



International Speed Badminton Organisation
Trachenbergring 85
12249 Berlin
Germany

MINUTES OF THE ISBO GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2015

Date: 27th August 2015, 10:00 – 18:30
Venue: Trachenbergring 85, 12249 Berlin, Germany
Invited: Members (national federations) of the ISBO.
Present: Mauritius, Czech Republic, Poland, Ukraine, Japan, Croatia, Sweden, Norway, Latvia, Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland, Hungary, Germany, Slovenia, Russia, France

Before the official start of the meeting, a vote was held regarding the proposal of Swiss Speed Badminton federation SSB whether to record the meeting or/and stream it on the internet. Of the participating federations at the time, 15 votes were FOR, 7 AGAINST and 53 DID NOT VOTE. Some members addressed their personal indisposition with the request and their right to privacy protection, therefore no further action was taken.

1 ADDRESS OF WELCOME AND DECLARE THE LEGALITY OF THE MEETING

ISBO President Rene Lewicki welcomed participating officials to the ISBO General Assembly 2015. Officials from 17 national federations with voting rights were present at the General Assembly, which was therefore declared as legal.

2 ANNOUNCE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING AND THE KEEPER OF THE MINUTES

ISBO President Rene Lewicki took the role of the Chairman of the meeting and Matjaz Sustersic took the role of the Keeper of the minutes. No objections were heard.

3 DECLARATION OF WHO IS ATTENDING AND HOW MANY VOTES EACH ATTENDEE HAS

Representatives of following national federations were present:

Mauritius (5 votes), Czech Republic (5 votes), Poland (7 votes), Ukraine (3 votes), Japan (5 votes), Croatia (5 votes), Sweden (5 votes), Norway (5 votes), Latvia (5 votes), Netherlands (5 votes), Spain (5 votes), Switzerland (5 votes), Hungary (5 votes), Germany (10 votes), Slovenia (5 votes), Russia (5 votes) = 85 votes

Also present were 5 ISBO Board members (Rene Lewicki, Lidia Bomirska, Damir Ilic, Daniel Gossen and Matjaz Sustersic), each having 1 vote = 5 votes

Altogether 90 votes were held by all delegates including ISBO Board members.

4 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA / PROPOSALS

The agenda for the GA was sent out to the national federations prior to the meeting and proposals were integrated into the following agenda:

1. Address of welcome and declare the legality of the meeting
2. Announce the chairman of the meeting and the keeper of the minutes
3. Declarations of who is attending and many votes each attendee has
4. Approval of the agenda / proposals
5. Report of the Board of Directors
6. Financial report 2014/2015
7. Report of the Auditors
8. Discharge of the Board of Directors for 2014/15
9. Elections of the Board of Directors
10. Elections of the Auditors
11. Report Committee of Rules and Tournaments
12. Votes for tournament system, rules and standards adaptations
13. Vote for name of the sport
14. Projects 2015/16
15. Proposal and vote financial plan 2016
16. Tournament software

17. ISBO Awards

18. Miscellaneous

5 REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Current situation in general was presented by ISBO President Rene Lewicki, who also spoke about new members. Damir Ilic presented youth development programmes, Matjaz Sustersic ISBO Nations Cup, Lidia Bomirska financial challenges and Daniel Gossen the work of the ISBO General Manager.

6 FINANCIAL REPORT 2014/15

ISBO President Rene Lewicki presented the financial situation of ISBO, also by comparing it in years 2013, 2014 and 2015. The ISBO budget in 2015 is about 25% lower than expected; the main reasons are a decrease of ISBO 250 points tournaments by 50% and a lower participation within those tournaments. Costs need to be cut to solve the situation.

Norwegian delegates believe that valid agreements shouldnt be changed, therefore tournament support could be cut in future, but not this year already. Nonetheless, higher incomes should be prioritized and the whole system should be changed. If necessary, tournament support could also be cut this year.

French delegates joined the meeting at 10:50, so total number of votes is 95 now.

Answering the question of Czech delegates, Mr. Lewicki stated that ISBO's financial situation is far from perfect and must be improved as soon as possible. Answering the question of Croatian delegates, Daniel Gossen stated that hundreds of sponsorship offers have been sent out in the past, but to no big avail. In response, Norwegian delegates proposed the idea of cutting the tournament support immediately by half, while Polish delegates announced that they will not ask for 1.000 € sponsorship fee for Polish Open.

