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EDBF EXTRA ORDINARY CONGRESS

Saturday, 19th November 2016 & Sunday, 20th November 2016 @ 09.00hrs
Held at Hotel Areca Cerca del Aeropuerto, Alicante, Spain

Present – Saturday, 19th November 2016:

EDBF Executive Committee:

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

Honorary Guests (Non-Voting):

Mike Thomas	MT	IDBF President	GBR
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Voting Members:

Zoran Vukobranovic	ZV		SRB
Robin Magnusson	RM		SWE
Mick Doyle	MD		IRE
Arild Jordskar	AJ		NOR
Claudio Schermi	CS		ITA
Andrew Menzies	AM		GBR
Alexey Shirokov	AS		RUS
Claude Dorlhac	CD		FRA
Jorge Carracedo	JC		SPN
Thomas Arlaitw	TA		GER
Valerii Morgan	VM		UKR
Otto Duindam	OD		NLD
Makar Sazgsyan	MS		ARM
Csenge Báthory-Bozó	CBB		HUN

Other (Non-Voting):

Gitta Weberi	GW		GER
Elena Serdiule	ES	Assistant to Valerii Morgan	UKR
Slawek Borucki	SB		POL
Adrian Cegarra Garcia	ACG		SPN

Commissions (Non-Voting):

Saed Abdalla	SA	ComSpec Chair	GER
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Apologises:

Mike Haslam		Honorary President	GBR
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Nils Asmussen		Marketing & Media Chair	GER



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Bridget Walter	ComSpec Member	SWI
Peter Widhalm		AUT
Sylvain Munier		FRA
Matthias Marbes		SWI
Adrian Dyer		CYR
Ana Paula Cunha		POR
Clarence John		-

<u>Item</u>		<u>Action</u>
1.00	<u>Welcome Address by the EDBF President.</u>	
1.01	The meeting was formally opened at 09.05hrs with a formal welcome by Alan van Caubergh, EDBF President. AvC also welcomed: Mike Thomas, IDBF President Slawek Borucki, Programming Specialist Saed Abdalla, ComSpec Chair	
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.	
3.00	<u>Appointment of Scrutineers for the Congress</u>	
3.01	The following individuals were appointed as scrutineers for the Congress: Otto Duindam (NLD) Mike Thomas (IDBF President)	
4.00	<u>Confirmation of the Published Agenda</u>	
4.01	The agenda as published was confirmed.	
5.00	<u>Acceptance of the Minutes of the EDBF Ordinary Congress</u>	
5.01	The minutes of the 27th EDBF Ordinary Congress held on 1st August 2016 were accepted in full, apart from the following changes.	
5.02	Item 7.05, Page 5 – KB confirmed that Stefan Jager, current EDBF webmaster was happy to continue in his role.	
5.03	Item 8.03, Page 6 – To be re-worded as follows: “Hungary have carried out an audit of the 2014 EDBF Accounts, but the 2014 Financial Report has not been accepted. Further details are to be provided by the EDBF Treasurer”.	



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5.04	Item 8.04, Page 6 – To be re-worded as follows: “The 2015 EDBF Financial Report is to be presented at the Extra Ordinary Congress in November 2016. This is to be audited by Germany”.	
6.00	<u>Financial Report, Auditor’s Report and Approval of Accounts and Budgets.</u>	
6.01	The 2014 EDBF Accounts audit is not complete, as there were no paper invoices available for checking as they are currently in Australia for audit by the IDBF. Some bank statements were also missing.	
6.02	Germany have not yet had an opportunity to audit the 2015 EDBF Accounts as they have only just been produced by NK.	
6.03	Claudio Schermi (Italy) registered a formal complaint with regard to the 2015 EDBF Accounts not being ready for the membership to review and that the missing paperwork had not been provided to close off the audit for the 2014 EDBF Accounts.	
6.04	EDBF Bank balances as at 31/12/15: Current Account - €11,164.64 Savings Account - €19,959.47	
6.05	EDBF Bank balances as at 19/11/16: Current Account - €34,803.01 Savings Account - €19,811.51 NK noted there were substantial expenses still owing to AvC.	
6.06	It was noted that the amount owing in EDBF membership for 2016 is €2,042.	
6.07	It was agreed that if the 2017 EDBF membership was not paid in full by 1 st April 2017, then there would be a surcharge of €50 on top of the existing fee.	NK
6.08	It was agreed that within two weeks of today’s date, the EDBF President would send out an email to all nations noting their outstanding fees. An official communication from AvC was also to be sent to all nations explaining the process for 2017.	AvC
6.09	It was agreed that the 2015 EDBF Accounts could not be accepted as they have not been audited. Approval of the 2015 Accounts to be actioned at the next meeting.	
6.10	For all future events, EDBF Registration Fees or Event Administration Fees must be paid by Electronic Funds Transfer. Currently too many payments are being done in cash on arrival at a Championships. This is very time consuming for the Treasurer, it can cause cash flow difficulties for the event organiser, plus there is limited safe storage for the cash. Only by absolute exception and agreement in advance will cash be accepted. The cash payment may also incur a cash payment charge as it is more costly to bank cash.	ALL



