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EDBF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Saturday, 7th November 2015 & Sunday, 8th November 2015 @ 09.00hrs

**Held at Sportlergaststätte Regattagebende Grunau, Hause Mitte, Regattastrasse 211,
Berlin, Germany**

Present – Day 1:

EDBF Board:

Mike Haslam	MH	President	GBR
Alan van Caubergh	AvC	Chairman	NLD
Claudio Schermi	CS	Senior Vice Chairman	ITA
Kim Beckwith	KB	Secretary General	NLD
Natalia Kravtsova	NK	Treasurer	UKR
Sue Menzies	SM	Council Rep	GBR

Voting Members:

Julie Doyle	JD	IRL
Peter Jarosi	PJ	HUN
Ute Becker-Frenzel	UB	GER
Maura Dezi	MD	ITA
Martin Ilumets	MI	EST
Vitaly Smirnov	VS	RUS
Oleksandr Bakanychev	OB	UKR
Otto Duindam	OD	NLD
Roger Gatt	RG	GRE
Robin Magnusson	RM	SWE
Claude Dorlhac	CD	FRA
Bartosz Wisniewski	BW	POL
Andrew Menzies	AM	GBR
Jergenijs Blazevics	JB	LAT
Peter Widhalm	PW	AUS
Clarence John	CJ	MON
Petr Klima	PK	CZE
Ian Rains	IR	CYR
Matthias Marbes	MM	SWI
Arild Jordskar	AJ	NOR

Non-Voting Delegates:

Fanni Nemeth	FN	HUN
Edina Hangya	EH	HUN
Roman Vernkoff	RV	EST (Affiliate)
Hardi Murulia	HM	EST



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Thomas Arlaitw	TA	GER
Bernd Riegerl	BR	GER
Gitta Weberi	GW	GER
Wlodimierz Schmidit	WS	POL

Commissions (Non-Voting):

Bridget Walter	BW	ComSpec Chair Holder	SWI
Saed Abdullah	SA	ComSpec Member	GER
Nils Asmussen	NA	Marketing & Media Chair Holder	GER

Absent:

Spain - Apologies received
Portugal

DAY 1 – MINUTES

<u>Item</u>	<u>Action</u>
1.00 Welcome Address / Roll Call of Delegates	
1.01 The delegates were formally welcomed by Ute Becker on behalf of the sponsors, DDV.	
1.02 The meeting was formally opened at 09.34hrs with a formal welcome by EDBF President, Mike Haslam.	
1.03 A roll call of the members was made and a quorum of over 50% of members were present; 19 nations attended. This later changed to 20 nations when Vitaly Smirnov, RU, arrived.	
2.00 Meeting Instructions	
2.01 It was confirmed that the statutes would be evaluated line by line and each one approved individually.	
2.02 MH advised that the EGA could not change the actual meaning or intention of each statute, but could alter e.g. the number of Vice Presidents voted on.	
2.03 The reason for the requirement to amend the statutes was to bring them in line with the IDBF ones, as the EDBF ones had been written before the IDBF statutes. It is also important to comply with how other sporting	



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federations operate in relation to how the IOC operates and show them that we are a serious sporting organisation who operates in a fair manner. MH therefore requested no politics from the floor.

- 2.04 Peter Jarosi raised the email that had been sent to all delegates by Oleksandr Bakanychov on 05/11/15. Peter stated that Oleksandr's email was very hurtful to him and all of the Hungarian nation and therefore asked the EGA to ask him to apologise. Oleksandr said it was his own personal view and not that of the Ukraine DBF or the IDBF Eastern European Representative. MH apologised on behalf of the IDBF and said that it was not their view.
- 2.05 MH introduced Mike Thomas, the incoming IDBF President (01/01/16). MT thanked everyone present who had voted him into his new position and looked forward to a very fruitful meeting and moving the EDBF forward. MT asked that Oleksandr retract the email issued to Peter Jarosi using his IDBF Eastern European Representative title. OB
- 2.06 Claudio Schermi raised a query on why his amendments were not being used as the final set considering he had been appointed in Tallin by the EDBF to bring them in line with the IDBF statutes. MH advised that Claudio's amendments had then been reviewed by MH, AvC and KB, as officers of the committee, and this final revision was then brought to the meeting in Divonne les Bains. MH reiterated that Italy could raise any queries they wanted as the statutes were to be reviewed line by line.
- 2.07 KB clarified that the EGA were to review the version that was attached to the meeting agenda (6th Edition_rev. n.1 5th draft dated 12.06.2015 – AGA 4th August 2015).
- 2.08 Hungary stated that as a democratic organisation, we should be reviewing all 3 versions – The original, Claudio's version and the final proposed version as we are all here to provide the best solution for the EDBF.
- 2.09 The EGA took a vote on whether all delegates wanted to modify the statutes line by line which would allow for all amendments to be considered. A majority vote carried the motion.
- 2.10 The newly elected Council will have to subsequently revise the EDBF Byelaws in accordance with the IDBF Byelaws.
- 3.00 Statute Amendments & Voting Final Version Statutes**
- 3.01 **PART 1 – GENERAL CONDITIONS**
No change. Approved.