Following decision was then put to vote:

Decision 1: In order to improve the financial situation of ISBO, every ISBO member will support ISBO with the amount of 500 € by the end of 2015, while the tournament support for the remaining tournaments in 2015 will be cut by 1/3.

Decision was accepted with 65 votes FOR, 25 votes AGAINST and 5 DID NOT VOTE votes.

7 REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

Since no auditors have been named in the past, delegates have decided to appoint Michal Scholze and Claudine Boyer as auditors for the past financial year. They will be given access to all documents and prepare their report as soon as possible.

8 DISCHARGE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2014/15

Current Board of Directors has finished its mandate, therefore it needs to be discharged before new Board of Directors is elected.

Following decision was then put to vote:

Decision 2: Board of Directors is immediately discharged under the condition that the auditors will find no significant irregularities.

Decision was accepted with 90 votes FOR, 0 votes AGAINST and 5 DID NOT VOTE votes.

9 ELECTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

No suggestions for new members of the Board of Directors have been sent to the ISBO. ISBO General Manager Daniel Gossen will no longer serve as a member of the Board of Directors and Ivica Vaskovic has stepped down as a member of the Board of Directors. Gabriel David and Kasia Witwicka were suggested as replacements. Other members are willing to continue with their work.

Following decision was then put to vote:

Decision 3: Members of the new Board of Directors are Rene Lewicki, Brock Turner, Matjaz Sustersic, Lidia Bomirska, Gabriel David, Damir Ilic and Kasia Witwicka.

Decision was accepted with 85 votes FOR, 0 votes AGAINST and 10 DID NOT VOTE votes.

10 ELECTIONS OF THE AUDITORS

For next two years, Michal Scholze and Jean-Luc Colombet were proposed to become new Auditors. There were no objections by delegates.

11 REPORT COMMITTEE OF RULES AND TOURNAMENTS

A chronological report of the work of Committee of Rules and Tournaments was presented by its former chairman Daniel Gossen.

12 VOTES FOR TOURNAMENT SYSTEM, RULES AND STANDARDS ADAPTATIONS

12a) In the past years, the movement of doubles partners has proven to be a problem in some doubles matches. In order to make the matches more attractive, return to old movement rules with players changing in the position of the front player had been proposed by several delegates.

Following decision was then put to vote:

Decision 4: Old movement rules will replace current movement rules in all doubles categories, including juniors, starting with 1st January 2016.

Decision was accepted with 80 votes FOR, 0 votes AGAINST and 15 DID NOT VOTE votes.

12b) In some matches, the absence of service line is a serious problem, so according to some delegates a better marked service line is needed.

Following decision was then put to vote:

Decision 5: Service line must be better marked with a full service line, if possible.

Decision was rejected with 5 votes FOR, 85 votes AGAINST and 5 DID NOT VOTE votes.

Following decision was then put to vote:

Decision 6: Service line must be better marked with a 50cm service line in the middle of the court, if possible.

Decision was accepted with 35 votes FOR, 30 votes AGAINST and 30 DID NOT VOTE votes.

12c) In the past year, a change of dates of a couple of tournaments caused problems for players that already made bookings for these tournaments. In order to avoid this, rules about date-changing must be clearly set, as proposed by several delegates.

Following decision was then put to vote:

Decision 7: Dates for 1.000 and 500 points tournaments cannot change anymore after they have been officially announced.

Decision was accepted with 65 votes FOR, 5 votes AGAINST and 25 DID NOT VOTE votes.

Following decision was also put to vote:

Decision 8: Dates for 250 points tournaments can only change at least 3 months before the tournament. After this deadline, the dates cannot change anymore.

Decision was accepted with 68 votes FOR, 5 votes AGAINST and 22 DID NOT VOTE votes.

Following decision was also put to vote:

Decision 9: If a date is changed after the deadline or after the official announcement, the organiser must reimburse the costs to players that already paid them, according to a mutual agreement.

Decision was accepted with 42 votes FOR, 10 votes AGAINST and 43 DID NOT VOTE votes.

12d) Cutting tournament support due to not fulfilling tournament standards has been a widely discussed issue this year and clearer rules need to be set regarding this to avoid controversy in the future. A solution of rating each standard by a certain number of points, culminating all points and awarding tournament support according to the number of points, confirmed by two independent observers, was presented by ISBO Board member Matjaz Sustersic.

