

ISBO Board meeting - Nov.5, 2013

Via Skype


Present: Rene Lewicki, Brock Turner, Lidia Bormiska, Kasia Witwicka, Damir Ilic, Daniel Gossen, Ivica Vascovic

Absent: Matjas Sustersic

1. Strategic Plan - Rene will be sending out a draft of the 2014 and 2015 Strategic Plan for all to review. Feedback to be sent to Brock and final copy to be sent out to be discussed and finalized at next Board meeting. Each Board member to review the areas that affect them and how they can best impact their area of responsibility.
2. 5 Questions to the Member Federations (MF) - Rene shared the answers to the '5 questions' in a document sent to the Board on October 3. While almost all MF's that responded (11 MF's in total) were very positive, there were some interesting and negative answers from the Swiss. In an attempt to address any of our MF's concerns, Brock wrote an email asking for clarification on their answers. This email will be forwarded to all board members.
3. Rule Changes – there was considerable discussion on the process and on when to implement, when does the Board see the changes and when to announce to the MF's. There are currently a few rule changes to enact, some minor and some major. Daniel reported that there were 11 MF's that took part in the process and most were in favour of the changes. The Swiss MF did not like two of the changes (specifically around foot fault rules in doubles). This generated much discussion on how to deal with feedback as some of the ISBO Board members agreed with the Swiss. However, it was agreed that the current rule changes would go forward and be reviewed at the ISBO Member Delegate meeting at the European Championships in Warsaw, Poland in July 2014. This would give the MF's six to seven months to see how the new rules work and an opportunity to discuss with the openness to review and change, if needed. In the future, a new process for rule changes is to be instituted. The Board will work with the Tournament and Rules Committee to devise this process in the next few months.
4. ISBO emails – Rene to send the password and server information to each Board member and these are the emails that all are encouraged to use for ISBO business.

5. Rene reported that the ISBO has an official bank account. This means that we must begin informing the MF's that they need to pay the registration fee for 2013 (1 Euro per player) and a reminder that there is a participant fee of 1 Euro per player at all ISBO sanctioned tournaments.
6. France and Croatia – Each of these countries has two national speed badminton federations. As well, one of each is a current MF of the ISBO. At the Worlds in Berlin in June 2013, Brock, Rene and Damir were a part of a meeting between the two Croatian federations and the two federations were to go back and find a solution to having one MF to represent the country. Unfortunately, there has been no resolution despite some efforts.
There was considerable discussion on how to best deal with this with situation in Croatia and France. Brock and Rene will be on a Skype call with the two groups in December to find some common ground.
Some discussion on what the level of involvement the ISBO should be. There is also a look at the concept of developing a set of standards that MF's must adhere to so they can continue on as "Member in Good Standing". More discussion for the future.

Meeting adjourned.


Secretary General
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