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- 3.02 **ARTICLE 1 – NAME AND JURISDICTION**
- 1.1 EDBF – Change “IDBF” to “EDBF” (line 9).
 - 1.1 EDBF – Approved.
 - 1.2 Emblem – No change. Approved.
 - 1.3 Language – Change “Chairman” to “Chairholder”.
 - 1.3 Language – Approved.
 - 1.4 Headquarters – No change. Approved.
 - 1.5 Jurisdiction - Change “IDBF” to “EDBF”.
 - 1.5 Jurisdiction – Approved.
 - 1.6 Autonomy of EDBF Members – No change. Approved.
 - 1.7 The International Dragon Boat Federation - Delete “and adopts” and add wording “subject to article 1.1”
 - 1.7 The International Dragon Boat Federation – Approved.
- 3.03 **ARTICLE 2 – AIMS**
- 2.1 – No change. Approved.
 - 2.2 – Delete “Non Discrimination”.
 - 2.2 – Approved.
 - 2.3 – No change. Approved.
 - 2.4 – No change. Approved.
 - 2.5 – Add “subject to 1.6”.
 - 2.5 – Approved.
 - 2.6 – No change. Approved.
 - 2.7 – Delete “ is established to” and add “may”.
 - 2.7 – Approved.
- 3.04 The delegate from Russia, Vitaliy Smirnov arrived at 10.40hrs.
- 3.05 **ARTICLE 3 – OBJECTS**
- 3.1 – No change. Approved.
 - 3.2 – No change. Approved.
 - 3.3 – No change. Approved.
 - 3.4 – Delete “and” between ENCC and ECCC. Add “and regional championships” at the end of the paragraph.
 - 3.4 – Approved.
 - 3.5 – No change. Approved.
 - 3.6 – No change. Approved.
 - 3.7 – Change “specification” to “specifications”
 - 3.7 – Approved.
 - 3.8 – No change. Approved.
 - 3.9 – No change. Approved.
- 3.06 **ARTICLE 4 – MEMBERS**
- 4.1 Add wording at start “IDBF members are by right members of the EDBF, and therefore”. Vote: In Favour - 17/Against - 0/Abstentions - 2.



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4.1 – Approved.

4.2 Full Members – No change. Approved.

4.3 Basic Members – No change. Approved.

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4.4 Associate Members and Affiliation – Approved on the understanding that the statute is accepted as is, but the new Council will review this article to suit the EDBF and allow more flexibility.

3.07 ARTICLE 5 – MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

5.1 – No change. Approved.

5.2 – Delete “EDBF Members” at start of sentence and add “IDBF Members in Europe”.

5.2a – Change second “a” to “b”.

5.2/5.2a/5.2b – Approved.

5.3 – Change “in addition” to “also”.

5.3 – Approved.

5.4 – No change. Approved.

3.08 ARTICLE 6 – EDBF SUBSCRIPTION

6.1 – No change. Approved.

Procedural Note: Define annual membership fee in the EDBF Bye-Laws. Council

6.2 – Delete original wording and reword to “Members whose fees are in arrears lose their voting rights, within the EDBF, and the right to take part in EDBF Nations Championships, until such time as all outstanding fees are paid”.

6.2 – Approved.

6.3 – Add at the end of the sentence “until such time as all outstanding fees are paid”.

6.3 – Approved.

3.09 ARTICLE 7 – CONTROL

7.1 & 7.1.1 – No change. Approved.