Following decision was then put to vote:

Decision 10: From the 1st January 2016 tournament support will be awarded according to the points system related to the fulfillment of tournament standards and confirmed by two independent observers. The points system will be published 60 days prior to each season.

Decision was accepted with 75 votes FOR, 5 votes AGAINST and 15 DID NOT VOTE votes.

12e) When there are not enough players to play a certain category, a player is added to a younger category or older category in case of juniors, but there is an issue of the category, for which the player receives points. A proposal has been made to award points for all categories up to his own – so if a O-50 player plays Open division, he gets points for O-50, O-40 and Open division.

Following decision was then put to vote:

Decision 11: From the 1st January 2016 players that cant play their own category due to the low number of players will play any other category that they are allowed to play, but points will be awarded for all categories that they could play, including their own category.

Decision was accepted with 80 votes FOR, 0 votes AGAINST and 15 DID NOT VOTE votes.

12f) Daniel Gossen made a presentation of ISBO sponsorship packages, which need to be promoted as widely as possible. Searching for sponsors would be easier, if all tournament organisers would promote these ISBO sponsors at their tournaments.

Following decision was then put to vote:

Decision 12: If demanded by ISBO, all national federations must ensure that all ISBO sponsors are promoted at the tournaments, organised by them or their members in their country.

Decision was accepted with 80 votes FOR, 0 votes AGAINST and 15 DID NOT VOTE votes.

12g) In 2015 season, tournaments with lower number of participants than the number demanded by the standards were downgraded after they were played and fewer points were awarded to players. According to some delegates players are punished by this system which must be changed.

Following decision was then put to vote:

Decision 13: Current system of downgrading tournaments with lower number of participants than the number demanded by the standards remains valid for the future.

Decision was rejected with 25 votes FOR, 55 votes AGAINST and 15 DID NOT VOTE votes.

No other solution was proposed, so the issue will be referred to the CORAT Committee to find a solution.

12h) French federation proposed to rename a speeder into a shuttle in all official ISBO documents.

Following decision was then put to vote:

Decision 14: A speeder will be renamed into a shuttle in all official ISBO documents and only this name will be used to refer to it in the future.

Decision was rejected with 5 votes FOR, 27 votes AGAINST and 63 DID NOT VOTE votes.

12i) In the decisive third set, players change sides after each 6 points played. ISBO Board member Matjaz Sustersic proposed to change sides after first 3 points played and then after each 6 points played.

Following decision was then put to vote:

Decision 15: In the decisive third set players will change sides after first 3 points played and then after each 6 points played.

Decision was rejected with 30 votes FOR, 50 votes AGAINST and 15 DID NOT VOTE votes.

12j) Currently, tournament results are usually sent to CORAT Committee and then to tournament software, which in some cases takes too much time and doubles the amount of work. In order to shorten this process tournament organisers could upload results into tournament software by themselves.

Following decision was then put to vote:

Decision 16: Tournament organisers must upload the results into the tournament software by themselves.

Decision was accepted with 65 votes FOR, 0 votes AGAINST and 30 DID NOT VOTE votes.

12k) ISBO Nations Cup is running in its third year and the number of participating nations has risen from 4 to 15. Nonetheless, several ideas about changing the number of players have been presented in the past.

Following decision was then put to vote:

Decision 17: Number of players in a ISBO Nations Cup team, which currently consists of 2 male and 1 female player (+ 1 male and 1 female reserve) should be changed.

Decision was rejected with 30 votes FOR, 35 votes AGAINST and 30 DID NOT VOTE votes.

13 VOTE FOR NAME OF THE SPORT

The issue of the name of the sport has been the most discussed issue in the past years. ISBO President Rene Lewicki has explained the whole name-changing process and problems with BWF. The new name will be used from the 1st January 2016, so there is enough time to do all necessary changes. Mr. Lewicki also explained the formalities regarding the ISBO GA vote – a

decision can be accepted only if more than 50 % of valid votes are FOR a new name and Statues can only be changed if more than 75 % of valid votes are FOR.

Following decision was then put to vote:

Decision 18: The name speed badminton will be changed into the name crossminton. From 1st January 2016 the official name of our sport will be crossminton.

Decision was accepted with 80 votes FOR, 15 votes AGAINST and 0 DID NOT VOTE votes.

