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28TH EDBF ORDINARY CONGRESS

Monday, 31st July 2017 at 09.00hrs

Held at Esplanade du lac, Divonne-les-Bains, France

Present:

EDBF Executive Committee:

Alan van Caubergh	AvC	EDBF President	NLD
Ute Becker-Frenzel	UBF	EDBF Vice President	GER
Peter Jarosi	PJ	EDBF Vice President	HUN
Kim Beckwith	KB	EDBF Vice President	NLD
Nataliia Kravtsova	NK	EDBF Treasurer	UKR
Julie Doyle	JD	EDBF Secretary General	IRL

Honorary Guests (Non-Voting):

Mike Thomas	MT	IDBF President	GBR
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Voting Members:

Mike Haslam	MH	EDBF Honorary President	GBR
Zoran Vukobranovic	ZV		SRB
Dympna Watson	DW		IRL
Bridget Walter	BW		SWI
Antonio de Lucia	AL		ITA
Robin Magnusson	RM		SWE
Vlada Kosytska	VK		GEO
Adrian Cegarra Garcia	ACG		SPN
Arild Jordskar	AJ		NOR
Vitaly Smirnov	VS		RUS
Oleksandr Bakanychev	OB		MOL
Claude Dorlhac	CD		FRA
Valerii Morgan	VM		UKR
Makar Sazgsyan	MS		ARM
Csenge Báthory-Bozó	CBB		HUN
Saed Abdalla	SA		GER

Other (Non-Voting):

Claudio Schermi	CS		ITA
Matthias Marbes	MM		SWI
Maura Dezi	MD		ITA
Elena Serdiuk	ES		UKR
Andy Menzies	AM		GBR
Jenni Henderson	JH		GBR
Sue Menzies	SM		GBR
Sue Thomas	ST		GBR
Snezana Pavlovic	SP		SRB
Niko Cuca	NC		SRB



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<u>Item</u>	<u>Action</u>
1.00	<u>Welcome Address by the EDBF President.</u>
1.01	The meeting was formally opened at 09.10hrs by Alan van Caubergh, EDBF President. AvC clarified the representation of a country with regard to voting rights in the forthcoming elections.
2.00	<u>Roll Call of Members</u>
2.01	A roll call of the members was made and a quorum of over 50% of the EDBF members were present.
2.02	16 countries attended in person and a further 3 countries had submitted a paper vote via the EDBF Chairman; giving a total of 19 countries.
2.03	It was confirmed all 19 countries had paid their annual EDBF Membership fees and were therefore able to vote.
3.00	<u>Appointment of Scrutineers for the Congress</u>
3.01	The following individuals were appointed as scrutineers for the Congress: Mike Thomas (IDBF) Sue Menzies (GBR)
4.00	<u>Confirmation of the Published Agenda</u>
4.01	All agreed that the agenda items should be discussed in the following order items 1 – 5, item 12 (Election of new EDBF President and Treasurer), items 6 – 11, and then items 13 – 15.
5.00	<u>Acceptance of the Minutes of the EDBF Extra Ordinary Congress 19 & 20/11/16</u>
5.01	The minutes of the EDBF Extra Ordinary Congress held on 19 th & 20 th November 2016 were accepted in full.
6.00	<u>The EDBF President's Report</u>
6.01	See attached EDBF President's Report.
	<u>The Work of the Executive Committee & Council</u>
6.02	Over the last year the Executive Committee and Council did not work together enough, but hopefully this will improve in the future.
	<u>List of New Members for Final Approval</u>
6.03	There were no new members for final approval.



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7.00 Reports from the EDBF Commissions:

Marketing & Media Commission

7.01 No report was presented. Nils Asmussen, the current chair holder advised he wished to step down from his position as soon as possible. JD to send out a request to the EDBF membership seeking nominations for a new chair holder.

JD

7.02 Nataliia Kravtsova requested her name be put forward as a potential Chair holder.

7.03 Elena Serdiuk (UKR) and Otto Duindam (NLD) are both also interested in working on the Marketing and Media Commission. KB to look after the Commission in the short term.

Competition & Special Events Commission

7.04 A brief report was presented by Saed Abdulla, Commission Chair. It was confirmed management of the wifi and bar code readers worked well during the Championships following installation by Saed.

Sports Medicine, Psychology & Science Commission

7.05 Antonio de Lucia, Commission Chair and Sports Psychologist at University advised that he was currently researching problems associated with shoulder damage in sport.

