

# MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION OF INDIA HELD ON 31 DECEMBER 2020 THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING

The Special Annual General Meeting of Table Tennis Federation of India was held on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 at 4 pm, through Video Conferencing. The list of members who attended the meeting is attached at **Annexure-I**.

At the outset, the Secretary General, Mr. M. P. Singh welcomed the members present in the Special Annual General Meeting of the TTFI. He appreciated the presence of senior Vice President, Mr. Rajeev P. Bodas, and sought his permission to start the proceedings.

The Secretary General informed the house that as per previous discussions with regard to the amendment of the Constitution of TTFI, a committee was formed to propose amendments to the Constitution to bring it in line with the National Sports Development Code of India 2011. The committee held various meetings and discussed what was required to be amended in the present TTFI Constitution. The proposed amendments were circulated to all members of the house and comments to the proposed amendments were sought. The amendments so proposed are essentially to bring the present TTFI constitution in line with MYAS directions as well as to bring more transparency in the functioning of TTFI. Further, the amendments have also been carried out to make the Federation up to date with requirements in the modern scenario.

## **Agenda Item No. 1- Amendments to TTFI Constitution.**

The Secretary, TTFI informed the members that the proposed amendments to the TTFI Constitution had already been circulated to all the members and same were also shown on the screen.

The amendments to the Memorandum of TTFI are shown in two columns as existed, on the left side, and the proposed, on the right side. The explanation for the amendments had been sent to you in the working paper circulated by TTFI earlier.

TTFI has always encouraged **women participation** in the administration of Table Tennis at all levels. The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports had already informed the National Sports Federations to increase women participation in the governing body. TTFI had to follow the same structure in the future for which the deadlines would be fixed at the later stage. That was the reason to formally include this clause in the TTFI Constitution **as point no. 0**.

One member from Tamil Nadu sought clarification on point **q**, relating to the disciplinary proceedings against the districts. It was clarified that as the apex body it was incumbent on TTFI to act against any of its affiliates, including at the district level, if it amounts to bringing disrepute to the country and the sport.

The **overage** participation in the juniors had become a problem and this menace was depriving the real talent to come to the forefront and taking up Table Tennis

seriously to reach the highest level as lot of athletes' were discouraged due to the participation of over age athletes. Participation of overage athletes discourages the talented and deserving ones and forces them leave the sport at a younger age. In order to provide equal opportunity to all the youngsters to compete against the athletes of their age, TTFI had made all efforts in the past, known to everyone. The rules were framed from time to time and implemented very effectively. There was a provision of Age Fraud Committee in the Constitution of TTFI but nowhere was it reflected in the **Objectives** of TTFI. So, to make it more effective TTFI has proposed this in the **OBJECTIVE** as point no. p.

**This amendment in the agenda item was approved unanimously by the house.**

**DECISION-** It was resolved to approve & adopt the amendments mentioned in point no. n to u. It was proposed by Mr. Dhanraj Choudhary and seconded by Mr Harish Kakkar.

Secretary General informed the members that there was an ambiguity in the definition of match & members of TTFI which have been corrected as mentioned in the proposed amendments at point No. p & q.

**DECISION-** It was resolved to approve and adopt the above amendment in the TTFI Constitution.

**This amendment was proposed and seconded by Mr Arun Banerjee and Mr Yatin Tipnis, respectively.**

The Secretary General informed the members that the number of elected members was given in the proposed amendments' column where one post for Vice President, Joint Secretary and Executive Member each was reserved for women to increase the participation of women in the governing body of Table Tennis Federation of India.

He further informed that the office-bearer will be called for by the President, Secretary General and Treasurer of the Federation.

Secretary General informed that since the elected members have already been mentioned, the **clause V** will have no relevance and would be deleted.

**This amendment as mentioned above in the agenda was approved unanimously by the house.**

**DECISION-** It was resolved to approve and adopt the amendment as mentioned above. It was proposed by Mr. N. Ganeshan and seconded by Mr. Ajay Sharma.

It was discussed that who can be the member of the Table Tennis Federation of India and what will be the duties of Member State/UT after the recognition from TTFI. It

was also informed that every State Association must affiliate minimum of 50% district associations.