2. Reworded to: “The Council, consisting of:

a. The Executive Committee.

b. Five (5) Representatives from the Members.

c. The Chair Holders of the Commissions”.

7.1 – Approved.

7.2 Finance – Add “which presently is the calendar year”.

7.2 Finance – Approved.

7.3 Representation within the EDBF – Delete “Governing”.

7.3 Representation within the EDBF – Approved.

3.10 ARTICLE 8 – THE MEMBERS CONGRESS

Change title to “EDBF CONGRESS”

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8.1 – Paragraph 1 - Delete “The Member’s Congress” and insert “The EDBF Congress”.



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- 8.1 – Paragraph 2 - Reword to “In the absense of all the Vice Presidents, the Secretary General shall preside. In the absence of the Secretary General, the Treasurer shall preside”.
- 8.1 – Paragraph 3 – Add “Final’ before “Agenda”.
- 8.1 – Paragraph 3 – Add “or the Treasurer”.
- 8.1 – Approved.
- 8.2 – Paragraph 1 - Delete “annually”.
- 8.2 – Paragraph 5 - Delete word “**Exceptions**”. Delete “In exceptional cases”. Delete “Article 33”. Add “See Article 8.18”.
- 8.2 – Paragraph 6 – Add “As per the EDBF Bye-Laws”.
- 8.2 – Approved.
- Procedural Note: Define proof of authority in EDBF Bye-Laws. Council
- 8.2.1 – Delete “Ordinary General Assembly” and replace with “Ordinary Congress”. Delete “AGA” and replace with “OC”.
- 8.3 – Delete “an Congress” and replace with “a Congress”.
- 8.3 – Approved.
- 8.4 – No change. Approved.
- 8.5 – Proposal by Hungary to delete “The Chair Holder shall then have the casting vote”. Vote: In Favour - 1/Against – 16/Abstentions - 2.
- 8.5 – No change. Approved.
- 8.5.1 – Change wording from “show of hands except that voting for than one” with “show of hands except that when voting for more than one”.
- 8.5.1 – Approved.
- 8.6 Date of Taking Effect – No change. Approved.
- 8.7 Quorum – No change. Approved.
- 8.8 Agenda – Item numbers to be changed to bullet points.
- 8.8 Agenda – Approved.
- 8.9 Motions – No change. Approved.
- 8.10 Add “Final” before Agenda. Change “Assembly” to “Congress” in last line.
- 8.10 – Approved.
- 8.11 – Council to review whether “Full” should be removed. Otherwise approved. Council
- 8.12 – Add “IDBF” in front of “Statutes, Racing Rules” in line one.
- 8.12 – Council to review final wording to make the item more clear. Council
Otherwise approved.
- 8.13 – No change. Approved.
- 8.14 – No change. Approved.
- 8.15 - No change. Approved.
- 8.16 – Wording to be reviewed by Council to make the item more clear. Council
- 8.17 – Change “Assembly” to “Congress” in the last line.
- 8.17 – Approved.
- 8.18 – No change. Approved.
- 8.19 – Change “Assembly” to “Congress”.
- 8.19 – Approved.



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3.11 **ARTICLE 9 – MANAGEMENT OF THE EDBF**

9.1 – Paragraph 1 - Proposal to change to “4 Vice Presidents”.

Vote: In Favour - 16/Against - 2/Abstentions: 0.

9.1 – Paragraph 1 – Approved.

9.1 – Paragraph 2 – No change. Approved.

9.2 – Delete “By exception, a fourth or subsequent terms of office, may be permitted, provided that the Member of the Council concerned, if unopposed receives at least 80% of the voting members present at the Congress. Should the retiring post holder be opposed then the normal voting procedures for elections will apply”.

9.2 – Change “(3) Vice Presidents” to “(4) Vice Presidents”.

9.2 - Last sentence reworded to “The Full Member representatives shall retire in the same year as the President.

9.2 – Approved.

9.3 – In the last sentence change “Vice-Chair Holder” to “Vice President”.

9.3 – Approved.

9.4 – Delete “and Treasurer” and add “, Treasurer”.

9.4 – Add in “and Vice Presidents” after “Treasurer”.

9.4 - Delete “The Full and Basic Members” and add “The Full Members”

9.4 – Approved.