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6.11 It was noted that the EDBF had to put a substantial cash injection into the ECCC in Divonne-les-Bains in 2015. AvC advised that the event location was only confirmed in January 2015 and it was known then that there would be a deficit in the budget. The event organisers were not able to obtain sponsorship for the event due to the lateness of event award. This payment was by exception and will not happen in 2017.

7.00 Approval of Annual Fees Proposed by the Executive Committee

7.01 It was noted that a number of Governing Federations are not paying the annual EDBF Membership Fee. It was also noted that there has been a general lack of invoices issued by the Treasurer for the EDBF Annual Membership which may be a cause of non-payment. A lot of Governing Federations will not pay out until they receive an invoice.

7.02 Current EDBF Membership Fees:
Full Members – €150/year
Basic Members – €50/year for first 3 years, then €150 thereafter.

7.03 The following EDBF Membership Fees were agreed from 2017 onwards:
Full Members - €150/year
Basic Members - €50 for Year 1, €50 for Year 2 and €150/year thereafter.

7.04 Serbia arrived at 09.25hrs.

Supporters Rate at ECCC/ENC

7.05 Currently supporters are required to pay the same rate as athletes attending a ECCC or ENC and this was deemed unreasonable, as they don't get value for money.

7.06 It was confirmed that the Supporter's Rate at an ECCC or ENC will be set at 30% of the Athletes Rate. E.g. If the Administration Fee is set at €60, then a supporter will only pay €18. This obviously does not entitle the supporters to all the extra add ons like transport.

8.00 Appointment of a Full Member to be Responsible for Auditing the 2016 Accounts.

8.01 It was confirmed that the following Full Members will audit the EDBF accounts:
2016 – The Netherlands
2017 – Norway

9.00 The Future of Dragon Boat Racing – Presentation by Peter Jarosi

9.01 Presentation 1 by Peter Jarosi - The Changes, Trends in Dragon Boat as a Sport in Europe and the World.

9.02 The problems of dragon boating to be resolved are:



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- 1) Junior Development.
- 2) Standard boat v small boat.
- 3) Rules of racing.
- 4) Organisation of Championships.

9.03 The facts:

- 1) Ageing demographic.
- 2) Lack of juniors.
- 3) Shift in the boundary of age groups, seniors fit, but not juniors.
- 4) Modifying bulletins in run up to Championships.
- 5) Standard boat V small boat, shift in popularity of small boats.
- 6) Overload and decline of number of athletes.

9.04 Presentation 2 by Peter Jarosi - The Future of Dragon Boat – Junior Development

9.05 A vote of thanks was given to Peter Jarosi for making the presentations and Mike Thomas with helping pull together all the data.

10.00 Report/Recommendations – Small Boats V Standard Boats

10.01 Statistics currently show that the small boat race category is becoming ever more popular amongst the athletes. Following much discussion it was evident that most nations wanted to try and keep the standard boat as the main race category as this was the corner stone of the sport. It was noted there appears to be more impact in the EDBF ECCC rather than the EDBF ENC, so the two events may need to be treated differently.

10.02 It was agreed that it was too soon to try to implement any rule changes for 2017, but it might be achievable by 2018. Further review will continue to see how the standard boat and small boat can work at EDBF Championships without diluting the race categories.

10.03 Whatever the outcome there is the risk that if the EDBF don't allow small boats in the championships then the ICF will take it over.

10.04 It was noted how different federations operate with the small and standard boats.
Germany – Separate championships for small boats and standard boats.
Sweden – Only have small boat championships
Italy – Combined championships
Poland – Combined championships
Hungary – Separate championships, but use the standard boats with 10 paddlers.
Ukraine – Combined championships
Spain – Combined championships
Netherlands – Combined championships
Czech Republic – Combined championships
Romania – Only have small boat championships
Armenia – Combined championships



