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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - GENERAL ASSEMBLY

19 September 2020

7:30 p.m. Ottawa time (Electronically - ZOOM)

MINUTES

1. Call to order and Roll Call

The President/Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. (Ottawa time) and conducted a roll call.

Voting Members in attendance (8):

AB – Helen Qi	SK – Gabe Ng
MB – Darek Mikita	ON – Shen Qiang
QC – Rémi Tremblay	NS – Mikhail Kharenko
PE – Farida Chishti	YT – Kevin Murphy

Proxies (2)

BC to Ontario
NT to Thorsten Gohl

Voting Directors in attendance (7):

Alayna Chan	Rob Chan
Najam Chishti	Thorsten Gohl
Chandra Madhosingh	Attila Mosonyi
Adham Sharara (Chair)	

Observers & Guests:

Marles Martins – Technical Development Manager
Michele Matthews – Program Coordinator
Melanie Ostashek – Operations Manager
Dejan Papic – High Performance Consultant
Ian Kent – ParaTT Program Manager
Joe Fisher – Officials Committee Manager
Peter Isherwood – Athletes Commission Vice-Chair
Steve Dunn – ParaTT Committee Chair

Absent with apology:

BC – Amelia Ho
NL – Barry Hicks
NB – Virgilio Santos

Did not respond:

NU – Attila Csaba



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2. Establishment of Quorum

There are 17 voting delegates in attendance as follows:

- 10 Provinces/Territories in attendance including 2 proxies
- 7 Board members

Quorum is established

- To carry ordinary motions 9 votes in favour are required.
- To carry a motion requiring at least 3/4 majority, 13 votes in favour are required

3. Appointment of Scrutineers

- Chair asked, and it was agreed, that all voting is open by show of hands.
- In case of a vote count, 2 scrutineers were appointed to count the votes and verify a majority if necessary. With the agreement of the delegates, the MC's Chair, Kevin Murphy, and the President/Chair proposed Michele Matthews and Melanie Ostashek as scrutineers.

4. Approval of the Agenda

The following items were added to the Agenda:

- 5b. Approval of Minutes of the 2019 AGM (June) and the SGM held in June 2020.
- 6.1.1 Approval of work done, and decisions made, by the Board since the last AGM
- 12. Other, add "Awards" and "ITTF Update"

5. Declaration of any Conflicts of Interest

- Voting members had to declare if they found themselves in a position of conflict of interest with any items on the agenda or in general. Those in conflict could attend the meeting but would not take part in the discussion or vote.
- There were no cases of conflict of interest.

6. Reports

6.1 Board of Directors

- The Board submitted a collective report covering 14 areas of interest providing a brief update for each area. (Annex- 1)
- Dejan Papic provided a more detailed account regarding the national team activities during the period of the pandemic and connected restrictions. A training camp did take place at the end of August in Toronto respecting the health restrictions.
- Marles Martins provided a summary of the Coaching Certification program status and update as well as the Meaningful Competition study and report. He also reported on the new concept for "Blended Workshops Facilitation".
- On October 10-11, 2020, TTCAN will launch the pilot for the first "Blended Workshop" for the Introduction to Competition stream. This workshop is called blended because it combines the online deliveries (normally what was held at the classroom) with the practical in person sessions. Due to the Pandemic and the need of isolation when



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traveling across provincial/territorial borders, TTCAN will try a new way to deliver courses. The Learning Facilitator will be in Ottawa leading the workshop to satellite regions with their own co-facilitators. The co-facilitators will be the eyes and hands onsite, checking for the success of the outcomes, criteria and evidence of the NCCP Introduction to Competition Stream.

6.1.1 Approval of work done, and decisions made, by the Board since the last AGM

It was unanimously agreed to approve all work done and decisions made by the Board of Directors since the last AGM in June 2019.

6.2 Provincial/Territorial

All provincial and territorial reports were deferred to the end of the year to be submitted by 15 January 2021.

6.3 Committees and commissions

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7. Finances

7.1 Appointment of Auditors (2020-2021)

Due to the fact that the national office moved from Markham (GTA) to Ottawa, and because the previous accountant is no longer with TTCAN, and since all finances are managed in Ottawa by our Operations Manager, it is highly recommended that the Auditors be in Ottawa. Unfortunately, the current auditors do not have a branch office in Ottawa. Therefore, the Board needs to appoint new Auditors from Ottawa with the approval of the Audit & Finance Committee. The Board would inform the Members of their choice before the end of the year.

1-AGM-19.09.2020	<u>Only the Members Council votes</u>
Moved by: SASKATCHEWAN	Seconded by: MANITOBA
That on behalf of the Members, the Board of Directors appoint Auditors for the 2020-2021 financial year with offices in Ottawa with the approval of the Audit and Finance Committee.	
Carried Unanimously	

7.2 Special Financial Assistance to PTSOs

- The Board decided to provide a second round of special financial assistance to the member provincial/territorial associations to help with loss of income caused by the pandemic. The member provincial/territorial association have been asked to provide to TTCAN specific information in order to establish a “development landscape” for Table Tennis in Canada. This information will be updated on a yearly basis as part of the provincial/territorial reports to TTCAN
- Once all the input is received, it will be used to establish the Special Funding Contribution to the provincial/territorial associations based on a formula to determine the amount of funding to each recipient.



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- The estimated amounts to be distributed to each association, based on preliminary calculations, are a minimum of \$600 and will be maxed at \$6,000.
- Michele Matthews reported that she is still missing input from 2 members associations. The deadline is 21 September 2020, Michele will send a reminder on Monday morning.