Junior Commission

7.06 The Junior Commission has not yet been implemented. Petr Klima had put his name forward, but AvC has been reluctant to put Petr in charge due to the unresolved issues in the Czech Republic.

JD

7.07 Sue Menzies volunteered to chair the Junior Commission. Nataliia Kravtsova is also interested in working in the Junior Commission.

JD

7.08 Great Britain suggested running a trail event for Juniors every year. Item to be put on the agenda for the EDBF Convention in November.

ALL

Women's Commission

7.09 KB, EDBF Vice President currently holds this portfolio. KB requested everyone to go back and ask if they have any candidates who would like to serve on the commission. There have been two applications to serve on the commission so far, but one is from outside Europe.

7.10 It was noted that an IOC requirement is to have a 30% female representation on the Board of a Governing Body. Currently the EDBF exceed this target. KB raised the question on whether our female board members were visible enough, especially when it came to Opening/Closing Ceremonies etc.

7.11 MT advised that the same questions are being asked at IDBF level by IOC with regard to Women's Commissions.



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8.00	<u>Financial Report, Auditor's Report & Approval of Accounts & Budgets 2014, 2015, 2016</u>	
8.01	Current Account balance as at 27/07/17 – €46,494.29. Deposit Account Balance as at 27/07/17 – €19,800.00 approx.	
8.02	There are currently €15,000 worth of expenses owed to AvC which gives a rough balance of €50,000. Going forward expenses owed to the EDBF Executive Committee must be refunded on a regular basis.	
8.03	Estonia, Slovakia and Croatia have not paid their 2017 EDBF Membership Fees.	
8.04	Romainia has a debt of €500.	
8.05	It was confirmed that no one was charged the late payment fee in 2017 if their annual membership was received after 1 st April 2017.	
8.06	It was noted that in the run up to the ECCC 2017 there was numerous late payments which is not acceptable and cannot be continued. The deadline of 15 th June 2017 was given in all Bulletins, but most payments were made after this date.	
8.07	Ukraine, Russia & Moldova generally pay their Administration Fees in cash at Championships.	
8.08	Congress were advised that the EDBF Council agreed that all back dated accounts must be sorted by 31 st December 2017, so that the new Treasurer has a clean sheet to works from.	
8.09	It was confirmed that Norway were selected to audit the EDBF 2016 accounts. Arild Jordskar, an accountant by profession actually visited Ukraine to carry out the audit. Please refer to the attached Audit Report. AJ confirmed that the 2016 Accounts were fully audited and reflect the financial statement of the EDBF.	
8.10	AJ recommended that the EDBF should invest in a programme to manage the accounts.	
8.11	The EDBF 2015 Accounts were audited by the Netherlands who confirmed that the accounts reflect the financial statement of the EDBF.	
8.12	The Auditors Reports for EDBF Accounts 2015 and 2016 need to be circulated to the membership.	AvC
8.13	The EDBF 2014 Accounts need to be re-done as they are currently in an unacceptable format for audit. AvC to action.	AvC
8.14	The AGA were asked whether they agreed if the EDBF Council could accept the EDBF Accounts on their behalf for 2014, 2015 and 2016, as the EDBF Convention	



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has no authority to do this. All approved.

9.00 Approval of Annual Fees Proposed by the Executive Committee

9.01 This item was deferred to the EDBF Convention to be held on 25th/26th November 2017 in Belgrade, Serbia.

JD

10.00 EDBF Championship Regattas

Feedback on 17th EDBF ECCC 2017

10.01 A vote of thanks was recorded on behalf of the EDBF to the organisers in running a good Championships.

10.02 Postives:

- Generally there was a good mood and vibe around the Championships.
- Huge effort was put in by the IDBF Race Officials in sorting the medals.

10.03 Negatives:

- The site was very compact.
- Having the medal presentations and boat marshalling very near to the finish line caused congestion at times and made it difficult to call up crews.
- Initially there was a large entry on the online registration system of 57 clubs – 2,200 competitors, which later dropped to 39 clubs – 1,200 competitors + 600 junior competitor from the IDBF.
- Protest went to appeal on wash hanging.
- With only two sets of standard and small boats this only allowed the race programme to offer 2 rounds of racing rather than the standard 3 rounds.
- Lack of crew space in the tents, especially for a standard team.

13th EDBF ENC Brandenburg an der Havel 2018 – Update

10.04 The Championships will be held between 23rd – 26th August 2018.

10.05 There is currently a proposal to bring 1000m for the standard boats only into the race programme as a trial. Eight lane racing with shoe starts can be accommodated.

