

The further discussion of the item and the decision about its approval was postponed to a later meeting.

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The President informed the meeting that he had learned that Prof. Finn Mikkelsen, a valued member of the Medical Commission, had suddenly died from a heart attack. The Executive Council stood for a minute in his memory.

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3. WBF Committees 2015/2018 – agenda item 41

The new list of WBF Committees was presented to the meeting and approved (attached as exhibit 3).

4. WBF Publications – agenda item 42

The President reported that the Directory will be published in December – the President has a draft here which he will circulate to members.

The meeting was adjourned at 13:00 to be reconvened on Thursday, 1st October.