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MINUTES OF THE EDBF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, 18th November 2016 at 09.00hrs

Held at Hotel Areca Cerca del Aeropuerto, Alicante, Spain

Present:

Alan van Caubergh	AvC	EDBF President	NLD
Peter Jarosi	PJ	EDBF Vice President	HUN
Nataliia Kravtsova	NK	EDBF Treasurer	UKR
Julie Doyle	JD	EDBF Secretary General	IRE
Andrew Menzies	AM	Nations Representative	GBR
Csenge Báthory-Bozó	CBB	Translator	HUN

1.00 Welcome Address / Apologies

Actions

1.01 AvC welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated he was disappointed that 3 Vice Presidents were not present for the meeting.

1.02 Apologies were received from:
Mike Haslam, EDBF Honorary President.
Kim Beckwith, EDBF Vice President.
Peter Klima, EDBF Vice President.
Ute Becker-Frenzel, Vice President

1.03 It was confirmed that 4 out of 7 Executive Committee members were present at the meeting, so we would be able to make decisions.

2.00 Confirmation of Agenda

2.01 Agenda confirmed as presented with the addition of item:
5A) EDBF policy for non-paying members.

3.00 Acceptance of Previous EDBF Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

3.01 The minutes of the previous EDBF Executive Committee Meeting held on 27th July 2016 were accepted in full.

4.00 Matters Arising from the Previous EDBF Board Meeting

4.01 No matters were arising from the previous EDBF Board Meeting that were not on the agenda.

5.00 EDBF Treasurer's Report and Audit

5.01 The queries raised in the audit of the 2014 EDBF Financial Statement by Edina Hangya of Hungary have not yet been fully responded to. Some verbal responses



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have been given, but it was requested that NK produce a spreadsheet, which shows the query on one side and the response on the other with the necessary back up information attached. This was to be actioned by 19/11/16. The responses are to be checked by Edina Hangya and then the accounts need to be formally approved by the Executive Committee and Congress.

- 5.02 AvC advised that all his backup invoices for the 2014 and 2015 period are in one folder, which is currently in Australia with the IDBF for audit. AvC to request the return of the folder to allow the EDBF 2014 audit to be closed off. AvC
- 5.03 NK presented the 2015 EDBF Financial Statement. On first glance it was noted that the balance sheet was not correct. The Executive Committee had not had a chance to review the accounts in advance of the meeting and that they could not reasonably review and question them adequately as this was the first time they had been seen.
- 5.04 In future the Executive Committee must receive the Financial Statements in advance of the meeting in order that they can come prepared with the necessary questions. NK
- 5.05 EDBF bank balances as at 18/11/16:
Current Account - €34,803.01
Savings Account - €19,811.51
Championship Account - €0.00
Cash in Hand - €0.00
- 5.06 NK advised that 12 countries had paid their 2016 annual membership (9 by EFT & 3 by cash). It was questioned why only 12 had paid when 15 nations competed at the ENC in Rome.
- 5.07 As there were a number of nations who have not yet paid their EDBF annual membership, it was agreed that all outstanding debts need to be chased as soon as possible. The following actions were agreed.
- 1) NK to produce an updated table to summarise the current status of membership payments. This can be highlighted to the members at the Extra Ordinary Congress tomorrow, to try and reach out to the countries to pay their outstanding debts. NK
 - 2) AvC to send out an email by mid-December 2016 to all countries who are currently in debt requesting payment of their membership by 31st December 2016. AvC
 - 3) All outstanding debts by each country needs to be clearly identified in the annual accounts. NK
 - 4) AvC to send out an email to all nations stating that a pre-requisite for racing at the ECCC is that clubs need to make sure that their national federation pays their annual membership fee. A non-payment of annual membership fees will means clubs will not be allowed to race. AvC



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5) Announce in ECCC 2017 Bulletin no. 1, that all debts and annual membership must be settled by their national federation, otherwise the EDBF will not allow a club crew to race in Divonne-les-Bains. JD

5.08 NK confirmed that for 2016 there were no outstanding EDBF Registration fees from any country.

5A.00 EDBF Policy for Non-Paying Members

5A.01 Starting from 2017 and the ECCC in Divonne-les-Bains the EDBF needs to reinforce with the clubs that they will not be allowed to race in the Championships if their Governing Federation has not paid their annual membership. JD

5A.02 It was agreed to set a payment deadline of 1st April; any payments received after this date would incur a penalty of an additional €50. It was noted that invoices must be issued annually in January to all Governing Federations. NK

5A.03 It was felt that there was a need for the EDBF to highlight what the membership fee was being used for. NK

6.00 Vice President's Duties and Responsibilities

6.01 It was noted that the duties of the Vice Presidents are recorded in the EDBF Bye-Laws, but in reality we have not seen any work from the Vice Presidents in 2016.

6.02 The workload is currently very unbalanced between the Executive Committee. AvC is overloaded with work; the Vice Presidents therefore need to be more proactive. There is also a lot of work picked up by the Secretary General.

