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27TH EDBF ORDINARY CONGRESS

Monday, 1st August 2016 @ 09.00hrs

Held at Hotel dei Congressi, Rome, Italy

Present:

EDBF Executive Committee:

Mike Haslam	MH	Honorary President	GBR
Alan van Caubergh	AvC	President	NLD
Ute Becker-Frenzel	UBF	Vice President	GER
Peter Jarosi	PJ	Vice President	HUN
Natalia Kravtsova	NK	Treasurer	UKR
Julie Doyle	JD	Secretary General	IRE

Honorary Guests (Non-Voting):

Mike Thomas	MT	IDBF President	GBR
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Voting Members:

Zoran Vukobranovic	ZV		SRB
Robin Magnusson	RM		SWE
Murray Jones	MJ		IRE
Arild Jordskar	AJ		NOR
Matthias Marbes	MM		SWI
Claudio Schermi	CS		ITA
Iain Rains	IR		GBR
Petr Popinov	PP		RUS
Claude Dorlhac	CD		FRA
Fanni Nemeth	FN		HUN
Jorge Carracedo	JC		SPN
Thomas Arlaitw	TA		GER
Eduard Caramuv	EK		MOL
Valerii Morgan	VM		UKR
Ivan Savic	IS		CYP

Other (Non-Voting):

Niko Cuca	NC		SRB
Bettina Biller	BB		SWI
M. Kender	MK	(Brandenburg RC)	GER
K. Poeus	KP	(Brandenburg RC)	GER
Reka Szabina Torok	RST	(Translator)	HUN
Csenge Báthory-Bozó	CBB	(Translator)	HUN
Angelos Papabopoulos	AP		CYP
Sue Thomas	ST		GBR
Pecho Loper Sanatos	PLS		SPN
Gitta Weberi	GW		GER
Elena Serdiule	ES		UKR
Adrian Cegarera	AC		SPN



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Commissions (Non-Voting):

Bridget Walter	BW	ComSpec Chair	SWI
Saed Abdalla	SA	ComSpec Member	GER
Nils Asmussen	NA	Marketing & Media Chair	GER
Antonio de Lucia	AdL	SmedCom Chair	ITA

Item **Action**

1.00 Welcome Address by the EDBF President.

1.01 The meeting was formally opened at 09.05hrs with a formal welcome by Alan van Caubergh, EDBF President. AvC also welcomed the IDBF President, Mike Thomas.

2.00 Roll Call of Members

2.01 A roll call of the members was made and a quorum of over 50% of the EDBF members were present.

3.00 Appointment of Scrutineers for the Congress

3.01 The following individuals were appointed as scrutineers for the Congress:
Bridget Walter (SWI)
Murray Jones (IRE)

4.00 Confirmation of the Published Agenda

4.01 It was agreed that Item 15 - Any Other Business - Standard Boat v Small Boat should be moved between items 5 and 6 on the agenda due to its importance.

4.02 No other items were requested from the floor; agenda confirmed.

5.00 Acceptance of the Minutes of the 26th EDBF Annual General Assembly & EDBF Extra Ordinary General Assembly

5.01 The minutes of the 26th EDBF Annual General Assembly held on 3rd August 2015 were accepted in full, apart from the following change.
Page 2 – In attendance (Non-voting) - Clarence John can only represent himself as cannot represent Monaco as he is not resident or a citizen of the country.

5.02 The minutes of the Extra Ordinary General Assembly held on 7th & 8th November 2015 were accepted and approved with the following minor changes.



