

MINUTES OF THE 81ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 11TH MARCH, 2018

The 81st Annual General Meeting of the Table Tennis Federation (TTFI) was held on Sunday the 11th March, 2018 at Best Western Skycity Hotel, Old Judicial Complex, Jharsad Road, Sector -15, Gurugram-122 001 (Haryana) and following are the minutes.

Roll Call: See Annexure

All members of TTFI's state affiliates were present except from Kerala

Absent with regrets:

Mr. Sanjay Singh (Sr. Vice President)
Mr. Milind Torwane, IAS (Vice President)
Mr. Shri. Sailoliana Sailo, Mizoram

President's welcome and opening remarks:

President welcomed all members and requested Secretary General to take up the formal agenda. Secretary General welcomed all the members and informed that before taking the formal agenda, we should observe two minutes silence as a mark of respect to the following two officials who passed away during the year:

- Mr. Russy Crawford, Maharashtra,
- Mr. Vijay Sarathi, SAI Coach

Their services towards promoting the sport were recalled and documented.

Formal Agenda was taken up for discussion and following decision were taken:

1. To confirm the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held during the year.

Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting held on 30th January, 2017 at Hotel Best Western, Gurugram. The minutes of the meeting were read and confirmed.

Business arising out of minutes, not otherwise covered by the agenda:

There was no further business not covered by the agenda.

2. To receive and adopt the Annual report for the year 2017-18:

Secretary General briefed about the achievement of players. He informed that this is the first time in history of table tennis that six of our players are in the Top hundred of world ranking. They are Achanta Sharath Kamal, Soumyajit Ghosh, G. Sathiyam, Harmeet Desai, Manika Batra and Mouma Das. Also for the first time, Manav Vikash Thakkar captured the no. 1 position in world standings in his category. He also informed that our paddlers have won 154 medals in all categories. Among the peddlers G. Sathiyam, Achanta Sharath Kamal, Harmeet Desai, Soumyajit Ghosh, Anthony Amalraj, Mouma Das, Manika Batra had performed exceptionally well and won many medals. Our junior players like Manush Shah, SFR Snehit, Jeet Chandra, Payas Jain, Suhana Saini, Prapti Sen, Yashini Sivashankar, Divya Chitale, Selena Deepti have also given their best in the International arena and help India won many International medals.

Secretary General informed that 2nd edition of UTT, would be held from 14th June to 1st July, 2018.

Secretary General also thanked all the State Units for successful hosting of zonals, nationals and international championships and also helping federation during the year. He also thanked Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Sports Authority of India and Indian Olympic Association for their Support during the year. He further informed that high profile Coal India- SAI Table Tennis Academy at Kolkata is likely to start functioning from April 2018. Similarly, he thanked all the manufacturers for the assistance provided to TTFI throughout the season and also the sponsors who helped financially during the year. He appreciated Mr. N. Ganeshan for technical conduct of all the championships during the year and also informed that Mr. N. Ganeshan has been appointed as a URC member of ITTF and Competition Manager for the forthcoming World Championships.

Secretary General informed that as advised by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, the voting rights of Institutions have been taken away and the Constitution would be amended accordingly. The concerned institutions have already been informed.

3. Audited Statement of Accounts as presented by the Committee for the year 2016-17:

Secretary General informed that the accounts for the financial year 2016-17 has been prepared in a meticulous way and informed that Federation's financial position is comfortable as we have made a profit this year.

Treasurer informed that TTFI accounts till 2015-16 has been audited by external auditors i.e., CAG. Also our accounts are ready for auditing file 2016-17.

The audited Statement of Accounts were approved and adopted by the House.

4. To consider any recommendation of the Executive Committee and/or any motion, notice where of is given by an Association in full membership with the federation:

A) The following resolutions moved by Technical Committee were discussed and approved unanimously

i. Transfer of Players from Institution to States and vice versa

At the beginning of the calendar, each player has to decide whether he will play for the Institution or the State. Once he/she has made the option in the first tournament, then the same cannot be changed for the year except for the fact that some player makes a change of job during the year, he can switch over to the new employer. Other no transfer will be permitted.

ii. Registration fees

The Registration fees for players for the year 2018 at Rs 500/- per player and the same has to be paid alongwith the first tournament he/she participate.

iii. Extra entry fees for Zonal and National Championships

The extra entry fee collected during the Zonal and National Championships will be divided in the ratio 40:40 for host association and TTFI. Out of the collection of Extra Entry fees 20 % will be set apart towards payment of TA/DA for Technical officials. If there is any shortfall, the same will be met by the host association. In effect it will be shared in the ratio 60:40 for hosts and TTFI.

iv. Registration fee for Veteran Players

The Registration fee for Veteran Players for the year 2018 is fixed at Rs 500/- per player . out of this Rs 500/-... National Veterans Committee will get Rs.300 and the balance Rs 200 to TTFI.

