



# EUROPEAN DRAGON BOAT FEDERATION

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## **MINUTES OF THE EDBF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 10.00hrs**

**Held at INHotel, Belgrade, Serbia**

### **Present:**

Mike Mackeddie - Haslam	MH	EDBF Honorary President	GBR (pm only)
Alan van Caubergh	AvC	EDBF President	NLD
Claudio Schermi	CS	EDBF President Elect	ITA
Peter Jarosi	PJ	EDBF Vice President	HUN
Ute Becker-Frenzel	UB	EDBF Vice President	GER
Kim Beckwith	KB	EDBF Vice President	NLD (pm only)
Julie Doyle	JD	EDBF Secretary General	IRL
Nataliia Kravtsova	NK	EDBF Treasurer	UKR (pm only)
Maura Dezi	MD	EDBF Treasurer Elect	ITA (pm only)
Csenge Báthory-Bozó	CBB	Translator	HUN

### **1.00 Welcome Address / Roll Call**

### **Actions**

- 1.01 AvC welcomed everyone to the meeting with a special welcome to the President Elect, Claudio Schermi.
- 1.02 Apologies were received from Petr Klima, EDBF Vice President.

### **2.00 Confirmation of Agenda**

- 2.01 Agenda confirmed as presented.

### **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 2017 were accepted in full.

### **4.00 Matters Arising from the Previous EDBF Executive Committee Meeting**

- 4.01 AvC advised that the EDBF needs to be formerly registered in The Netherlands as that is where the bank accounts are registered. This has to be done within the next 6 months. AvC
- 4.02 It was noted that the EDBF bank is currently set up in The Netherlands and there is no branch in Italy where our new Treasurer is located.
- 4.03 AvC confirmed he will visit Maura in Italy on 17/12/17 and bring Nataliia's bank card and machine and then Maura will be able to access the EDBF bank account. Once AvC has transferred the IDBF monies across to the new IDBF account, he will handover his own card and machine to Maura. AvC will give NK a letter of indemnity so whatever happens after the point she hands over the bank card is nothing to do with her. AvC



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## **5.00 EDBF Treasurer's Report and Audit – 2014 Accounts**

5.01 As at 22/11/17:

Contingency Fund - €19,833.00

General Fund - €26,336.21

Total - €46,169.21

5.02 AvC confirmed that his expenses have been paid up until end of June 2017, so there are still expenses to settle for the second half of the year. CS also has a few expenses outstanding.

5.03 Regards the outstanding 2014 accounts, PJ advised that NK had recently sent them an email with some more details but with the organisation of the WCCC in Hungary they are too busy to review the accounts again. He confirmed they had not had the supporting documents as originally requested. In order to settle this matter PJ proposed that Hungary would not accept or reject the 2014 EDBF accounts, but give a non-judgement.

5.04 AvC advised that accounting is normally done on an accrual basis where everything for a given year is documented for that year. NK did not understand this system therefore her accounts would never have been correct as the format was wrong. AvC had offered to re-do the EDBF 2014 accounts, but it would not be possible to give an accurate statement without doing the 2013 accounts as well.

5.05 AvC advised that for 2014 he had seen every transaction and bills were not paid until he had given permission. He also confirmed that he had seen all the bank statements.

5.06 The Executive Committee confirmed they were now happy with the 2014 EDBF accounts.

5.07 It was confirmed that the EDBF accounts for 2015 and 2016 were already accepted by Congress.

5.08 NK presented the 2017 EDBF accounts to date. These still need to be finalised as year end had not been reached. It was confirmed that Maura Dezi will complete these and prepare the 2017 EDBF year end accounts. MD

5.09 From 2018 onwards the EDBF will use a specialist accounting package.

## **6.00 EDBF Basic Members to EDBF Full Members**

6.01 The full list of EDBF members were reviewed to see who was currently active in Europe. It was believed that 23 nations were active.



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- 6.02 The only difference between a Basic Member and Full Member is that a Basic Member cannot vote on statute changes. It is also conditional that the member gets recognition in their country as the Governing Federation.
- 6.03 Current Basic Members are:  
Armenia, Israel, Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Georgia and Slovakia.
- 6.04 JD to check with NK as to when each nation first joined the EDBF. JD
- 7.00 Annual Fees Proposed by the Executive Committee**
- 7.01 In 2017, 22 nations paid annual membership to the EDBF which resulted in an income of €3,260.00; circa 10% of the annual income.
- 7.02 Current EDBF Annual Membership Fees:  
- Full Member - €150/year  
- Basic Member - €50/year  
- Surcharge of €50 if not paid in full by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017.
- 7.03 For 2017, only Armenia, Georgia & Israel were charged €50.
- 7.04 Proposed 2018 EDBF Annual Membership Fees to be agreed at the 2017 Convention. AvC  
- Full Member - €250/year  
- Basic Member - €150/year  
- Surcharge of €50 if not paid in full by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018.
- 7.05 It is important that we explain to the Convention that we had tried out a lower membership fee to see if it encouraged more membership payments, but this was not the case so we have decided to restore it to the previous charge. AvC
- 7.06 To be confirmed at 2017 Convention to all Nations: AvC  
- Annual membership invoices to go out on 15/01/18.  
- Reminder 1 to be sent out on 15/02/18.  
- Reminder 2 to be sent out on 15/03/18.  
- Non-payment after 01/04/17 then €50 surcharge will be implemented.
- 7.07 Going forward CS will work with PJ to chase up on non-payment of annual membership fees. Also due to the WCCC 2018 running in Hungary PJ will work on forcing members to join. CS/PJ
- 7.08 JD advised that Slawek Borucki is blocking the Championships online registration system for the ENC, so if a nation has not paid their annual membership they will not be able to register their team.
- 7.09 Going forward all countries will need to make payments by electronic transfer and only by exception will payments be accepted in cash e.g. Russia, Moldova.