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- Page 9, item 4.01 – Should read “IDBF is to be registered”, not “EDBF is to be registered”.
- 5.03 Page 13, item 7.12 – Should read “Claudio Schermi advised that he would consider submitting an appeal”, not “Claudio Schermi advised that he would be submitting an appeal”. Delete in the last sentence “especially as Cyprus had been allowed to add their name as a Governing Members Representative to the Council.
- 5.03 9.32hrs – Nataliia Kravtsova joins the meeting.
- 6.00 EDBF President’s Report**
- A Work of the Executive Committee and Council**
- 6.01 10.07hrs – Iain Rains joins the meeting.
- 6.02 AvC advised he had been busy with EDBF affairs over the last year, but felt the Executive Committee were not currently working effectively as a committee. This is something which needs to be remedied for the future. AvC
- 6.03 AvC had been to a number of meetings representing the sport of dragon boating with Mike Haslan, Mike Thomas and/or Claudio Schermi.
- 6.04 In September 2015 AvC visited Estonia to discuss the issue with the actual EDBF member with the two federations. Unfortunately the elected member did not want to meet and he only met with the associate member. Initially it was the festival organisers in Estonia who first formed the Estonian Dragon Boat Federation and applied to the EDBF for membership. Six months later the Estonian Canoe Federation then set up another organisation. The EDBF concluded that the canoe federation was really the representative for the sport so offered the Estonian Canoe Federation the EDBF membership. The Canoe Federation then could not send a team to the Championships in Rome, but the other festival organisers could, but were prevented from doing so. The EDBF now needs to make further contact and find out why they are working against us.
- 6.05 Whilst in Estonia AvC met a delegate from Lithuania who was a commercial organiser. Further talks have since happened with Lithuania by email and phone. They are becoming very active with dragon boating, but need the assistance of the EDBF to make the next step and set up an association and form clubs.
- 6.06 AvC visited Serbia in September 2015 to see how the sport was developing there.



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- 6.07 AvC attended a meeting in Lausanne to discuss the issue of the ICF also running World Championships.
- 6.08 In December 2015 AvC went to China to discuss the Chinese World Cup 2016 and discussed that the invitations must represent a balance of countries from Europe, the Americas and Asia.
- 6.09 December 2015 saw AvC visit London to discuss the registration of the EDBF as a limited company.
- 6.10 A lot of preparation work has been carried out for the IDBF World Championships in Adelaide in 2016 and for the 12th EDBF European Nations Championships in Rome 2016.
- 6.11 AvC made a visit to Cairo regarding introducing dragon boating in Egypt and developing the sport in more areas in Africa. The visit was also to see how EDBF crews could take part in the River Nile Dragon Boat Festival planned for October 2016.
- 6.12 April 2016 saw AvC attend another Sport Accord meeting in Lausanne.
- 6.13 Portugal are a long standing member of both the EDBF and IDBF, but dragon boating stopped being practised there about 5-6 years ago. The Association is now being restructured and set up again and they are now back in contact with the EDBF. They have had a meeting with the Spanish Dragon Boat Association who are willing to help them re-start.
- 6.14 Another area in Portugal wants to set up an outward bound centre with a long term aim of organising a universities competition which they hope to extend to Spain and the rest of Europe.
- 6.15 AvC, MT and CS met with the ICF Chairman to look at solutions on how the ICF and IDBF can work together on Championships. The majority of athletes do not understand the current situation and just want to race.

B List of New Members for Final Approval

- 6.14 No new members to the EDBF were presented for approval.

7.00 Reports from the EDBF Commissions

Competition & Special Events Commission – Report by Bridget Walter

- 7.01 No site visit was carried out for the 12th EDBF ENC - Rome 2016 as the EDBF had been here a few times before. AvC did make two visits prior



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to the event to review progress.

7.02 Generally feed back on this year's event was positive from the athletes. The Race Officials felt that nearly everything they needed was provided for them to run the event. The teamwork between the officials, volunteers and Claudio's team made it all work well. The event was rounded off with a successful Pool Party. A vote of thanks was given to Claudio and his team for putting on a successful Championships.

7.03 The Championships attracted excellent media coverage with 195,000 views on Facebook.

Marketing and Media Commission – Report by Nils Asmussen

7.04 It is important that we keep up the social media on facebook and on the EDBF website. Also more promotion of the EDBF logo is required.

7.05 JD requested that the Marketing and Media Commission were more active, as currently social media was being picked up by the Secretary General. A new webmaster is currently required as the existing one is unable to give the time anymore. Ivan Savic from Cyprus volunteered to assist with the website so the current webmaster could be relieved from his duties. JD to action a working group at Congress for this commission.

JD

7.06 MH advised that the implementation of the IDBF digital platform has been delayed until it is developed to a higher level. It is currently planned to launch it in August/September as a trial platform.

Sports Medicine, Psychology and Medical Commission – Report by Antonio de Lucia

7.07 In order to make the commission work we need people in the commission from other countries. AdL would like a specific area on the website to keep people informed.

