

To FIR Council Members

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Klosterneuburg 4th October 2013

2nd FIR Council Meeting 2013
Friday 6th September 22:00 – 23:30
Austrian Open/Wr. Neudorf/Austria

Present: Marcel Weigl, Lennart Eklundh, Phil Todd, Nathalie Zeoli

Excused: Karim Hanna, Puzant Kassabian, Dany Lessard, Poku Salo, Ahmad Bahadli

Agenda

- 1) Welcome Note, FIR Members
- 2) Sportaccord application (Marcel)
- 3) Resultreporter/Tournament Software (Marcel)
- 4) Social Media (Phil)
- 5) World Tour 2014 (Marcel)
- 6) Finances (Lennart)
- 7) Marketing (Nathalie)
- 8) Requests to the Council

1) Welcome note, FIR Members (Marcel Weigl)

- Croatia and Turkey have been admitted as FIR members 41 and 42
- A new representative for Malaysia has been found
- USA needs to move federation
- Italian federation to confirm new members

FIR Council Decision: Because FIR still urgently needs members. From 2014 players of Non-FIR members may not participate in FIR world tour events.

Big hopes for the future:

Japan	Hirona Sudo
Qatar	Alexandru Rosca
Ghana	Conny Schmickl

Lebanon	Marc Mourad
Luxemburg	Tony Nightingale
Iceland	Arnþór Jón Þorvarðsson
Nepal	Manoranjan Mishra
Norway	Lennart Eklundh
Portugal	Luis Barbossa, Jacob de

Further Possibilities:

Bangladesh	Manoranjan Mishra
China	Thorsten Deck
Dubai	Andy Holmes
Egypt	Karim Hanna

Vries	Aija Klaseva
Ukraine	Peter Bridgeman
Wales	Jessica Calder
Zimbabwe	

2) Sportaccord Application (Marcel Weigl)

- Marcel Weigl has submitted all papers to Sportaccord by the deadline 11th of July
- Sportaccord has received and sent a long list of missing papers, which shall be submitted by national federations and handed by FIR by 1st October (this has happened)
- Letters of recognition by International Tabletennis Federation and World Badminton Federation have still not been obtained
- Recognitions by national sports federations still needed, Council member countries Germany, Sweden, Switzerland, England to push further

3) Resultreporter/Tournament Software (Marcel Weigl)

- The situation with Resultreporter is not at all satisfactory for FIR. A lot of points are still open (see list below) and the total costs are too high
- Lennart Eklundh is asked to have a personal meeting with Rickard Tauson from RR (this has meanwhile happened)
- At the same time some FIR member nations Netherlands and Belgium have requested an evaluation of tournament software used for many other racket sports. A meeting with tournament software responsible has been held during Team and Double World Champs in the Netherlands

Resultreporter most important To Dos:

- Clear cut and graphical implementation of national versions
- Paypal integration to collect tournament fees together with the entry fees is tested and does not work properly at all
- Layout new header for www.resultreporter.com and www.racketlon.net is far to small and not readable for users
- Check Manual
- RR Live Matchpoint indicator and text is incorrect
- Doubles sorting according to world ranking
- Match times below schedule
- Juniors and Seniors Rankings, Filter

FIR Council Decision: Marcel will evaluate and compare the exact costs until the AGM 2013 in Zürich, where a decision from 2014 shall be taken.

4) Social Media (Phil Todd)

- Phil Todd reports that the new facebook page has a very good feedback, but in order to get more people on facebook a game to win goodies shall be invented
- Youtube account is working fine, as is the twitter channel taken care of by Keith Lesser
- One problem stays the picture upload of the tournaments. Phil Todd suggests to close down flickr and get them all onto facebook by buying more Webspace for 40€per year

5) World Tour 2014 (Marcel Weigl)

- The World Tour 2014 is finalised with 14 tournaments in 16 countries
- New is a SWT event in Canada and an IWT in Romania
- Special exception and switch of Singles World Champs to be held in Summer and Doubles and Teams and of the year for the first time ever in Poland

1.IWT	Vienna Classics	Vienna/Austria	31.1- 2.2
2.IWT	Swedish Open	Malmö	21 - 23 February
3.SWT	Canadian Open	Montreal	7 - 9 March
4.IWT	Czech Open	Prague	11 – 13 April
5.IWT	Hungarian Open	Budapest	2 – 4 May
6.SWT	Danish Open	Lngby/Copenhagen	16 - 18 May
7.SWT	King of Rackets	Oudenaarde/Belgium	6 – 8 June
8.IWT	Swiss Open	Zürich	27 - 29 June
9.IWT	Dutch Open	Zoetermeer	11 - 13 July
10.IWT	German Open	Nussloch/Germany	25 – 27 July
11.IWT	Bulgarian Int. Championships	Sofia/Bulgaria	8 - 10 August
12.WC	14th FIR Singles World Champs	Surrey/England	21 – 23 August
13.SWT	Austrian Open & Ch. League	Wr. Neudorf	5 - 7 September
14.IWT	Romanian Open	Constanta	19 - 21 September
15.IWT	Finnish Open	Kauniainen	3 – 5 October
16.WC	Team & Double World Champs	Poznan/Poland	20 – 23 November

6) Finances (Lennart Eklundh)

- Lennart Eklundh reports that the financial situation is very alarming and that FIR is at least 3500 Euro behind the 2014 budget
- Lennart also reminds that it is a waste of time to run after all countries for the membership fees
- Marcel Weigl states that there is still no income from marketing and the only income is membership fees, license fees and subsidiaries from the Austrian government organised by him, which just can't be
- The options for more income are increasing the membership fees (50€ per vote), the license fee (15€) or finally getting in a sponsor
- The options for decreasing the costs are very small, maybe some money can be saved with Resultreporter
- In addition Marcel concludes that it is personally impossible for him to continue to work the current amount of hours for Racketlon as a freelancer. The number of members and work has increased over the last years dramatically and from 2015 one person must be employed for 20 hours a week, which would lead to costs of minimum around 40.000 Euro including all insurances and taxes per year

FIR Council Decision: All membership fees for 2014 must be paid at the AGM 2013 in Zürich. Non-attending countries can transfer the money until 1st January 2014

7) Marketing (Nathalie Zeoli)

- Thorsten Deck has made a new marketing presentation in German but not submitted to FIR yet
- Thorsten has given Marcel two or three contacts, but Marcel no time to contact them intensively and asks Nathalie and Thorsten to take care of this personally
- Lennart will try to get hold of Gus Hansen for support again
- All Council members are asked for ideas, help and real action

8) Requests to the Council

- Request by Belgian President to adapt the rules of conduct and take more care on the implementation at FIR events
- Request by English representative Keith Lesser for a consistent Physio on the World Tour
- Request by English representative Keith Lesser to introduce a Women Seniors (+55) Class for the first time at the World Champs in Zürich

FIR Council Decision: All three requests are signed off and shall be implemented

9) Any other Business

- Next FIR Meetings in Zürich during **13th FIR Single World Champs (22-24 Nov. 2013)**

3rd FIR Council Meeting 2013

Friday 22nd November, 21:00 – 23:00 p.m.

Tournament Hotel (meet in Lobby)

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FIR Annual General Meeting 2013

Saturday 23rd November, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Meeting Point VITIS SPORT CENTER Entrance, 8:45 a.m.

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FIR-Executive President, Marcel Weigl

FIR Vice-President, Lennart Eklundh