

FIR Council Meeting, Zoom, 2nd February 2022, 20:30-22:00

Council Members present:

Anna-Klara Ahlmer (AK), Amke Fischer (AF), Kresten Hougaard (KH), Kirsten Kaptein (KK), Graham King (GK), Jean Michot (JM), Poku Salo (PS), Duncan Stahl (DS), Marcel Weigl (MW)

Agenda:

DS opened the meeting at 20:00 and welcomed all. AK was chosen to take the minutes.

Finances

Player licence increase 3600 EUR over budget

Fund raising more popular than expected

Marketing 3 000 above budget

Result for 2022: + 10 686 EUR

Some plans on further fund raising. The 7000 budgeted for 2022 is for the WC together with RFA

Rotterdam in June could be an SWT

Dubai could also be SWT

Introduction of Bookkeeping software as by February 2022 which allows better tracking of missing payments and automated invoicing and reminders. Cost 100 EUR one-time fee.

Swiss Racketlon (Karim) suggestion

- GK and DS have discussed
- Can import players from excel into TS. Technically resolved now
- How often it should be done has to be discussed
- One problem is that individual players can get their own license without going through their national federation
- We now report the players to the country representative
- Presented at the AGM, but it doesn't need a council vote

AGM

- Points to raise need to be done 30 days before the meeting
- Recommendation to inform 60 days before meeting to get out information to members
- 2 April AGM

WC Austria (MW)

- Ladder with entry fees. First two months pay 40 EUR (start mid February)
- Corona insurance 15 EUR to receive all your money back
- Hotel bookings – you have to stay in one of the tournament hotel or private. Because of the risk of spreading Covid, mixing with non-participants at Hotel not allowed. AirBnb of friends for the whole team is OK.
- Status as two separate events. No discount on the entry fee between the events.
- Free accomodation for one team and one junior team for 2 nights. Gets a voucher for the players.

Women only tournament (DS)

- Women A and potentially B in Cedric's tournament end of April or end of October
- MW Also important to get going with the junior initiative
- Publicity, encouragement
- No risk for us. Just need some of the best women to participate

GK: How are we organizing the World tour race?

- DS: World tour finals is a goal in the end of the year. To be confirmed within a few weeks if Dubai is possible
- We need to publish something before the French Open. Can publish it as collecting points but no exact details.
- Include Challenger tournaments is a question. Is positive to include them to promote the Challengers
- PS: Do we need an AGM to change the World Tour race rules? GK: We can update the rules in the FIR Council. DS: Sends information out to the council to vote on.

GK: The Marketing Fund is not formalised in the tournament regulations. GK Sends more information.

KH: Have sent emails about small rule changes

- Country rule qualification. Complaints at the WC about countrymen playing each other playing each other in the second round (which was effectively the first round because they both had byes). Suggestion to change the rule to state the first match instead of the first round. Rule also to be changed for round robin groups, where there is no mention of the same-country exclusion rule.
 - VOTE: unanimous approval
- WC should have reigning champion as number one seed. Not good for the 8th seed missing out. All seeded players would appreciate the example of Ratzler to be seeded. JM: Suggestion that the player must have played one tournament that year
 - VOTE: 6 for, 2 against, 1 abstention
- Size of Olympic draws. Have to fill up the A class to 8 even though there is a big difference in level. DS: Stay to it when it is possible, but if the player standards are really different the FIR Delegate need to take that decision. KH: needed to make the players happy. A first timers might want to play the A.
 - VOTE: unanimous approval

The meeting was closed at 22:00.

Minutes by AK and approved by DS