Following decision was also put to vote:

Decision 19: The name of the sport will be officialy changed in the Statues as well as in the official name of the international federation (currently ISBO).

Decision was accepted with 85 votes FOR, 10 votes AGAINST and 0 DID NOT VOTE votes.

Swedish, Latvian, Polish and Russian delegates left the meeting at 16:00, reducing the number of votes to 73.

14 PROJECTS 2015/16

Beside key issues, already debated in other points of the agenda, ISBO President Rene Lewicki presented some projects that could be interesting to realize in the near future – like a speed badminton app, Champions League project etc. Croatian delegates raised the issue of outdoor finals on attractive venues that was not mentioned before, but could have significant positive effects on the development of our sport.

Following decision was then put to vote:

Decision 20: A vote about the possibility of playing tournament finals outdoors on attractive venues will be carried out under point 18 – Miscellaneous.

Decision was accepted with 48 votes FOR, 20 votes AGAINST and 5 DID NOT VOTE votes.

A general agreement was also reached on the issue of ISBO supporting clubs with new young players by providing them with speeders and easy-courts.

Ukrainian delegates also left the meeting at 16:10, further reducing the number of votes to 70.

15 PROPOSAL AND VOTE FINANCIAL PLAN 2016

Suggested financial plan for 2016 was presented by ISBO President Mr. Rene Lewicki. The plan included substantial changes regarding fees (introduction of licenses, test license/administration fee is 5 €, annual license fee is 20 €, participation fee is 2,5 € per tournament, membership fee remains 250 € per member), so different parts were put to vote separately after a long discussion.

Hungarian delegates left the meeting at 17:00, further reducing the number of votes to 65.

15 a) Test license/administration fee vote.

Following decision was first put to vote:

Decision 21: A test license for new players playing just 1 tournament in a year will: A) cost 5 € only once, then an annual fee must be purchased, or B) cost 5 € and can be bought by a player every year.

20 delegates voted for option A, 35 for option B and 10 delegates did not vote. Option B was accepted.

15b) Fees system: While it was agreed that administration fee is 5 € for one tournament a year (test license) and 20 € for annual license and there was no discussion about the participation fee of 2,5 € per tournament, a debate ensued about the membership fee. ISBO Board member Matjaz Sustersic presented a system based on calculating the membership fee on the basis of the number of licensed players and GDP per capita Delegates accepted the system as positive, so the whole fees system was put to vote.

Following decision was then put to vote:

Decision 22: From the 1st January 2016, the fees system will consist of administration fee of 5 € for one tournament per year (test license) and of 20 € for more than one tournament (annual license), of participation fee of 2,5 € per player per tournament and of membership fee, calculated for each nation on the basis of the number of licensed players and GDP per capita.

Decision was accepted with 50 votes FOR, 10 votes AGAINST and 5 DID NOT VOTE votes.

15c) Votes structure: A logical issue was then raised by several delegates – since the membership fee will vary significantly from country to country according to the new system, number of votes at the General Assembly should also vary accordingly. Since the system is based on 250 € as a 1 point value, members paying 0 – 199 € membership fee would have 3 votes, members paying 200 – 349 € membership fee would have 5 votes, members paying 350 – 499 € membership fee would have 7 votes and members paying 500 € membership fee would have 10 votes. If the value of the point changes, the values for votes are calculated accordingly, so that the ratio remains the same.

Following decision was then put to vote:

Decision 23: From the 1st January 2016, new votes structure will be valid - the system is based on 250 € as a one point value, members paying 0 – 199 € membership fee will have 3 votes, members paying 200 – 349 € membership fee will have 5 votes, members paying 350 – 499 € membership fee will have 7 votes and members paying 500 € membership fee will have 10 votes. If the value of the point changes, the values for votes are calculated accordingly, so that the ratio remains the same.

Decision was accepted with 55 votes FOR, 5 votes AGAINST and 5 DID NOT VOTE votes.

15 d) After confirming the new fees system, the corrected financial plan for 2016 with incomes and expenses valued at 75.000 € was put to vote.

Following decision was then put to vote:

Decision 24: New financial plan for 2016 is based on the new fees system, with incomes and expenses valued at 75.000 €.

Decision was accepted with 50 votes FOR, 0 votes AGAINST and 15 DID NOT VOTE votes.

