



THE WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION

**MINUTES OF THE 2<sup>nd</sup> MEETING  
OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
Nusa Dua, Bali, Indonesia  
Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> September 2013 – 14:30**

**In Attendance**

Mr Gianarrigo Rona, President in the Chair

Mr José Damiani, President Emeritus

Mrs Sevinç Atay, Member

Mr Yves Aubry, Member

Mr Bruce Blakely, Member

Ms Chen Zelan, Member

Mr Patrick Choy, Member

Mr Bill Cook, Member

Mr Marc De Pauw, Member

Mr Jean-Louis Derivery, Member

Mr David Harris, Member

Ms Georgia Heth, Member

Mr Mazhar Jafri, Member

Mr Paul Janicki, Member

Mr Radoslaw Kielbasinski, Member

Mr Al Levy, Member

Mr Bernard Pascal, Member

Mr John Wignall, Member

**Also in Attendance**

Mr Jeff Polisner, General Counsel

Ms Carol von Linstow, Secretary to the Executive Council

**Excused**

Mr Ernesto d'Orsi

Mr Nick Nickell, Member

Ms Sylvie Willard, Member

**Invited**

Mr Jean-Claude Beineix, Committee of Honour

Mr Panos Gerontopoulos, Committee of Honour

Mr George Retek, Committee of Honour

Mrs Esther Sophonpanich, President Zone 6

Mrs Anna Maria Torlontano, Chair of the Women's Committee

The President called the meeting to order at 14:30 He declared that there was a quorum, and the meeting proceeded as follows.

### **1. SportAccord & ARISF – agenda item 9**

The President reported that the new President of SportAccord, Mr Marius Vizer, is planning to organize a very new large event, starting in 2015.

He also reported that the new President of ARISF is Raffaele Chiulli, who is also President of the Motor Boat Association. Mr Thomas Back has been elected as President of the IOC for an 8-year term.

The SAWMG, which were started in 2011, invite the best players to participate in the event. SportAccord pays for all the travel, accommodation and food. There is \$250,000 in prize money and an additional \$50,000 for the Federation. The contract with SportAccord ends in December 2014.

The teams already invited to the event this year are: in the Open – USA, Monaco and China with the addition of the winning team from the Bermuda Bowl. For the Women's, the teams invited are China, USA, Israel with the addition of the winner from the Venice Cup.

The criteria are the same as in the past: the host country, one team from Europe, one from USA and the winner of the current championship. From USA, the team comes from trials, from Europe from the European championships. This year there is the exception of Israel, which has been approved by the Executive.

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The meeting recessed to attend the presentation from the Chinese delegation of Sanya for the 2014 World Bridge Series.

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### **2. 2017 World Teams Championship – agenda item 21.6**

The Executive Council attended a presentation from the delegation from Lyon, France for the 2017 World Teams Championship. Mr Beineix apologized for the absence of Mr Patrick Grenthe, President of the FFB who was playing. He then introduced the other members of the Organizing Committee: Mr José Damiani, WBF President Emeritus; Eric Remy, General Manager of the FFB; Mr Sebastien Bret, Development Manager of the Convention Bureau; Mr Jean-Philippe Daublain, President of the Regional District of Lyon; Mr Philippe Cronier as representative for the French players; Mr Jean-Daniel Chalet, Vice President of the FFB; and Mr Beineix himself. The suggested dates for the Championships are from 12<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

After the presentation, the President asked the Executive whether they were in agreement to go ahead with Lyon. The Executives voted unanimously in favour and authorized the President to proceed with the signature of the contract.

### **3. Headquarters in Lausanne – agenda item 14**

Mr De Pauw read his report which is attached as annex 3. The Executive congratulated Mr De Pauw on the clarity of his report.

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The Executive Council then listened to a presentation from "Ourgame", given by Mr Eric Yang where he proposed a partnership with the WBF. "Ourgame" would become the official game site for WBF events, in return for which the WBF would be financially rewarded.

The meeting was adjourned at 17:45 to be reconvened on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> September at 14:30.