9.5 – Add “unless the Congress decides otherwise” at the end of the sentence.

9.5 – Approved.

9.6 – No change. Approved.

9.7 – No change. Approved.

9.8 – Paragraph 1 - Delete “with voting rights”. And add after Council, “in a non-voting capacity”.

9.8 – Approved.

3.12 **ARTICLE 10 – THE COUNCIL**

10.1 - Items to be re-numbered 10.1.1 – 10.1.8.

10.1 - Approved.

10.2 – No change. Approved.

3.13 **ARTICLE 11 – THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

No changes. Approved.

3.14 **ARTICLE 12 – EDBF COMMISSIONS**

12.1 – No change. Approved.

12.1.1 – No change. Approved.

12.1.2 – Delete item 2 “Technical Equipment (TECCOM)”.

12.1.3 – Re-number to 12.1.2.

12.1.3 - Approved.

12.1.4 – Re-number to 12.1.3

12.1.4 – Approved.



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Add the following wording “And other commissions as initiated by the IDBF”.

12.1 - Approved.

12.2 – No Change. Approved.

12.3 – No Change. Approved.

3.15 **ARTICLE 13 – DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, THE COUNCIL AND THE COMMISSIONS**

No change. Approved.

3.16 **ARTICLE 14 - EXPENSES OF OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES**

13.1 and 13.2 – To be re-numbered to “14.1” and “14.2”.

13.1 and 13.2 - Approved.

3.17 **ARTICLE 15 – DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT AND OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES**

15.1 – Add item “5. Full Members’ Representative”.

15.1 – Approved.

15.2 – Council to review the wording on this item to make it clearer.

Council

15.3 – Delete first sentence and re-word to “It is incumbent upon the Members Representative of the Council, to represent the views of their EDBF Members. It is also incumbent upon them and the Commission Chairholders....”.

15.3 Approved.

15.4 – Add “The Members Representative” instead of “Members Representatives”.

15.4 – Change “them” to “him or her”.

15.4 – Approved.

3.18 **ARTICLE 16 – DISCIPLINARY MEASURES**

16.1 – No change. Approved.

16.2 – No change. Approved.

16.3 – No change. Approved.

Procedural Note: Council to check the Bye-Law number.

Council

16.4 – No change. Approved.

3.19 **ARTICLE 17 – COURTS OF ARBITRATION**

17.2 – Delete the number “17.2”.

17 – Approved.

3.20 **ARTICLE 18 – COMPETITION REGULATION AND RULES OF RACING**

Change “rues” to “rules” in the second sentence.

Approved.

3.21



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ARTICLE 19 – GENERAL REGULATIONS

Change “GENERAL” to “SUPPLEMENTRY” in the title.

19.2 – Change all “General Regulations” to “Supplementary Regulations” throughout article.

Re-number items “19.2 – 19.7” to “19.1 – 19.4”.

Approved.

3.22 ARTICLE 20 – DISSOLUTION

20.1 – Delete “Governing Members” and replace with “Full Members”.

20.1 – Approved.

20.2 – Add in “Full” between “EDBF Members”, line 3.

20.2 – Approved.

20.3 – Delete “Exceptions”.

20.3 – Approved.

3.23 ARTICLE 21 – ADOPTION OF STATUTES

21.1 – Delete “These Statutes” and replace it with “The original EDBF Statutes”.

21.1 – Approved.

21.2 – “These Statutes” to “The original EDBF Statutes”. Approved.

21.3 – “These Statutes” to “The original EDBF Statutes”. Approved.

21.4 – “These Statutes” to “The original EDBF Statutes”. Approved.

21.5 – No change. Approved.

21.6 – No change. Approved.

21.7 – No change. Approved.

21.8 – No change. Approved.

21.9 – No change. Approved.

21.10 – Delete “AGA on the 4 August 2015” and reword to “EGA on 7th November 2015”.

21.10 – Approved; pending EDBF Council adjustments as detailed above.

3.24 Change date at bottom to 2015, November 7th.

4.00 Sundry Business

4.01 MH advised that the EDBF is to be registered in the UK as a company with a subsidiary office in Hong Kong. The company will be limited by guarantee without share capital. This is being done to protect all its members.

