

Introduction

1. Since the last National Council meeting one Board meeting has taken place which was on the 30th November 2017

Regular Updates

2. **Chairman's update** – Susie Hughes (Deputy Chairman) welcomed everyone to the meeting and passed on Sandra Deaton's apologies who had read the papers.
3. **CEO report** - The AGM/EGM issues had had an impact both internally on staff and morale within the organisation and externally with stakeholders.
Discussions have been taking place with the BBC in respect of streaming both the Team World Cup (TWC) and the Nationals.
It was confirmed that at the ETTU AGM it was agreed that there would be 24 at future European Team Championships finals - (minutes September 8th 2017 agenda item 4).
4. **Head of Operations report** –The Finance committee had met since the last Board and had looked at the figures and forecasts in depth. It was agreed that the budgets are revisited for this year due to the timing discrepancies.
The reduction in forecast income does have valid reasons:-
 - General economic climate
 - Sport tarnished
 - Budget prudence (live within our means)It was agreed to carry out a full review of the risk register
5. **National Council Update** –Tony Catt had been confirmed as the Chairman of National Council for the coming year.
The latest meeting took place on the 21st October. As with previous meetings the morning consisted of executive papers whilst the afternoon had discussion topics linking to the governance review and accumulating evidence for it.
 - Future voting rights and powers (previous National Council paper included to support discussions)
 - National Council attendance – National Councillors, Regional Representation or subject specialists from each county based on subject?
 - Board/SLT/other staff
 - Role of Counties, Leagues and Clubs in Governance

The afternoon was considered a positive use of time and useful feedback was collated for the IRP.

Dashboard and Decision papers

6. **Dashboard/Operation Plan** – The operation plan was presented, and each Department reported against both progress and issues.

Discussion took place around GDPR, Table Tennis England had had an audit completed and the report will be received in the New Year when an action plan would be put in place including providing guidance for clubs and leagues

Both TASS and Sports Aid were becoming a challenge with reduced numbers being able to benefit for these programmes. From a table tennis perspective numbers were being reduced from 17 to 10.

In line with the introduction of the ITTF rankings system in January 2018. Table Tennis England are looking at a new ranking system and will be carrying out a membership consultation in the New Year.

Papers for Discussion

7. **World Team Cup-** MT went through his detailed presentation which included budgets, logistics, field of play, commercial and stakeholder engagement.
Board were pleased with progress to date and asked to be kept informed of progress. The Local Organising Committee will meet again early in January.
8. **Governance Review Group** - MQ updated Board as to current progress.
The IRP scope had been agreed – 7 tenders had been received and 3 organizations/people interviewed. Marc Mazzucco from RSM will chair the IRP and will be supported by Karl George and Jonathan Hall (both governance experts), Phil Ashleigh, Neil Hurford and Shaun Parsley. The interview of the table tennis individuals were conducted by Tony Catt, Susie Hughes, Marc Mazzucco and Jonathan Hall.
The IRP will attend the National Council (13/1) and Regional forum (12/1)
The Board will be updated on 2nd March.
9. **Participation Presentation – Graphs and Statistics** - Rachael Ismail joined the meeting and provided a presentation describing how the data accumulated through Two Circles was being utilised to drive and deliver the strategy. The Board agreed that the information was very useful and thanked Rachel for her hard work.
It was agreed to create a sub group in 2018 to re-look at Mission 2025 now that we have more data and can use it to help deliver and drive the strategy.
10. **AGM/National Conference** - Whilst it was agreed that the National Conference could be improved it was important to move forward and not return to the previous format.
A working group (SS,SH,SD) to consider proposals including addressing the positive and negative feedback would report to the Board in March.