**The amendments to clause 5 were approved unanimously and adopted after it was proposed by Mr Rabindra Parida and seconded by Mr Kushal Sangtani.**

**Amendment to Clause 5.B was unanimously approved and adopted. It was proposed by Mr Jayesh Acharya and seconded by Mr Arun Banerjee.**

**Point No. 6 was proposed by Mr Bhaskar Ram and seconded by Mr Prakash Raju. DECISION- It was resolved to approve and adopt the amendment as above.**

Secretary General further informed that affiliation fee for the State units/UTs has been reduced by INR 1000 and new annual fees would be INR 5000/- instead of INR 6000/- while the members also decided to increase the fee for Institutional members from INR 25,000/- to INR 50,000/-. Secretary General informed that State Associations/UTs/Institutional Members had to pay the affiliation fee every year to TTFI and same can be paid up to 30th June each year.

**The house unanimously approved and adopted Point 7 after Mr Jayesh Acharya proposed and second by Mr Prince Vippon.**

Any delay would mean that the State Association/Union Territories/Institutional Members will automatically be suspended and will be treated as Associate members. Such Associate Member can be reinstated only after the full arrears are paid within 3 months. Such members would also lose their voting rights, if any; and they would also not be entitled to participate in any championships. The details had been discussed threadbare. It was resolved to approve and adopt the above amendments in the Constitution.

**The house unanimously approved the above and adopted points No. 8 after Mr Arun Banerjee proposed and second by Mr Manjit Singh Dua.**

**DECISION- It was resolved to approve and adopt the amendments given in point no.9 in the TTFI Constitution.**

**It was proposed by and seconded by Mr N. Ganeshan and Mr Vinay Baisawade.**

**DECISION- It was resolved to approve & adopt this amendment point No. 10 as mentioned above.**

The earlier Assembly was based on the previous clauses in the TTFI Constitution which were deleted. The Federation has to include the clauses as suggested in the Sports Code. Therefore, the Assembly would now be changed to include two representatives of each affiliated permanent state/UT with voting rights and one representative of affiliated permanent Board/Institution and one representative of

each of the Associate Members without the voting right as stated above would form the Assembly.

**This amendment as mentioned above was approved unanimously by the house. DECISION- It was resolved to approve & adopt this amendment as mentioned above; It was proposed by and seconded by Mr N. Ganeshan and Mr Vinay Baisawade.**

**Amendments to Point 14 was proposed by Rajeev P. Bodas and seconded by Mr Yashpal Rana.**

**DECISION: Points No. 14 was unanimously approved and adopted by the house.**

TTFI has always encouraged participation and involvement of international athletes and outstanding sports administrators and coaches to be part of the TTFI Executive Committee. TTFI has also encouraged and insisted on good governance and to achieve the same TTFI informed that it was mandatory to add the Athletes' Commission and Ethics Commission for the development of the Table Tennis and to bring more transparency in the working of the Federation. TTFI would further add the Commissions and Committees for the benefit of athletes.

**These amendments as mentioned above were approved unanimously by the house.**

Regarding point no. d mentioned above, the Secretary General mentioned that in certain cases if there was some dispute/conflict between the President and the Secretary General regarding the mode of meeting, approval shall be taken from the Executive Committee by way of circulation and this clause has to be added in the TTFI Constitution to which the members agreed.

Secretary General also informed that the Quorum and days for meeting notice has been provided in point no. 16 which the members appreciated and welcomed the proposed amendments.

**The amendments mentioned above in the agenda at point no. 15 were approved unanimously by the house.**

**DECISION- It was resolved to approved & adopted the amendment as mentioned above. It was proposed by Mr. Dhanraj Choudhary and seconded by Mr. Pankaj Sharma.**

The Secretary General informed the members that the election procedures had already been circulated to all the members and that they were prepared as per the Government guidelines and TTFI rules. The election procedures would be part of the rules and would be added as Annexure-I. Hence, the existing clauses have no relevance and should be deleted.

**This amendment as mentioned above in the agenda was approved unanimously by the house.**

**DECISION-** It was resolved to approve and adopt this amendment as mentioned above along with the Election Procedures. It was proposed by Mr Rupak Deboray and seconded by Mr Yashpal Rana.

The Secretary General informed the members that every member unit would perform the activities as mentioned in the TTFI Constitution failing which they would be relegated to the position of Associate Member and would lose its voting rights. He further informed the members that in Clause no. 17 it has been elaborated who would be eligible to vote. He further requested the members to work for the development of Table Tennis in the country.

**The amendments were unanimously approved and adopted by the house after it was proposed by Mr Yashpal Rana and seconded by Mr Prince Vipon.**

During the discussion on point no. 18, members asked for the clarification on the difference in the tenure for President and Secretary General/Treasurer. Members were informed that this clause had not been amended and it was same as per the existing clauses. However, the members were informed that this clause was as per the Government guidelines and we couldn't amend this. Members agreed that we should adhere to the government guidelines.

