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Malaysia to host if PSF withdraw

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THE Asian Squash Federation (ASF) has assured that Malaysia will be the hosts of the Asian Squash championships if Pakistan Squash Federation (PSF) withdraw as organisers.

In a meeting which was held in Kuala Lumpur last Monday, ASF postponed the championships, which was originally scheduled to be held in Islamabad on March 17-24, to May 26-June 4 and the change of date might force PSF to withdraw as hosts.

The SRA of Malaysia (SRAM) president Datuk Nik Mohamed Din said that they are ready to accept the responsibility and it is only a matter of looking for sponsors and confirming the venue.

"ASF will inform the change date to PSF and if they do not agree, we have no problems in hosting the championships," said Nik Mohamed after SRAM's annual general meeting (AGM) in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

"I am confident that the tournament will be held here as the ASF committee members have shown their support for us.

"SRAM's new-look committee has the capacity to organise the Asian championships successfully."

Former ASF president and SRAM vice president Datuk Mokhzani Mahathir made a comeback yesterday in a more prominent role as the deputy president, replacing Abdullah Sani Karim who retired in September last year due to work commitments.

Mokhzani served as the ASF president from 1997 and lost to N. Ramachandran of India in their biennial election in Chennai in February.

Former treasurer Mark Toh replaced Chris Teoh as one of the two vice-presidents. Paul Moa retained his seat as the vice president.

Except for the inclusion of Kelantan SRA (KSRA) president Azhar Jalil and former international Mary Lee, there were no changes in the committee.

The office bearers:

President: Datuk Nik Mohamed Din.

Deputy president: Datuk Mokhzani Mahathir.

Vice-presidents: Mark Toh, Paul Moa.

Secretary: Kol (Rtd) Wong Ah Jit.

Treasurer: Lucy Read.

Committee members: Azan Yaacob, Azhar Jalil, Mary Lee, George Fernandez, Professor Dr. Syed Abdullah, K.C. Ng, Lim Chong Leong.

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