

TABLE TENNIS CANADA
Board of Directors Meeting

(By ZOOM)

Tuesday, 8 September 2020, 7 pm (Ottawa time)

MINUTES

1. Roll Call

In attendance:

Alayna Chan	Athlete Representative
Rob Chan	Administration & Finance
Najam Chishti	Competitions
Thorsten Gohl	Marketing
Chandra Madhosingh	Education
Attila Mosonyi	Technical Matters
Adham Sharara	Chair & President

2. Approve Minutes of 6 August 2020

- The Board unanimously agreed that there being no errors, corrections or omissions, the Minutes were adopted as a true representation of the Meeting of the Board of Directors held on 6 August 2020.
- The President signed the original Minutes.

3. Update and Information

3.1 Canadian ParaTT Championships postponed

- Postponement of the Championships was decided by the ParaTT Committee and an announcement was made on the website and Facebook, as well as by e-mail to all ParaTT players. This is due to the fact that many players preferred not to take part in fear of the ongoing pandemic.
- TTCAN received preliminary agreement from Sport Canada to use the deferred revenue from Sport Canada allocated to our ParaTT program to 31 March 2021. We are now waiting for the amended contribution agreement to sign.

3.2 Gender Equity plan and initiatives

- The first “Gender Equity Awareness Webinar” open to all those interested and compulsory to the Board, the TTCAN staff and national team coaches’ pool, will be held in October 2020. The exact date to be confirmed soon.
- Michele Matthews will coordinate the first webinar and the series of webinars addressing specific topics and specific groups within TTCAN. The webinars will be presented by the expert consultant and other invited experts.

3.3 Special Competition in December 2020

- A proposal for a special competition to be held in December 2020 was received from the group assigned by the Board (Alayna Chan, Dejan Papic, Marles Martins and Remi Tremblay and Thorsten Gohl as Board member).
- The competition will be for singles only: Men and Women as well as Juniors and Cadets.

- The winners of each category will be declared “2020 Canadian Champion”.
- As this event would also be used to produce the 2021 National Team list, Alayna Chan expressed some concerns regarding those that cannot take part due to extenuating circumstances and if it would affect their selection to the National Team.
- It was decided by the Board that if a player maintains their activity level and ratings level, then special consideration would be given if extenuating circumstances do exist. It was also agreed that in such cases the player would not take the place of another player who participated in the special competition and qualified for the national team list, the HPC would keep both as an exception.
- A team competition will also start next month (see item 5.3)

3.4 Athletes Commission (AC)

- Alayna Chan reported on the first meeting of the Athletes Commission which took place a few days before the Board meeting.
- Alayna Chan was unanimously elected as Chair of the Athlete Commission. For the positions of Vice-Chair and Secretary, there being more than one candidate for each position, and electronic vote will take place to be arranged by Michele Matthews
- The complete list and positions of the 7 members of the Athlete Commission will be presented to the AGM for endorsement.
- Adham Sharara, as Chair of the AGM agreed to invite the newly elected Vice-Chair of the Athlete Commission to attend the AGM as an observer. Alayna Chan, as Chair of the AC and Athlete Representative is a voting member of the Board and at the AGM.

3.5 ITTF Update

- Letters were received from the ITTF by the TTCAN President and separately by the TTCAN Board. The president and the Board responded accordingly.
- The Board is concerned about the “propositions” from the ITTF’s EC regarding changes to the ITTF’s constitution and hope that they could be postponed for further study.
- Rob Chan and Thorsten Gohl attend the information pre-sessions currently available, and will attend the ITTF’s AGM electronically on 28 September 2020.

3.6 Amendments to current Bylaws

- The President explained in detail the amendments to the TTCAN Bylaws, which were sent in advance for the Board’s consideration.
- Members of the Board provided their input and several modifications were made accordingly.
- The amendments and modifications were made to be in compliance with the Canada Not-for-Profit act as well as to correct some contradictions and reference errors.
- The main change is regarding the structure of the Board of Directors, the timing of its elections, and providing more flexibility to their individual responsibilities.
- The Board also agreed to reduce the restrictions and waiting time for individuals to be nominated to the Board.
- The president will send to the Members Council the modified Bylaws and request that the advance notice be waived in order to adopt the modified Bylaws at the AGM on 19 September 2020.
- The President will consult a legal expert with regard to some of the proposed modifications, in particular the timing of the Board election in order to re-align the 2-year term as proposed in odd-numbered years.

3.7 TTCAN AGM

- As this year's AGM will be held electronically, it was agreed to focus mainly on "decisions".
- It was also agreed that all reports, except for a collective Board report, will be only required at the end of the year.
- The Board will present one overall report to the AGM.

4. Decisions

4.1 Special Competition in 2020

Moved by Thorsten Gohl; Seconded by Alayna Chan:

1-BoD-08.09.2020

- Be it resolved to accept the proposals made by the assigned group, with modifications made by the Board, to hold a limited-participation Special Event in December of which the winners will be declared 2020 Canadian Champions and to ask the Competition Committee Chair, the Technical Development Manager and the HP Consultant to proceed with the implementation accordingly.
- Be it also resolved to accept the initiation of a test "Team Event" to start in the last quarter of the 2020 year with the concept of 5 teams, composed of 13 players per team, one player from each province and territory in each team, whereas the players will compete only within their own province/city on behalf of their team with each win providing a point to their respective team.
- Details for both competitions will be made available as soon as possible

Carried Unanimously (7-0-0)

4.2 Amendments to current Bylaws

Moved by Najam Chishti; Seconded by Attila Mosonyi:

2-BoD-08.09.2020

Be it resolved that the Amended TTCAN Bylaws, including modifications made by the Board on 8 September 2020, be approved and presented to the AGM for approval by the voting delegates pursuant to articles 10.1, 10.2 and 10.4 of the current TTCAN Bylaws, necessitating a "Waiver of Notice" by not less than three-fourths (3/4) of the delegates present and entitled to vote at the AGM (article 10.4).

Carried Unanimously (7-0-0)

5. Other

5.1 Website modified design

- The TTCAN website has a modified design and some new sections. A message was sent to all concerned asking them for input.

5.2 Update on 2nd Financial Allocation to PTSOs

- 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.

- So far eight provinces/territories have provided the requested information. Michele Matthews is sending reminders and will gather the missing information.
- 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.

5.3 Special Team Competition

- Thorsten Gohl explained the concept in detail and stated that this will be a test and that some modifications may be necessary based on the response from the provinces/territories. The number of teams, and the number of players per team may be adjusted after the number of participants is known.
- The main idea is that a team is composed of one player per province, and players from the same provinces will compete against each other earning points for their respective teams. This eliminates the need for travel.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm (Ottawa time)

Chair: Adham Sharara