v. **Entry fees for Zonal championships**

a. **Entry fee for Zonal Championships will be as follows**

Cadet/Sub Juniors (normal entry fee) :	Rs 600/-
Juniors/Youth/Seniors (normal entry fee) :	Rs 700/-
Extra Entry fee Cadet/Sub Juniors :	Rs. 2500/-
Extra Entry fee Junior/Youth/Seniors :	Rs. 3500/-

b. **National Championships**

Team Entry Fees each team event	Rs. 1000/- (Cadet/Sub Junior/Junior/Youth)
Men/Women	Rs.2000/- per team
Singles extra Entry fees:	
Cadet/Sub Junior	Rs 5000/-
Junior/Youth/seniors	Rs 6000/-

vi. **Penalty for postponement/cancellation of Championships**

There will be a penalty of Rs 5 lacs, Rs 3 Lacs, Rs 2 lacs in case of postponement or Change of Venue for National Championships, Inter Institutional championships and Zonal Championships

vii. **Entries for Zonal championships (States)**

Position in Last Nationals	1 & 2 Position	- 12 Entries
	3 rd Position	- 10 Entries
	5 th Position	- 9 Entries
	Rest all	- 8 Entries

Institutions (Institutional Champs)	1& 2 Position	- 12 Entries (3 normal)
	3 rd Position	- 10 Entries (3 Normal)
	5 th Position	- 9 Entries (3 Normal)
	Rest	- 5 entries (2 Normal)

viii. **Affiliation fee for states**

The affiliation fees has been fixed at Rs 6000/- per year per state and for Maharashtra it will be Rs 12000/- per year

ix. **Participation of players for International Events**

The players who are in the top 16 ranking in the country or ranked within 150 in WR in their respective category will be allowed to participate in any International events abroad. The recommendation has to come through the respective State Secretary. No direct correspondence will be entertained from any parents. TTFI is responsible only for the entry of the players and obtaining the invitation letter for visa. Rest of the arrangements will not be handled by Federation and it will be the responsibility of the players/parents to arrange for visa, travel, insurance, accommodation etc.

x. **National Umpires Examination**

National Umpires Examination will be conducted from this year.. Prior to the exam, 2 days refresher classes will also be conducted. From 2022, only those who pass the National Umpires examination and has officiated as Umpire for at least 2 years in various Zonal /National Championships will be recommended for writing the IU examination

xi. Ranking System

The present ranking system will continue for all categories except for Men and Women. The Ranking for Men and Women, will be total the ranking points of the last 7 tournaments (with Nationals calculated at normal points).

xii. Hospitality Charges : National Championships

The hospitality charges will be as follows from the 2018 Nationals

Sub Junior/Junior Nationals Rs. 400/- per person

Senior Nationals Rs. 500/- per person

xiii. Age Fraud/ Different DOB for Players

If any state submit the entries of players for Zonal/National Championships, who have later found to have different DOBs, the particular state team will be debarred from participating in the National championships concerned for that year. For repeat offence, the state will be disaffiliated for a period of one year.

xiv. Nomination of Female umpires for Zonal/National Championships

Female umpires will be nominated by Federation for various Zonal/National Championships from out of the list of IUs who have passed recently. However the respective state association reserves the right to send the umpires for the Championships

B) The following resolution moved by Selection Committee was discussed and approved unanimously.

POINTS SYSTEM: will give fair selection process and will also help players to have fair chance of selection.

Cadets/Sub Juniors

- 60 National Ranking
- 20 Camp Trials
- 20 Selection Committee/Coach

Juniors

- 50 National Ranking
- 30 International Ranking
- 20 Selection Committee/Coach

5. To discuss future development plan for promotion of Table Tennis:

a) Stag International announced an annual package of Rs. 85 lakhs, a sponsorship of Rs. 10 lakhs for each of zonals and two nationals (Cadet & Sub Junior and Junior & Youth) and Rs. 15 lakhs for Senior Nationals in addition to routine sponsoring of tables, balls, flooring and kitting of players. The same was applauded and appreciated by all the members.

b) Stag also proposed to host a State Table Tennis League, initially in four states viz., Kolkata, Chennai, Delhi & Lucknow. They also informed that they will extend the League to more states from next year based on the performance and feedback for this year's league.

c) Mr. Rakesh Kohli said that **One Million Players by 2020** programme initiated by Stag International and supported by TTFI are really catching the imagination of players in several states. But he said more and more states should come forward and adopt the programme so that it helps serve the cause of table tennis in a much bigger way. TTFI and states agreed to extend all help for smooth execution of the project.

6. To elect Auditors for the year and to fix remuneration:

It was decided to retain the present Auditors M/s Harish Chandra for the year 2018-2019 with 10% increase in their annual fee. However, all other terms and conditions would remain same.