16 TOURNAMENT SOFTWARE

Swiss delegates left the meeting at 18:00, reducing the number of votes to 60. Polish and Swedish delegates returned to the meeting at 18:00, raising the number of votes to 72.

Current situation regarding Ophardt tournament software was first introduced by ISBO President Mr. Rene Lewicki, followed by the introduction of Dutch Tournament Software by Mr. Martin Monfils. Since this has been an on-going debate for several years, a suggestion was made to test the Tournament Software in some of the member federations and the decide about whether to stay with Ophardt or change to Tournament Software.

Following decision was then put to vote:

Decision 25: Dutch Tournament Software will be tested by Mauritius, Spain, Japan and Czech Republic, who will send their feedback to ISBO till the 1st December 2015. If all testers agree on changing to Dutch Tournament Software, ISBO Board members will take steps in the direction of changing the system.

Decision was accepted with 62 votes FOR, 0 votes AGAINST and 10 DID NOT VOTE votes.

17 ISBO AWARDS

The point was dropped and there was no further discussion about it.

18 MISCELLANEOUS

According to Decision 15, a vote must be made regarding playing finals outdoors on attractive venues.

Following decision was then put to vote:

Decision 26: If there is a chance to play the finals of 1.000 and 500 points tournaments on public places with many spectators, organisers are allowed to change the venue and the surface compared to matches prior to the finals.

Decision was accepted with 62 votes FOR, 0 votes AGAINST and 10 DID NOT VOTE votes.

Appendix: New membership fee system

Membership fees:

The members of the ISBO pay their fee based on the 2016 membership fee system agreed on the GA 2015

Membership fee for athletes

Each athlete need to have an ISBO license:

License for one tournament: 5€

Full license 20€

Registration fees:

Organizers of ISBO events (tournaments, workshops, etc.) commit themselves to pay 2.50 Euro (€) to the ISBO per participant.

1. Proposal	2. Proposal	3. Proposal
<i>Member fee / year</i>		
250€ per Member	2€ per adult Player / 1€ per junior player	MF between 0 € and 500 € CI = CVnrp x 0.5 + CVgdp x 0.5
<i>Registration fee to register to all ISBO Tournaments / year</i>		
10€ per player (junior & adults)	40€ per adult player / 10 € per junior player / Newcomer (license for one tournament) 10 €	License A (1-2 tournaments): 15 € License B (3-5 tournaments): 30 € License C (6+ tournaments): 50 €
<i>Participating fee (from organizer payable to the ISBO)</i>		
2,50€ per player	0€	0€
<i>League fee – Every participating country can send his best club to the Champions league tournament</i>		
25€ per team	25€ per team	25€ per team

How to calculate MEMBER FEE according to 3. Proposal:

Nr. of players	Corresponding Value (CV _{nrp})	COUNTRY INDEX (CI) = CV _{nrp} x 0.5 + CV _{GDP} x 0.5
0 to 5	0	1 point = 250 €
6 to 10	0.5	
11 to 50	1	
51 to 100	1.5	
101 and more	2	
* ISBO data for previous year		
EXAMPLE 1: SLOVENIA		
Nr of players in 2014	CV _{nrp}	
48	1	
GDP per capita in 2014	CV _{GDP}	
23963	1.5	
CI _{SLO} = 1 x 0.5 + 1.5 x 0.5 = 0.5 + 0.75 = 1.25		
1.25 points x 250 € = 312.50 €		
Member fee for Slovenia is 312.50 €.		
EXAMPLE 2: GERMANY		
Nr of players in 2014	CV _{nrp}	
177	2	
GDP per capita in 2014	CV _{GDP}	
47627	2	
CI _{GER} = 2 x 0.5 + 2 x 0.5 = 1 + 1 = 2		
2 points x 250 € = 500 €		
Member fee for Germany is 500 €.		
EXAMPLE 3: SERBIA		
Nr of players in 2014	CV _{nrp}	
9	0.5	
GDP per capita in 2014	CV _{GDP}	
6153	0.5	
CI _{SRB} = 0.5 x 0.5 + 0.5 x 0.5 = 0.25 + 0.25 = 0.5		
0.5 points x 250 € = 125 €		
Member fee for Serbia is 125 €.		
* World Bank data for previous year or year before http://data.worldbank.org/indicator/NY.GDP.PCAP.CD		