The Secretary General informed the members that the election procedures had already been circulated to all the members and have been prepared as per the Government guidelines and TTFI rules. The election procedure would be part of the rules and would be added as Annexure-I.

**This amendment as mentioned above in the agenda was approved unanimously by the house.**

**DECISION-** It was resolved to approve and adopt the amendment as mentioned above. It was proposed by Mr. Prakash Raju and seconded by Mr. Bhaskar Ram.

The Secretary General informed the members that the word "Honorary" was mentioned in the TTFI Constitution, which was done at the typing/printing stage and initially this word was not prefixed. These words were never the part of TTFI Constitution and, therefore, hereinafter this word shall be deleted from the TTFI Constitution and the only word President/Secretary General/Treasurer would be used in place of Honorary President/Honorary Secretary General and Honorary Treasurer.

**This amendment as mentioned above in the agenda was approved unanimously by the house.**

**DECISION-** It was resolved to approve and adopt the amendment as mentioned above. It was proposed by Mr. N. Ganeshan and seconded by Mr. Rupak Deboroy.

It was mentioned that TTFI will promote the participation of its delegates in various International forums. It was also mentioned that if any Indian delegate was elected to an International body of Table Tennis then he/she would be eligible to attend the General Body Meetings of TTFI. However, they would have no voting rights and could participate in the discussions and share their experience.

**This amendment as mentioned above in the agenda was approved unanimously by the house.**

**DECISION-** It was resolved to approve and adopt the amendment as mentioned above. It was proposed by Mr. Arun Banerjee and seconded by Mr. Chiranjib Choudhary.

Since the number of elected members have been amended, it is mandatory to amend the clause Management-Executive Committee mentioned under point no. 24. It was also discussed that if there is a need for voting in the Executive Committee on any matter and in case of equality of votes, the chairman of the Meeting shall have a casting vote.

**This amendment as mentioned above in the agenda was approved unanimously by the house.**

**DECISION-** It was resolved to approve and adopt the amendment as mentioned above. It was proposed by Mr. Bhaskar Ram and seconded by Mr. Prakash Raju.

Secretary General informed that the earlier clause in point no. 43 Suspension of Rules was obsolete and requires removal from the Constitution.

He further informed that TTFI was continuously working to check the athletes who are habitual of committing age fraud. **Over age** participation in the juniors had become a big problem nationwide and it deprived the real talent coming in the forefront. He further reiterated that a lot of athletes' were discouraged due to the participation of overage athletes. Such athletes should be discouraged all the time and in order to provide equal opportunity to all the youngsters to compete against the athletes of their age, TTFI have framed rules from time to time and they were implemented very effectively. We should also add this as a part of Constitution.

He further informed that TTFI would comply with WADA/NADA code as amended from time to time and Anti-Doping policies of ITTF.

**The amendments as mentioned above under point no. 29 & 30 in the agenda were approved unanimously by the house.**

**DECISION-** It was resolved to approve and adopt the amendment as mentioned above. It was proposed by Mr. Pankaj Sharma and seconded by Mr. Manjit Singh Dua.

Secretary General informed that it was mandatory to add the clauses mentioned under point no. 37 and 38. As there was no objection by any member, the amendment was approved unanimously by the House.

**The amendments as mentioned above under point no. 37 and 38 in the agenda were approved unanimously by the house.**

**DECISION-** It was resolved to approve and adopt the amendment as mentioned above. It was proposed by Mr. Jayesh Acharya and seconded by Mr. Prakash Raju.

Mr. Dhanraj Choudhry informed the House that since some clauses had been removed from the Constitution they could disturb the sequence/serial number in the Constitution. Hence, the new Constitution needs to be re-arranged/re-numbered accordingly.

**Decision-** As it was not an amendment, the technical issues of sequence/serial numbers, caused due to some deletion/addition of the clauses, need to be rearranged. It was unanimously approved by the house.

The house has unanimously agreed that the amendments made in the meeting today shall come into force from 1 January 2021. The resolution was unanimously approved by the house.

The Senior Vice President expressed his gratitude to the members for attending this Special Annual General Meeting. As per rules, the house could only discuss the agenda and no other issue was brought up.

The meeting came to an end with vote of thanks by the Secretary General.

**(M.P. Singh)**  
**SECRETARY, TTFI**