10.06 Bulletin no. 1 will be issued before the end of December 2017.

18th EDBF ECCC - Cuevas De Almanzora, Almeria, Spain 2019 – Update

10.07 There is currently no further update. JD to enquire about the dates for 2019.

JD

14th EDBF ENC 2020 – Bid received from Ukraine Dragon Boat Federation.

10.08 The Ukraine Dragon Boat Federation confirmed they have purchased a starting system and there are plans to buy 18 standard and 18 small dragon boats.

10.09 The facility is being developed for disabled people and will be ready to host the championships by 2018/2019



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10.10	It was advised that this was only a bid and that it is still open for other nations to submit a bid for these Championships. JD to advise the membership. Item to be added to the EDBF Convention agenda.	JD
10.11	Ukraine need to explain why they are organising a Championships for the ICF in 2019.	
	19th EDBF ECCC 2021 – Bid Presentations	
10.12	JD to send out a request for bids.	JD
11.00	<u>Appointment of Full Member to be Responsible for Auditing the 2017/2018 Accounts</u>	
11.01	It was agreed that Germany would audit the 2017 accounts.	
12.00	<u>Election of New EDBF President & EDBF Treasurer</u>	
12.01	GBR requested a secret ballot, which was approved.	
12.02	AvC invited all candidates to give a presentation: Maura Dezi – EDBF Treasurer candidate (ITA) Olena Serdiuk – EDBF Treasurer candidate (UKR) Valerii Morgun – EDBF President candidate (UKR) Claudio Schermi – EDBF President candidate (ITA)	
12.03	The results of the voting were as follows: EDBF President Claudio Schermi – 14 Valerii Morgun – 4 Abstention – 1 Claudio Schermi (ITA) was elected as EDBF President. EDBF Treasurer Maura Dezi – 12 Olena Serdiuk – 7 Abstentions – 0 Maura Dezi (ITA) was elected as EDBF Treasurer.	
12.04	EDBF Vice President Peter Jarosi thanked AvC on behalf of the Congress for all the hardwork he has put into the sport over the years. He has been very democratic in his approach to the sport.	
12.05	AvC gave a brief farewell speech to the Congress. Having spent 27 years on the EDBF Executive AvC said he has enjoyed every minute and will miss it greatly. He confirmed he will continue to support CS in the transition period.	



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13.00 Supplements to the IDBF Statutes; Bye-Laws; Competition Regulations & Rules of Racing

Statute 8.6 – Date of Taking Effect – Realign to IDBF Statutes

- 13.01 Currently the EDBF Statutes state that the incoming EDBF President and EDBF Treasurer take office immediately following Congress, unless Congress decides otherwise.
- 13.02 The IDBF Statutes state that following elections the new officers come into effect as of 1st January the following year, unless Congress decides otherwise. This allows a transition period for the old and new officers to hand things over smoothly.
- 13.03 A vote followed to see if Congress wanted to realign the EDBF Statutes with the IDBF Statutes.
- 13.04 Vote 1: To extend the period of office for the current President/Treasurer for a transition period.
For: 11
Against: 0
Abstentions: 2
No votes: 3
Vote approved.
- 13.05 Vote 2: The handover date to be 1st January 2018.
For: 8
Against: 5
No votes: 3
Vote approved.
- 13.06 AvC made a pledge not to make any decisions / agreements without the knowledge of the President Elect.
- 13.08 The EDBF Bye-Laws still need to be finalised. CS advised he has done a draft which he will issue to the Council Members.

CS

14.00 Confirmation of Date & Place of Next Meeting

- 14.01 The next EDBF Congress was confirmed for Monday, 27th August 2018 in Brandenburg an der Havel, Germany.
- 14.02 It was confirmed that an EDBF Convention would be held on 25th & 26th November 2017 in Belgrade, Serbia with the EDBF Executive Committee Meeting being held on 24th November 2017.



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15.00 Any Other Business & Closing Address

- 15.01 13th EDBF ENC - Brandenburg an der Havel 2018 – It was proposed to run a 1000m competition for the standard boat only to try to increase the entry in the standard boats category. In principle the idea was agreed as long as it can be fitted into the programme without running into another day.
- 15.02 The Congress was closed at 12.07hrs.

Attachments:

- EDBF President's Report 2017
- Arild Jordskar Financial Audit Report 2016.

Minutes produced by Julie Doyle – EDBF Secretary General – 28th October 2017.

Signed by:

Alan van Caubergh
President
European Dragon Boat Federation

Dated: 7th November 2017