

ITHF Extraordinary Delegates' Conference (August 2016)

Minutes

Place: ITHF Discussion Board

Date: 22nd – 29th of August 2016

Minute keeper: Simon Thomas, ITHF President

Members eligible to participate: Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Norway, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, USA

Votes (3 in total):

Vote 1

Letting more players qualify for international championships through the World Tour (Open category)

Information

In order to encourage more players to travel on the World Tour, it has been suggested that more than just the top 10 could be allowed to qualify directly for international championships through the World Tour. The Executive Committee proposes the following:

- The top 20 players on the World Tour qualify directly for the Open category in addition to their country's normal quota. Only 3 players from each nation can qualify this way.
- If any of these players is the defending champion, their place will **NOT** be transferrable to the player finishing in place 21 on the World Tour.

Question

Should this change be made, to let more players qualify for the Open category at international championships through the World Tour?

Option	# of Votes	Voting Countries
Yes	14	Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Norway, Russia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, USA
No	0	

Result: Proposed change is accepted and comes into effect immediately.

Vote 2

Letting more players qualify for international championships through the World Tour (Veterans, Juniors and Women categories)

Information

For the same reason described in item 1 above, the Executive Committee proposes the following:

- The top 3 veterans, juniors and women qualify for the veterans/juniors/women categories in

addition to their country's normal quota. Only 1 player from each nation could qualify this way in each of these 3 categories.

- If any of these players is the defending champion, their place will **NOT** be transferrable to the 4th-best veteran/junior/woman on the World Tour.

Question

Should this change be made, to let more players qualify for the Veterans, Juniors and Women categories at international championships through the World Tour?

Option	# of Votes	Voting Countries
Yes	12	Canada, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Norway, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, USA
No	1	Denmark

Result: Proposed change is accepted and comes into effect immediately.

Vote 3

Restructuring the Executive Committee to include a Chief Financial Officer

Information

It has been suggested that the ITHF could be more effective if it had some financial resources. These could be used to help table hockey reach new parts of the world, to provide prize money, to improve tournament quality etc.

Our constitution defines the ITHF as a non-profit organisation. If this proposal is accepted, the ITHF will still be a non-profit organisation. All money raised would be used to serve the aims of the ITHF as described in the constitution.

The Executive Committee (EC) proposes setting up the new position of Chief Financial Officer (CFO). This person would be responsible for finding ways to earn revenue for the ITHF, setting up arrangements and collaborations with businesses, organisations etc., and managing the ITHF's finances. This would initially involve opening a bank account, solving any tax issues etc.

All actions taken by the CFO would have to be approved by the EC.

All financial transactions would have to be transparent, so that the EC has a complete overview at all times.

The CFO, like everyone else who works for the ITHF, would receive no payment from the ITHF. However, if the CFO is successful in earning revenue for the ITHF, the CFO would be entitled to a percentage of such revenue, e.g. to cover expenses, as approved by the EC in each case. The CFO would never be entitled to any more money than the ITHF has in its possession.

To make room for the position of CFO on the EC, a restructuring of the EC is proposed:

Due to the fact that all decisions on the EC are made via democratic voting, the "Secretary General", "Supervisor of Rules and Regulations", and "Director of International Championships" have no clearly defined role, so it is suggested that the EC be restructured to include only the following:

- President
- CFO
- Continental Manager of North America
- 2 Members

As the CFO would need special skills and/or connections, it might happen that a Delegates Conference fails to elect a CFO, or that there are no candidates for this position. In that case, the Delegates Conference would instead elect 3 Members.

Question

Should the Executive Committee be restructured in this way, to include a Chief Financial Officer?

Option	# of Votes	Voting Countries
Yes	11	Canada, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Norway, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, USA
No	2	Denmark, Kazakhstan

Result: Proposed change is accepted and comes into effect at the next EC election, scheduled to be held towards the end of the 2016/17 season.

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