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Special permission will need to be granted by the President annually. Those countries who need to pay in cash could always pay their membership in advance or we could propose to share the bank fees with them.

7.10 Going forward we need to increase the Revenue for the EDBF by perhaps running some World Cups then we could go to a large sponsor and sell our World Cup Circuit. CS

7.11 MH raised the point that the EDBF should ask the IDBF for 50 cents/person from their new membership scheme which is to be introduced in 2018. CS agreed to raise the point with IDBF President Mike Thomas. CS

## **8.00 EDBF Statutes & Bye Laws Update**

8.01 It was agreed that AvC, MH and CS will update the final few Statutes and Bye Laws then submit to Council for approval. CS/MH /AvC

## **9.00 Any Other Business**

### **9.01 EDBF Finance Officer**

Maura Dezi confirmed that she does not require an assistant at present, but should she need some assistance for collecting registration fees at a Championships she can arrange for someone e.g. AvC to stand in for her whilst she is in the Executive and Council Meeting. All confirmed this was not an open invite, as the right person with the right skillset was needed.

### **9.02 Replacement EDBF Race Officials Co-ordinator**

A replacement EDBF Race Officials Co-ordinator is the responsibility of the Chair of the ComSpec to appoint. JD to advise Saed Abdulla. Maybe this is a role AvC could take on in the future as he has been heavily involved in the past. JD

9.03 AvC advised that the EDBF have pledged to help Estonia as a developing nation with 45 paddles. AvC has made a deal with Champion to purchase wooden paddles at a cost of US\$20 each x 45 = US\$900. Unfortunately to transport the paddles from China was going to cost US\$2,200. A solution to this needs to be found. The paddles have not yet been bought. AvC advised that a condition of sending boats and paddles was for Armenia to send teams to the CCWC and/or ENC in 2018. The boat supplier for the CCWC 2018 has yet to be agreed. PJ advised that it is out to competitive tender and is between Champion or Peishing. This may be the solution to get the paddles to Europe and then Armenia can collect them from the Championships.

9.04 AvC advised that the new BuK/Peishing boats could only be sold outside of Europe & Northern America. BuK boats are still sold in Europe.

9.05 UB confirmed that BuK boats would be used at the ENC 2018.



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- 9.06 Discussion took place on what people felt about Egypt joining the EDBF. AvC advised they were actively promoting dragon boating in Cairo. It was noted that they are really part of Africa, although it was agreed to welcome them into the EDBF it was felt they should help develop the sport in Africa.
- 9.07 Discussion took place on running a joint IDBF/ICF dragon boat event following the active discussion at the IDBF Congress in China. It was agreed to keep communication channels open with the ICF on how we could jointly make this happen and how we move forward after one event.
- 9.08 **ICF Championships In Ukraine**  
Valerii Morgun, President of the Ukraine Dragon Boat Federation has advised that he will be organising an ICF Championships in 2019. It was noted that the Executive Committee were not happy with one of the EDBF members running a Championships for the ICF, but were not in a position to force him not to.
- 9.09 **Lack of attendance of Council Members at Meetings**  
Going forward more electronic meetings would be organised which would assist with meeting attendance. Also formalising the expense reimbursement system may help attendance.
- 9.10 The EDBF need to acknowledge Founders and past Presidents of the Federation before people forget who they are. MH agreed to look at this and propose some titles to the Council for consideration. MH
- 10.00 Date, Time and Place of the Next Meeting**
- 10.01 EDBF Executive Meeting Monday, 29/01/18 at 18.30hrs GMT via Zoom – 2 hrs
- 10.02 Future meetings will be held on the last Monday of each month.
- 11.03 MD to set up a Zoom account and forward details to all parties on how it works. MD

Minutes produced by Julie Doyle – EDBF Secretary General.

Signed by:

Alan van Caubergh  
President  
European Dragon Boat Federation

Dated: 22nd December 2017