7.08 Some anti-doping was carried out at the Championships here in Rome.

Junior and Women's Commission

7.09 Implementation of a Junior and Women's Commission to be discussed at the EDBF Extra Ordinary Congress in November.

8.00 Financial Report, Auditor's Report and Approval of Accounts and Budgets.

8.01 NK advised that the 2015 Financial Report was not ready. It was noted



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	that if the Treasurer is unable to have the report ready for Congress then they should not take on a role as an official at a Championships so that they can use the time instead to finalise the accounts.	
8.02	It was noted that if the Treasurer is not able to fulfil their responsibilities then they should step down from the position as there are others willing to take on this role.	
8.03	Hungary have carried out an audit of the 2015 EDBF Accounts.	
8.04	The 2015 EDBF Financial Report is to be presented at the Extra Ordinary Congress in November.	NK
9.00	<u>Approval of Annual Fees proposed by the Executive Committee</u>	
9.01	No changes proposed.	
10.00	<u>EDBF Championships Regattas</u>	
10.01	17th EDBF ECCC to be held in Divonne les Bains, France – 26th to 30th July 2017.	
10.02	13th EDBF ENC to be held in Brandenburg an der Havel, Germany 2018 – Presentation given by DDV.	
10.03	The date is yet to be confirmed, but it is proposed to hold it in the third week in August 2018. WCCC in Hungary is planned to be run in July 2018. UBF and PJ to liaise to ensure there is a sufficient time gap between the championships.	UBF/PJ
10.04	The Beetzsee Regatta Course is within one hour drive of two airports in Berlin. The course is 2500m in length and 225m wide with 8 lanes measuring 13.5m each. The water depth is 3m and a wind direction of north to south. The regatta course has had much investment and is regularly used for large rowing & canoeing events.	
10.05	The regatta course has the same bucket starting system as used at the championships here in Rome, a finishing tower and other room availability, plus a sheltered area for up to 1,800 spectators.	
10.06	It is planned to have a large area accessible only for athletes and officials, plus a tent for each crew.	
10.07	BuK dragon boats are to be provided; 18 standard boats and 18 small boats. The venue also has access to 6 umpire boats.	



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- 10.08 | The event is to be made available on Livestream.
- 10.09 | A shuttle coach service will be provided between the race venue and hotel. There is hotel accommodation for 1,500 people approximately 35 minutes away. Plus there is a camping site 100m away from the regatta course.
- 10.10 | The Event Administration Fee on first calculation will be €60/head.
- 10.11 | Bid presentation by the Spanish Dragon Boat Association for the 18th EDBF ECCC to be held in Cuevas De Almanzora, Almeria, Spain 2019.
- 10.12 | Almeria is located on the south east coast of Spain near to Murcia and the Headquarters of the Spanish Dragon Boat Association. It is accessible by 3 airports Murcia – 125Km (1.1hrs), Almerias – 90Km (1 hour) and Alicante – 190Km (1.5hrs).
- 10.13 | The course is 1,200m in length and 108m wide, with 6 lanes measuring 12.5m each. The water depth is 4m and has a capacity for 900 spectators. The race course was originally made for the Meditarrean Games. There is plenty of parking for cars and coaches.
- 10.14 | There is a variety of hotels within 5 – 7 Km with beds for 1,700 people, plus there is an area for camping available.
- 10.15 | Weather - very sunny, average temperature 25°C – 26°C with little rain.
- 10.16 | The proposed event is supported by the Government of Andulicia.
- 10.17 | Vote:
For: 15
Against: 0
It was confirmed that the 18th EDBF ECCC will be held in Almeria Spain in 2019.
- 10.18 | Bid presentation by the Swiss Dragon Boat Federation for the 14th EDBF ENC 2020 to be held in Luzern, Switerland.
- 10.19 | The regatta course in Luzern, Switzerland is well known for holding rowing regattas. The course is 1.5 hours from Basel, 30 mins from Zurich and teams can also fly to Geneva. The course measures 2500m in length by 200m in width and has a water depth of 6m.
- 10.20 | There is plenty of accommodation within the area both hotels and youth hostels.