4.02 MH advised that the IDBF will be introducing in the near future a Digital Platform for the sport. An International Private Equity Fund has proposed to invest USD \$5 million to develop the Digital Sports Management Platform for the sport and generate ongoing finance for the IDBF and its Member Organisations and Affiliates. This will all be



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managed through a separate management company. There will be a charge of \$1 - \$5/head and in return the IDBF will get a share of the revenue. There will also be a rewards programme associated with this for the members. We therefore need to get our members and family and friends signed up. The private equity fund is interested in this project because of the numbers involved with the sport. The Chinese alone claim they have 50 million participants. There will be no liability on the IDBF or EDBF if we do not get the numbers to sign up or if individuals do not re-sign on an annual basis.

Once it is all set up we can in turn offer it to the other 23 non-Olympic sports at AIMS, which in turn will give back 50% of the revenue generated.

There are potentially huge benefits, but also there are huge risks.

- 1) Contractual relationship with the new management company.
- 2) Data and ownership of the platform must all be tied up in the contract.

4.03 MT advised that for the next WCCC in Adelaide in 2016 there was only one club entry registered from Europe so far.

5.00 Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned for day 1 at 18.00hrs.

Present – Day 2:

EDBF Board:

Mike Haslam	MH	President	GBR
Alan van Caubergh	AvC	Chairman	NLD
Claudio Schermi	CS	Senior Vice Chairman	ITA
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Claude Dorlhac	CD	FRA
Bartosz Wisniewski	BW	POL
Andrew Menzies	AM	GBR
Jergenijs Blazevics	JB	LAT
Peter Widhalm	PW	AUS
Clarence John	CJ	MON
Petr Klima	PK	CZE
Ian Rains	IR	CYR
Matthias Marbes	MM	SWI
Arild Jordskar	AJ	NOR
Roman Vernkoff	RV	BEL

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Fanni Nemeth	FN	HUN
Edina Hangya	EH	HUN
Hardi Murulia	HM	EST
Mike Thomas	MT	GBR
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Nils Asmussen	NA	Marketing & Media Chair Holder	GER

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DAY 2 – MINUTES

6.00 Roll Call

- 6.01 The meeting was formally re-opened at 09.30hrs with a formal welcome by EDBF President, Mike Haslam.



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- 6.02 The meeting respectfully held two minutes of silence in honour of Remembrance Day.
- 6.03 A roll call of the members was made and a quorum of over 50% of members were present; 21 nations attended.
- 6.04 Oleksandr Bakanychov had to leave on Saturday, so had left his voting instructions with the Secretary General.
- 6.05 It was advised that Roman Vernkhoff was carrying a proxy vote on behalf of Belarus.

7.00 Instructions Election of Officers

- 7.01 MH brought the following to the attention of the EGA.
- 7.02 The existing Chairman, Alan van Caubergh came into office in 2005. Under the old statutes 2 year term x 5 terms (2015) means he is not eligible now for re-election, as he has stood for more than 3 terms. However under the new statutes, 4 year term x 3 terms (2017) means he is eligible.
- 7.02 The existing Vice President, Claudio Schermi came into office in 2000. Under the old statutes 2 year term x 7 terms (2015) means he is not eligible for re-election. Under the new statutes, 4 year term x terms (2012) means he is still not eligible.
- 7.03 Hungary proposed that the length of terms of office going back should tie in with the new statutes, i.e. a 4 year term rather than a 2 year term to see who is eligible for election as officials. Going forward the term is 4 years, so for this transition year, 4 years should be considered also as the term period (Retroactive effect).
For example:
Alan (Chairman) 2005 - 2009, 2013 End 2017
Claudio (Vice President) 2000 - 2004, 2008 End 2012
Natalia (Treasurer) 2006 - 2010, 2014 End 2018
Vote: In Favour - 15/Against – 3/Abstentions – 2. Motion carried.
- 7.04 It was confirmed that the following candidates could stand at this election:
Alan van Caubergh – President.
Natalia Kravtsova – Treasurer
- 7.05 Claudio Schermi would not be able to stand again as he had exceeded the 12 year term, as he had been in office since 2000.



