



THE WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION

**MINUTES OF THE 4th MEETING
OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
Lille, France
Tuesday, 14th August 2012 – 15:30**

In Attendance

Mr John Wignall, 1st Vice President, in the chair
Mr Jaime Ortiz-Patiño, President Emeritus

Mrs Sevinç Atay, Member
Mr Yves Aubry, Member
Mr Bruce Blakely, Member
Ms Chen Zelan, Member
Mr Patrick Choy, Member
Mr Jean-Louis Derivery, Member
Mrs Joan Gerard, Member
Mr David Harris, Member
Ms Georgia Heth, Member
Mr Mazhar Jafri, Member
Mr Radoslaw Kielbasinski, Member
Mr Bernard Pascal, Member
Mr George Retek, Member

In attendance via Skype

Mr Al Levy, Member

Also in Attendance

Mr Jeff Polisner, General Counsel
Ms Carol von Linstow, Secretary to the Executive Council

Excused

Mr Gianarrigo Rona
Mr José Damiani, Chairman Emeritus
Mr Marc De Pauw, Member
Mr Ernesto d'Orsi, Member
Mr Nick Nickell, Member
Ms Sylvie Willard, Member
Mr Robert S. Wolff, Past President

Invited

Mr Panos Gerontopoulos
Mr Geert Magermann
Mrs Sheena Rayner
Mrs Lilian Sun
Mrs Anna Maria Torlontano

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 15:30. He declared that there was a quorum, and the meeting proceeded as follows:

1. Approval of the Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Executive Council

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Executive Council were approved and adopted and filed as Exhibit 1-4th to these minutes.

2. FISU World Teams Championships and FISU & University matters – agenda items 20 and 25

Mr Geert Magermann was welcomed to the meeting and presented his report filed as Exhibit 2-4th to these Minutes.

FISU would like to relaunch the University edition under the auspices of the WBF in 2014 and will provide medals.

For the FISU Universiades in Chinese Taipei in 2014, Mr Magermann suggested that the Minister of Sport and the Mayor of Chinese Taipei would like to meet with the President of the WBF so that bridge could be included in the programme. (FISU can choose which sports they want to include but the final choice is from the country hosting the Universiades.)

There will be a launch of EUSA/EBL internet competition on 1/1/2013 and the 2nd EUSA games will take place in Rotterdam in 2014.

The Chairman thanked Mr Magermann for his comprehensive and detailed report.

3. 16th World Computer-Bridge Championship – agenda item 29

Mr Levy read his report via Skype and this is filed with these minutes as Exhibit 3-4th.

4. Committee reports – agenda item 24

a. Systems Committee Report

Mr Wignall gave the report of the Systems Committee which was approved by the Executive and is filed with these minutes as Exhibit 24a-4th.

b. Disciplinary Committee Report

Ms Heth presented the report of the Disciplinary Committee which was approved by the Executive and is filed with these minutes as Exhibit 24b-4th.

c. Laws Committee Report

Mr Wignall presented the report of the Laws Committee which was approved by the Executive and is filed with these minutes as Exhibit 24c-4th.

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Mr d'Orsi joined the meeting at 16:40.

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5. World Bridge Games – agenda item 7.2

Mr Wignall suggested that future Captains' Meetings might be done by power-point presentation. There were only a certain number of points to be covered which tended to recur. Mr d'Orsi was in agreement.

Mr Wignall felt that because of many last-minute failures to appear and changes, many players have not played enough bridge during the round robin in Lille. Mr Kielbasinski, agreeing that it was unfair, pointed out there are a number of Olympic sports where there is a repêchage system. Mr d'Orsi agreed to have the subject considered by the Rules and Regulations Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 16:50 to be reconvened at 09:30 on Wednesday, 15th August 2013.