



FIR



3rd New Council Meeting (confidential)

Present

FIR President, Kresten Hougaard (Denmark)
Vice-President Tournament Software, Graham King (Switzerland)
Treasurer, Amke Fischer (Germany)
Social Media Officer, Anna-Klara Ahlmer (Sweden)
Media Officer, Ray Jordan (Great Britain)
Rules Officer, Hans Van Daele (Belgium)
General Secretary, Natalie Paul (Germany)

Place, Date

King of Rackets 2016, Oudenaarde, 5.6.2016, 09:00-10:30

Agenda

1. Open items from past Council meetings
2. EC 2017
3. Finance / Budget
4. Rules
5. Use of racketlon.net email addresses
6. Country Memberships (Hungary, India, Luxembourg, USA)
7. EU Project / Accreditation update
8. Web-site redesign
9. Tournament results statistics DB

Meeting Actions

		Who	Deadline	Status
Current meeting actions				
1	See below			
2	European Championships has been awarded to Austria. Very large government subsidy linked to the condition of a 10-day event. (2 weekends). FIR to take an active part in the planning.	Kresten	Austrian Open	
3	Finance revised budget to be completed and distributed to Council	Amke	30.6.2016	Open

4	<p>Regulations documents to be revised in tracking/mark-up mode and distributed to Council for approval (within two weeks). Points discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction of variable prize money with a fixed minimum. All present Council members agreed to the principle. - Revised format for WC/EC National Team event, based on Leagues, with 8 in top league, and two 4-groups in tournament itself. Promotion/relegation between leagues. No National "B" teams in top league. Makes all matches important, including those for lower positions. Gives incentives towards weaker nations - Deadline for late entries, and their handling to be tightened up - Downgrading of <u>ranking points</u> for IWT's with too few players to CHA status discussed. <p>Pros:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - fairer awarding of ranking points <p>Cons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - arbitrary choice of 60 players? - impact on player registration behaviour uncertain, as the basis for ranking points is then less well defined - Risk of killing the weaker tournaments <p>Open points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - should also apply to SWT & WC/EC? - should also apply to upgrading a tournament with lots of players? - at what point is the number of players counted? On entry deadline? On issuing draws? On starting tournament? - will it lead to "gaming" (e.g. TD's registering non-Elite players and then withdrawing them)? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enforcement of doubles pairs to wear at least the same colour (if not the same make/design) shirt throughout (ie not just when starting table tennis). Justification is the image to sponsors 	Hans	13.7.2016	Open
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	<p>and live-streaming, and the easier identification for referees. Penalty for not changing shirt would be disqualification. Difficult to police, as multiple matches at same time, spread across multiple courts. All present Council members agreed in principle to some strengthening of the rules¹, Some possibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Apply to all tournaments & categories? ○ Apply to Olympic draws only? ○ Apply to tournaments of IWT status or higher? ○ Apply to Olympic draws, from semi-finals onwards, of tournaments with IWT status or higher? ○ Who decides? Individual Referee? TD/Delegate on player “complaint”? 			
5	Council members not already using racketlon.net email accounts are encouraged to use them			
6	No update			
7	EU Project proposal submitted. Decision expected October/November. Marcel to manage if successful.			
8	Website revision delayed until Emil has more time available	Kresten		
9	See below	Hans		
Open past meeting actions				
1.1	The FIR World Tour Race costs EUR 1’200 ² per year. The World Tour Race contract with TournamentSoftware can only be cancelled from 1.1.2017 onwards. Thorsten to make a proposal to Council, how it could best be organised for 2016	Thorsten	31.12.15	Action cancelled. Current World Tour model to remain until further notice
1.2	Thorsten stated he plans to do some analysis on player participation at FIR tournaments. Graham will investigate what information is	Graham /Thorsten	31.1.16	Action cancelled until

¹ “In order to further promote the professionalism of Racketlon, Olympic players are encouraged to wear clothing bearing their nationality and/or name. Olympic doubles players are encouraged to wear shirts of the same style and colour as their partner”

² Estimated at EUR 1’000 + dutch VAT, as not known when writing minutes

	currently available within TournamentSoftware and pass details to Thorsten. Thorsten will analyse and if necessary request further information to be provided by TournamentSoftware (at a charge) if possible. Thorsten to distribute results of his analysis to FIR Council			someone available to do the analysis
2.1a	Missing Hall of Fame entries to be completed by Natalie.	Natalie	31.3.2016	Rescheduled to 27.7.2016
2.1b	Criteria for admission to be formalised. Any future new additions to be proposed to a Council Meeting for possible approval.	Kresten	31.3.2016	(start of World Champs)
2.2	Statistics & results. Jesper Ratzer has developed a detailed Excel tournament statistics using results from TournamentSoftware and ResultReporter. FIR wants to publish (in a suitable form) and maintain.	Natalie		Transferred to Hans/Thorsten Lentfer. New deadline 30.9.2016
2.3	“Volunteer of the Year” award. A detailed spec of this award to be published on www.racketlon.net inviting applications.	Graham	31.3.2016	Rescheduled to 27.7.2016
2.4	Referee Guidelines. Document produced by Hans and Richard for tournament Head Referees. To be distributed to Tournament Directors (to implement), and Delegates (to police). Document to be added to www.racketlon.net/content/tournament-support .	Hans/ Richard/ Natalie	31.3.2016	Rescheduled to 27.7.2016. Selected points to be added to Rules documents
2.5	Social Media. Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat active. Twitter activity on hold. Awareness article to be written to inform players on www.racketlon.net	Anna-Klara	31.3.2016	Done. Facebook with over 2'000 followers, Instagram & SnapChat active. Twitter “parked” till later