6.03 What would the Vice Presidents suggest they could do/want to do on their own?

6.04 KB has advised she would like to deal with:

- 1) Female participation/Women's issues
- 2) Analysing participation data.
- 3) Member's Surveys.

6.05 AvC to confirm to KB to proceed with items she put forward. AvC

6.06 PJ advised that he is interested in trying to improve the sport. Has put a lot of time and effort into working on the presentations for the Congress tomorrow. He would like to focus in on championship organisation, the problem of ageing athletes and the general development of the sport.

6.07 PK is also very experienced in championship organisation so this could be an area he could look into.



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- 6.08 UBF could look at the development of juniors at European level and assist PJ with the bigger vision of the sport/
- 6.09 It was decided to allocate the jobs tomorrow after PJ presentation. AvC
- 6.10 A minute secretary, preferably English speaking needs to be sought. AvC / JD
- 7.00 Communication**
- 7.01 Regular Skype meetings to be set up every 3 months. JD to issue a schedule of dates to all. Sunday was suggested as the best day to hold the meeting. JD
- 8.00 EDBF Statutes**
- 8.01 The EDBF Statues, Bye-Laws and procedural notes need some minor amendments. AvC to see if Mike Haslam and Claudio Schermi will action this. AvC
- 9.00 Slovakia Membership Status**
- 9.01 It was agreed that the EDBF will write off the back debt of the Slovak Dragon Boat Association and review their membership status accordingly. It was also agreed to revive the EDBF club membership which would allow DBC Dracia Legia 2012 Trencin (Slovakian dragon boat club) to participate in future EDBF ECCC and ENC.
- 10.00 Champion Corporate Agreement**
- 10.1 AvC advised he had visited Mr. Zonghyi Luo of Champion Dragon Boats who has said he wants to be more involved with the EDBF Championships.
- He would like to:
- 1) Provide free dragon boats to the EDBF events with no rental charges. The event would however have to cover the transportation costs to and from Hungary where they would be stored. It was noted that he boat deal has already been negotiated with BuK Boats for the ENC 2018 in Germany.
 - 2) Finance showcasing the traditional cultural Chinese customs of the sport by providing balloons, flags, dragon dancers, eye dotting ceremony etc.
 - 3) Give a financial bonus to the EDBF (e.g. €10,000) if an EDBF event was held in a capital city e.g. Paris.
 - 4) In general encourage more international dragon boat events in Europe.
- It was agreed that AvC could continue his negotiations with Mr. Luo to see what deal could be arranged. The final negotiations will take place within the next 2 – 3 months as the EDBF would want to put in place the negotiations for the 2017 ECCC in Divonne-les-Bains, France. AvC
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11.00 Any Other Business

11.01 **A – New EDBF Logo**

JD to send out a request to EDBF members to see if anyone comes up with a new logo idea. JD

11.02 **B – Website Management**

KB arrived at the end of the meeting and advised that Stefan Jager was happy to continue managing the website.

11.03 **C – IDBF Rules**

Not discussed, deferred to Extra Ordinary Congress Agenda – 20th November 2016.

11.04 **D – Race Programming / Competition Classes**

Not discussed, deferred to Extra Ordinary Congress Agenda – 20th November 2016.

11.05 **E – Championships Organisation**

Not discussed, deferred to Extra Ordinary Congress Agenda – 20th November 2016.

11.06 Discussion took place on IDBF Race Officials at Championships.

11.06a It was stated that the Event generally pays for the accommodation for the officials for a pre-agreed number of nights. Officials arriving earlier or staying on longer than the agreed nights should cover the cost of this additional accommodation themselves. The EDBF Event Handbook states 25no. officials need to be budgeted for. The EDBF will pay air fares for the Chief Official and other officials only if the budget is available.

11.06b It was noted that certain individuals are sometimes wearing two hats at a Championships by acting as a Team Manager and a Race Official in order that they can get their accommodation paid. All agreed that if Race Officials are not doing their job correctly at an event they would not be invited again to the next Championships.

11.06c Discussion took place on whether IDBF Race Officials should be sanctioned first by their own countries Governing Body before being allowed to sign up to an EDBF Championships. Also should IDBF Race Officials have to officiate at one event as a minimum in their own country each year to keep up their skills. Concern was raised that in some countries there may be a clash of personality and individuals would not get the chance to officiate at the required one event and therefore not be allowed to officiate at the EDBF Championships.

11.06d It was agreed that the EDBF should ask each national federation who their active officials are. The EDBF will not disregard the opinions of the national



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federations, but they must have the power to override names put forward to officiate at EDBF Championships.

11.06e Slawek set up a Race Officials database, but it is not currently being updated. AvC
This needs to be actioned.

12.00 Date, Time and Place of the Next Meeting

12.01 Divonne-les-Bains, France in 2017 – Exact date and time to be confirmed.

Minutes produced by Julie Doyle – EDBF Secretary General – 7th May 2017

Signed by:

Alan van Caubergh
President
European Dragon Boat Federation

Dated: 7th May 2017