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- 7.06 As all the officers and member's representatives of the Council were being re-elected the length of tenure for each role needs to be reviewed. It was confirmed that the positions of President & Treasurer would stand for a 2 year term from now to tie in with the new statutes; retiring in 2017. The Secretary General and the 4 Vice Presidents retire together so would therefore stand for a 4 year term from now; retiring in 2019.
- 7.07 The following alterations were made to the Voting Slips:
President – Delete as this no longer exists. A President of Honour can be considered after the elections should the EGA so decide.
- 7.08 Chairman – Change to read “President”. Delete lines in red.
- 7.09 Vice Chair Holder – Change to Vice President. Change “two” to “four”. Delete “Claudio Schermi” from the list as he is no longer eligible. Delete lines in red.
- 7.10 Founder Members – Delete.
- 7.11 EDBF Governing Members Representative – Change to “EDBF Members Representative”. As this now includes all Full and Basic Members it was put to the floor whether any Basic Members in attendance would like to have their country name put forward. Cyprus requested to be added to the list.
- 7.12 On behalf of the Italian Dragon Boat Association, Claudio Schermi advised that he would be submitting an appeal as he considered the process was not a valid voting process as there was no opportunity for him to stand for any other position under the new statutes, since he was no longer eligible as a nominee for Vice President. Italy requested that it was recorded that they felt they had been discriminated against, especially as Cyprus had been allowed to add their name as a Governing Members Representative to the Council.
- 7.12 Italy requested proof that Roman Vernkhoff had authority from Belarus to represent them in accordance with the statutes. KB, Secretary General, advised she has received an email from Belarus giving power of authority to Roman to vote on their behalf. Due to lack of internet connection KB was unable to physically show Italy the email.
- 7.13 The following Scrutineers were appointed.
Sue Menzies (GBR)
Thomas Arbeiter (NLD)
- 7.14 MH advised that no nominations were received for the Commission Chair Holders as at the time of nominations these were not elected



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positions under the old statutes. It was therefore proposed that the current chair holders will need to stand until the next AGA in Rome in 2016.

Vote: In Favour - 14 /Against - 1/ Abstentions – 6. Motion carried.

8.00 Elections of Officers and Member's Representatives of the Council

8.01 Voting – President:

Alan van Caubergh (NL) – 16

Peter Jarosi (HUN) – 4

Abstain – 1

8.02 Alan Van Caubergh was elected as the EDBF President.

8.03 Voting - Vice Presidents (4):

Oleksandr Bakanychov (UKR) – 2

Ute Becker (GER) – 20

Kim Beckwith (NL) - 18

Peter Jarosi (HUN) - 18

Petr Klima (CZE) – 9

8.04 Ute Becker, Kim Beckwith, Peter Jarosi and Petr Klima were elected as the EDBF Vice Presidents.

8.05 Secretary General:

Julie Doyle (IRL) – 20

Abstain – 1

8.06 Julie Doyle was elected as the EDBF Secretary General

8.07 Treasurer:

Maura Desi (ITA) – 3

Edina Hangya (HUN) – 6

Natalia Kravtsova (UKR) – 11

8.08 Natalia Kravtsova was elected as the EDBF Treasurer.

8.09 EDBF Members Representatives to Council (5):

Austria – 4

Czech Republic – 4

France – 4

Germany – 15

Great Britain – 14

Hungary – 9

Italy – 15

Netherlands – 2

Norway – 2



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Poland – 12
Portugal – 1
Spain – 2
Sweden – 9
Ukraine – 1
Switzerland – 4
Cyprus – 2

8.10 A Re-vote between Hungary & Sweden was required as both received the same number of votes:

Hungary – 7
Sweden – 14

8.11 Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Poland and Sweden were voted as the EDBF Members Representatives to Council.

8.12 MH thanked the scrutineers for their assistance with the count.

8.13 The chairman thanked everyone for their formal vote in accordance with the new statutes and handed over to Alan van Caubergh for him to run the meeting.

8.14 AvC proposed that the EGA nominate Mike Haslam as the new President of Honour for all his hardwork bringing the sport into the modern era; all agreed. MH accepted the new position with honour.

9.00 Update EDBF 12th European Nations Championships, Rome, Italy

9.01 We need to revive the European Nations Championships, as the participation numbers have been declining over the last number of years. The reasons for this are unclear, but it maybe that the paddlers are unhappy with the way the events have been run.