7. To fix dates and venue for the next Inter-Institutional, Zonal and National Championships:

Based on requests received from various states and after due deliberation, the following championships were allotted for the year 2018-19

DOMESTIC CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Championships	Allotted to	Venue & Date
North Zone	Haryana	Sonepat, 3-8 July, 2018
Central Zone	Madhya Pradesh	Indore, 15-20 July, 2018
Inter Institutional	Airport Authority of India	1-6 August, 2018
South Zone	Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada, 7-12 Sept, 2018
East Zone	Assam	Guwahati, 25.30 Sept, 2018
West Zone	Maharashtra	Pune, 6-11 October, 2018
Sub Junior & Cadet Nationals	CTTA/HPTTA	Chandigarh, 20-25 Nov, 2018
Youth & Junior Nationals	Tamil nadu	Chennai, 11-17 Dec, 2018
Senior Nationals	Odisha	Bhubaneshwar, 5-10 Jan, 2019

8. To transact any other business as may be brought before the meeting with the permission of the chair:

Following points were discussed with the permission of Chair. The same were unanimously approved.

a) AWARD OF PLAQUES FOR THE YEAR 2017-18

Following plaques were awarded by Sh. M.S. Sirsa, Vice President, TTFI

- Best Zonals : UPTTA
- Best Nationals : JSTTA
- Best Association : Haryana TTA
- Best International: GSTTA
- Best Equipment Partner : STAG International

b) Secretary General informed that TTFI would be shifting its office to the new premises i.e., **WZ-72, 1st Floor, B R Complex, Main Road, Todapur, New Delhi-110012** (Tel Nos. 011-25845121, 25845122, 25845123) shortly and he requested the House for approval of the amount of approximately Rupees 15 Lakhs spent for refurbishing/renovating the new premises.

c) EK BHART SHRESHA BHARAT

Mr. Choudhary informed that government has initiated a new project called Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat and requested to Mr. Bawa to explain the modalities of hosting of the event.

Accordingly, Mr. Bawa explained that TTFI would be hosting the event in Stage I and Stage II. All the sixteen paired teams have been divided into four groups each which would be played at designated

four centers from 19-22 April, 2018. Winner of each group from Stage I would qualify for the Stage II which will be held at Indore in the Month of June. He also informed that government would give the prize money to winners of team event and individual event and also the participation certificates. All the expenses on the execution of EBSB Project would be reimbursed by Govt. of India.

d) Mr. Choudhary informed that it has been observed that few states have not been sending their teams for the Nationals as well as they are not hosting the state championships which are mandatory. He informed that this year Sikkim Table Tennis Association neither sent its team to any nationals nor conducted the State Championships. The state association was warned and told to abide by the rules.

After due deliberations it was also decided that henceforth, if any state failed to send their teams for the Nationals and also did not host state championships, they would be debarred from all activities of TTFI and disaffiliated from the Federation. The same was approved.

e) Secretary General proposed that Mr. T.G. Upadhya, Secretary General of Karnataka Table Tennis Association and Jinendra Jain, Vice President Delhi State Association be nominated as Associate Joint Secretaries of TTFI. The same was approved unanimously.

f) Mr. D.R. Choudhary, Advisor informed that there is conflict between the Veteran Committees and State Associations in West Bengal and Delhi over sending teams for Veteran Nationals. He proposed that the warring parties should sit and resolve the matter amicably. Mr. Choudhary informed that as per the decision of the TTFI all entries of Veteran players selected by Veteran Committee of the state are to be routed through the state secretaries concerned. This is to be strictly followed.

g) Mr. Dushyant Chautala, President TTFI, informed the House that the states that fail to clear outstanding affiliation dues will not be allotted any tournament to be conducted in their states. Similarly, their players will also not be allowed to participate in nationals. All defaulted states are advised to clear their dues before April 30, 2018.

The same was approved by the entire House.

h) It has been decided to increase the prize money for all doubles events in the inter Institutional and Senior National Championships. The revised Prize money will be as follows

Winner	Rs.25000/- (per pair)
Runners Up	Rs.14000/- (per pair)
Losing S/F	Rs.7000/- (per pair)

i) It was observed that North Bengal has send the entry of a player in the Zonal Championships and also in the previous Junior National championships held at Baroda , with wrong DOB . This was brought to our notice through the RTI application filed by one Mr. Vikrant Prasad. An explanation to the effect was called from the North Bengal TT Association. They informed that it was an error committed by their office staff and was not intentional. Taking into consideration all the facts, it was decided to warn NBTTA for the above and not to repeat such things in future, which will attract punishment according to the decision in the AGM

j) The house also approved the proposal for redesigning our web site and also to add more information alongwith a separate page for veteran activities. It was also decided to implement the Results Management module in our web so that the results gets updated automatically after each match. The house also passed the estimated expenditure which will be around Rs.80,000/-

k) **Para Activities:** Secretary General informed, that in view of mounting pressure from Sports Authority of India/Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports to look after para activities by TTFI, Para Table Tennis Association based in Indore was formed to take care of para activities and TTFI has agreed to extend all help to the Para Association.

l) **Code of Conduct:** Secretary General informed that there is need for framing code of conduct for Athletes, Coaches, Managers & Technical officials. A Three members committee comprising of Sh S.M Sultan, Sh.VK Bawa and Sh. N. Ganeshan was formed to frame the draft code for approval by AGM and subsequent circulation.

m) The President also stressed the need for TTFI having its office set up in its own building/land in Delhi and accordingly he sought the approval of the House. All members unanimously welcomed the idea and gave the go-ahead of purchasing land/building to set up TTFI's own office. The meeting ended with the thanks to Chair.

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(Dushyant Chautala, MP)
President-TTFI
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Secretary General-