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- 10.21 It is proposed to hold the event at the end of July, as it is a protected area it is only open at certain times of the year.
- 10.22 The Swiss Dragon Boat Association would partner with Dragon Boat Events who are a festival event organiser in Switzerland.
- 10.23 Vote:
For: 13 (Two voters left meeting)
Against: 0
It was confirmed that the 14th EDBF ENC will be held in Luzern, Switzerland in 2020.
- 10.24 11.35hrs - Matthias Marbes and Bettina Biller leave the meeting.
- 10.25 Ukraine advised they also wish to bid, but due to technical reasons they will have to give a presentation at the EDBF Extra Ordinary Congress in November.
- 10.26 It was noted that Ukraine will act as a back up option for the EDBF ENC 2020 and accept this as a formal notification for them to bid for the 19th EDBF ECCC in 2021.
- 10.27 There was still time for any other country to put forward a bid for the EDBF ECCC 2021. Any member wishing to do so should notify the Secretary General.
- 10.28 It was formally recorded that following the Championships in Rome a new policy has been implemented for juniors to increase numbers of participants. Junior competitors will now only pay 50% of the Administration Fee and 50% of the EDBF Registration Fee.
- 11.00 Appointment of a Full Member to be Responsible for Auditing the 2016 Accounts**
- 11.01 To be decided at the EDBF Extra Ordinary Congress in November.
- 12.00 Elections of New Chairholders of the Commissions**
- 12.01 Bridget Walter stepped down as Chairman of the Competition and Special Events Commission and was replaced by Saed Abdalla. Going forward Saed would like to look at trying to do more stuff on tablets to try and reduce the amount of paperwork at events.
- 12.02 Robin Magnusson was welcomed to the Competition and Special Events Commission.



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| 12.03 | Confirmation Nils Amussen remains as the Chairman of the Marketing and Media Commission. | |
| 12.04 | Confirmation Antonio de Lucia remains as the Chairman of the Sports Medicine, Psychology and Science Commission. | |
| 13.00 | <u>Supplements to the IDBF Statutes; Bye-Laws; Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing</u> | |
| 13.01 | Adoption of new IDBF Rules:
IDBF Rules of Racing - Edition 7, Issue 1, effective from 1 st Jan 2016.
IDBF Competition Regulations – Edition 7, Issue 1, effective from 1 st Jan 2016.
It was agreed to adopt the new IDBF Rules of Racing and Competition Regulations as from 1 st January 2017. The German Dragon Boat Association (DDV) requested that the new mixed rule should be discussed in more detail at the Extra Ordinary Congress in November before this item was adopted. | JD |
| 14.00 | <u>Date and Place of the Next Meeting</u> | |
| 14.01 | It was confirmed that an EDBF Extra Ordinary Meeting will be held in November 2016. Following a vote amongst the members it was unanimously agreed as 18 th – 20 th November 2016. | |
| 14.02 | All nations were invited to put a bid in to host the meeting The venue needs to be easily accessible by cheap airlines, it needs to be near to the airport with cheap hotel accommodation and have access to a large meeting room. | ALL |
| 15.00 | <u>Any Other Business</u> | |
| | <u>Standard Boat V Small Boat</u> | |
| 15.01 | There is currently concern that the small boat category is growing in popularity and is diluting the sport. At both IDBF and EDBF levels the small boat category is becoming the larger racing category. The small boat was originally only introduced for juniors, new countries coming into the sport and for the festival racing market. | |
| 15.02 | The origins of the sport are based on the standard boat which makes the sport so much more exciting and it is important that the standard boat keeps its leading position. | |
| 15.03 | We are currently encountering problems at championships with the lack of race entries split over the two race categories. Supplying small and | |



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	standard boats is adding significantly to the equipment costs of a championships as well as making the race programme very difficult to write. We are continually receiving complaints from Team Managers that there is insufficient time in the race programme for their teams to warm up, race and recover before they have to race again. This is mainly due to teams double rostering and then blaming the race programme format.	
15.04	The small boats are now so popular we may be too late to stop the use of them. We therefor need to consider how to manage the issue.	
15.05	Hungary advised they had some proposals which they would like to put forward in a presentation at the November Extra Ordinary Congress.	PJ
15.06	It was requested that anyone with a concise view should submit their details to the Executive Committee for further review.	
15.07	It was agreed to discuss this item in further detail at the Extra Ordinary Congress in November and come to some conclusions which the EDBF could then forward onto the IDBF.	ALL
	<u>Supporter's Rate at ECCC and ENC</u>	
15.08	To be discussed at the November Extra Ordinary Congress.	
15.09	It was noted that any items not dealt with in today's meeting will be added to the agenda for the November Extra Ordinary Congress.	
15.10	The meeting was formally closed at 13.15hrs.	

Minutes produced by Julie Doyle – EDBF Secretary General – 6th November 2016

Signed by:

Alan van Caubergh
President
European Dragon Boat Federation

Dated: 6th November 2016