8. TTCAN Bylaws

8.1 Interim Changes

- The Board has approved some changes and modifications to the TTCAN Bylaws as a first and interim step to the much-needed amendments to the current Bylaws. The proposed changes were sent to the Members Council in advance for review.
- The President/Chair explained the proposed amendments.
- The main change concerns the Board of Directors and a detailed explanation was provided by the Chair during the AGM mainly aligning the election of Directors every two years for all Directors at the same time; and to include the Canada not-for-profit Act requirement of having “Officers” for the corporation. The elected Directors would also be the “Officers” of TTCAN.
- In order to have these Bylaws approved by the AGM it is necessary to waive the required waiting period according to article 10.4 of the TTCAN current Bylaws by an affirmative vote of not less than three-fourths (3/4) of the members present and entitled to vote.

2-AGM-19.09.2020

Moved by: Najam CHISHTI

Seconded by: QUEBEC

That the requirement in article 10.3 of the TTCAN Bylaws **be waived** according to article 10.4 of the Bylaws allowing the AGM to vote on the adoption of the amended Bylaws effective immediately, and provided that an affirmative vote of not less than three-fourths (3/4) of the members present and entitled to vote is obtained.

Carried Unanimously

3-AGM-19.09.2020

Moved by: PEI

Seconded by: Chandra MADHOSINGH

That the modified and amended TTCAN Bylaws approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on 8 September 2020 be approved and adopted by the AGM with immediate effect at the conclusion of the 2020 AGM.

Carried Unanimously

8.2 New Bylaws timelines

The President/Chair explained that this is just the first round of amendments and that the Bylaws still need a full revision, which could then be adopted at the next AGM (June 2021).



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- The President/Chair explained that based on legal advice, the easiest way to re-align the 2-year term of Directors is to extend the current term of the 3 Directors until the next AGM, and to have the current election come into effect at that time.
- Manitoba (Darek Mikita) agreed in principle with the proposal but commented that the order in which this change is being made. However, Manitoba supports the change.

6-AGM-19.09.2020

Moved by: YUKON

Seconded by: ONTARIO

Whereas the TTCAN Bylaws are amended affecting the term of office of Directors; and whereas TTCAN received only one nomination for each Director's position, be it resolved that all three Directors be elected by acclamation for their respective positions as follows:

Adham Sharara – President & Chair
Najam Chishti – Director (Competitions)
Thorsten Gohl – Director (Marketing)

Be it also resolved that the 2-year term of the elected Directors comes into effect at the next AGM in June 2021, and that the current mandate of the three Directors be extended until then.

Rationale: This will align the election and 2-year term of all Directors as of the next AGM.

Carried Unanimously

12. Other

12.1 Finances update

- Rob Chan updated the delegates on the current financial status and confirmed that TTCAN will probably have a small surplus by the end of the financial year meeting the “deficit reduction plan” objective one year ahead of time. He also reassured the delegates of the smooth financial operations, timely payment of invoices, and very low accounts Receivable and Payable, with good controls on all financial aspects. He also informed the delegates that monthly financial statements are sent in varying detail to the Board, the Audit & Finance Committee and to the Members Council Chair.

12.2 Canada Winter Games update

- Thorsten Gohl (TTCAN's representative) explained the reasons for which the Canada Winter Games Council decided to allocate to table tennis teams of 2 male and 2 females for the next Canada Winter Games in 2023 in PEI.
- Najam Chishti, our local representative for the 2023 Games, reported on his contact with the local organizers and will report back to the Board with regard to the choice of venue and the equipment needed for the table tennis event.

12.3 TTCAN “Logo” Update

- Adham Sharara explained that Thorsten Gohl was in charge of presenting a modified LOGO for TTCAN to better reflect “table tennis” within the logo, as the current logo could be construed by outsiders as being a “bowling” logo. The modified logo is almost ready and will be presented to the Board of Directors for approval.



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12.4.1 Special Service Award

- Chandra Madhosingh was presented with a special “TTCAN SERVICE AWARD” for his long-term service as a volunteer. The President asked Amelia Ho, the President of the British Columbia TTA to represent TTCAN and present the Award in person to Chandra Madhosingh. This occurred a few days before the 2020 TTCAN AGM.
- All the delegates congratulated Chandra and thanked him for his service to our sport in Canada. A photo and article regarding this award will be posted on TTCAN’s website.

12.4.2 Annual TTCAN Awards

- On behalf of the Board, Thorsten Gohl confirmed the following annual awards recipients for 2019:

Luba Sadovska (BC) - TTCAN **Contributor** to TT Award (Betty Tweedy Award)

Paul Noël (SK) - TTCAN **Coach** of the Year Award (Domonkos Award)

Darek Mikita (MB) - TTCAN **Official** of the Year Award (Art Barran Award)

Mo Zhang (BC) - TTCAN **Athlete** of the Year Award

12.4 ITTF update

- The President/Chair provided an update on the ITTF and indicated that the ITTF’s AGM, to be conducted virtually, will be held on 28 September 2020. TTCAN will be represented by Rob Chan and Thorsten Gohl as delegates.
- The 2020 World Championships are rescheduled for March 2021 in Busan, Korea.

12.5 Mini-Camps for National Team

- Dejan Papic explained the new concept of monthly mini camps for national team members on a regional basis. He also explained that the players at the provincial/territorial level will also be invited to participate. More detailed information will be provided soon.
- He also explained the future concept of connecting the national team program as a progression of provincial/territorial programs.

12.6 Next AGM

The next AGM will be held in June 2021.

Adjournment

There being no further business, MANITOBA moved to adjourn the meeting.

The AGM adjourned at 9:25 pm (Ottawa time).

Chair, Adham Sharara