Attendance:

2012 – 1100 athletes
2013 – 1200 athletes
2014 – 1100 – 1200 athletes
2015 – 1100 athletes

9.02 The number of different countries attending these events is also a key indicator to the IOC.

9.03 EDBF 12th European Nations Championships 2016 will be held at Laghetto dell'EUR, Rome, Italy between 27th – 31st July 2016.

9.04 The racing course is located close to the city & circa 20 minutes from the airport. The course itself is 800m x 60m with a depth of 2.5m. The event



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will run with 4 racing lanes. It is currently anticipated that the 2000m will be run on another lake or on the river.

- 9.05 CS guaranteed that all expenses of the event will be covered by FIDB.
- 9.06 It was requested that the event admin fee would be set at €60/person + Sponsorship.
- 9.07 Clarence John from Monaco left the meeting at 12.30hrs.
- 9.08 CS stated that Bulletin no. 1 would be issued as soon as possible.
- 9.09 It was requested that the closing date for entries is set at 60 days before the event to allow sufficient time to process ID badges.
- 9.10 In order to attract more junior teams to the event Poland proposed the following – A junior qualifies in the year that they turn the age, not the month, as the current IDBF rules state.
Vote: In Favour - 17/Against 0/Abstentions - 1
This proposal will be put as a supplementary addition to the EDBF Racing Rules and Regulations, as a one year trial only.
Poland said this rule change will greatly assist them with recruiting a junior team and will definitely support the event in Rome.

10.00 Bids for Future Championships (Estonia, France)

Option 1

- 10.01 EDBF European Club Crew Championships 2017 – Aidu Watersports Arena, Estonia. The event would be delivered by the Estonian Dragon Boat Association (Official Bid as IDBF/EDBF Member).
- 10.02 Aidu is located 145Km from Tallin Airport.
- 10.03 The Aidu Watersports Arena is brand new. The construction work is due for completion in late 2016 – early 2017.
- 10.04 Hotel accommodation (500 beds) is located 20km – 45km from Aidu. Hotel rates are circa €60/€80 for double or twin room. There is a camp site (100beds) and hostels more locally.
- 10.05 The course measure 2,300m x 163m x 3.5m – 5.5m in depth.
- 10.06 The professional organising team have not organised a big dragon boat event before, but they have organised other sporting events. Should the event go ahead it would be the first biggest event held at the Aidu



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Watersports Arena.

- 10.07 Partners to the championships would be – Enefit, Enterprise Estonia.
- 10.08 The plan is to organise a test event at the venue in 2016.
- 10.09 Tallin Cup ,Tallin, Estonia – September 2016. Roman Vernkoff, as an Affiliate Member of the EDBF made a presentation on the Tallin Cup in Estonia.
- 10.10 MH made it clear to the meeting that this presentation was for information purposes only as the EDBF could only accept one bid from a nation for a championships.

Option 2

- 10.11 EDBF European Club Crew Championships 2017 – Divonne les Bains, France. The event would be delivered by Dragon Boat Sans Frontieres (Event Organisers) who ran the EDBF ECCC 2015.
- 10.12 The course is located 10 – 15 mins from Geneva Airport.
- 10.13 The focus for the event would be driving participant numbers up for a ECCC, the culture and traditions of the sport, plus engaging with the youth with a programme of children’s activities run around the championships.
- 10.14 Entry fee envisaged at €55/head.
- 10.15 Vote: Estonia – In Favour: 8
Vote: Divonne – In Favour: 11
- 10.16 Divonne les Bains was voted for as the venue for the ECCC 2017.
- 10.17 EDBF 12th European Nations Championships, Rome, Italy.
The admin fee was agreed at €60/head + €15/head EDBF fee.
Vote: In Favour - 16/Against – 0/Abstentions – 0.
The admin fee for juniors was agreed at €30/head + €5/head EDBF fee.
Motion carried. It was noted that the €60 admin fee needs to include tents and boats for the competitors.
- 10.18 EDBF European club Crew Championships, Divonne les Bains, France.
The admin fee was agreed at €55/head + €15/head EDBF fee.
Vote: In Favour – 15.
Motion carried.



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10.19 EDBF 13th European Nations Championships, Brandenburg, Germany.
The DDV will deliver a presentation at the next Congress.

11.00 Meeting Adjourns

11.01 Meeting closed at 13.59hrs.

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Respectfully submitted,

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