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	Russia – Combined championships Great Britain – Only have standard boat championships Ireland – Only have standard boat championships Serbia – Only have standard boat championships	
10.05	Ukraine’s translator joined the meeting at 12.57hrs.	
10.06	Alexey Shirokov (RUS) left the meeting at lunchtime.	
10.07	From the discussions the following ideas were put forward. Germany: At local & national level we need to offer both small and standard boat categories, but we need to be careful whatever decision we make we may effect the other category. ENC focus on standard boats, but use small boats as well. ECCC teams can choose to race in both.	
10.08	Hungary: Premier Class & Senior A – Standard boat (ENC), but flexible for ECCC. U24 - Small boat Junior class – Focus on standard boat for 200m & 2000m only Allowances/flexibility for Senior B/Basic Members we need to be flexible.	
10.09	Sweden: Keep the categories open for everyone and let the teams choose.	
10.10	Italy: Two different championships – one small boat championships & one standard boat championships.	
11.00	<u>Report/Recommendations – Junior Dragon Boat Development Within the EDBF.</u>	
11.01	Conclusion for developments of juniors. a) Motivation. b) Enforcement. c) Family Model. d) Introducing the tendering system. e) Continued professional development for coaches. f) Junior cups to be developed. g) Contribution towards transportation expenses by the federation. h) Universities Cup within the ECCC or ENC. i) Collaboration with local clubs.	
11.02	There is currently a lot of good work being done within Europe for the development of juniors within the sport, but we all need to share this information and extract the bits which are working well.	Jnr Com



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12.00	<u>Report/Recommendations – Raising The Profile of the EDBF – Website/Logo/Facebook</u>	
12.01	Work needs to be done on raising the profile of the EDBF and ensuring that the website and facebook page is updated regularly.	JD
12.02	Anyone interested in joining the Marketing and Media Commission and who has the necessary skillset, should contact the Secretary General (secretary@edbf.org). The final appointment of a position on the commission will be made by the EDBF Executive Committee.	ALL
12.03	A request was made for members to send in interesting articles and exciting news that could be posted on the EDBF website and facebook page. Information to be sent to the Secretary General.	ALL
13.00	<u>EDBF Championship Regattas</u>	
13.01	A formal vote of thanks was given to Claudio Schermi for running a very successful ENC in Rome, Italy in July 2016.	
13.02	The following events are currently scheduled in the EDBF/IDBF calendar: 27 th – 30 th July 2017 17 th EDBF European Club Crew Championships Divonne les Bains, France <i>(Post Meeting Note: The 13th IDBF Junior & U24 WNC has been re-scheduled to be of this event).</i>	
13.03	23 rd – 27 th August 2017 13 th IDBF World Nations Championships Dianchi Lake, City of Kunming, Yunnan Province, China <i>(Post Meeting Note: The WNC has now been re-scheduled to 18th – 22nd Oct 2017).</i>	
13.04	July 2018 (Exact dates TBC) 11 th IDBF World Club Crew Championships Szeged, Hungary	
13.05	August 2018 (Exact dates TBC) 13 th EDBF European Nations Championships Brandenburg an der Havel, Germany	
13.06	2019 (Exact dates TBC) 14 th IDBF World Nations Championships Pataya, Thailand	
13.07	The 14 th IDBF World Nations Championships is to be held in Pataya, Thailand in 2019. No date has been set yet, but there would be huge media coverage at the end of July 2019 so the EDBF 2019 ECCC may need to be moved to the first week in	



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- September. It was noted that the two events need to be coordinated to maximise the attendance at both.
- 13.08 2019 (Exact dates TBC)
18th EDBF European Club Crew Championships
Cuevas De Almanzora, Almeria, Spain
- ENC 2020/ECCC2021/ENC 2022 – Bid Presentation by the Ukraine Dragon Boat Federation
- 13.09 A presentation was given by the Ukraine Dragon Boat Federation to host a Championships at Dnepr, Ukraine on the Dnepr River in the south mid-east area of Ukraine. Dnepr is the 4th biggest city in Ukraine with an international airport and good railway and motorway connections. The climate in July/August is 23°C – 24°C.
- 13.10 The rowing canal is the main watersports centre in Ukraine and measures 2800m x 105m wide by a depth of 8m. The canal is currently under re-construction and will be developed to European standards for rowing and kayaking; works will be complete by end of 2017. The new systems will be tested next year for the Ukraine National Championships – 1000 participants.
- 13.11 Both hostels and hotels available, 20 – 30 minutes from the course. A twin room costs €30 - €60/room and hostles cost €7/night/person. Lunch costs circa €3 and beer is €1.
- 13.12 Lots of international events are held here, so security for the teams should not be a problem. They confirmed there is government support for the event.
- 13.13 EU nations don't need visas.
- 13.14 It was confirmed that the formal bidding process for the ENC 2020 will be made in Divonne-les-Bains as there will be more members present.
- ENC 2024 – Intention to bid – Portuguese Dragon Boat Federation
- 13.15 AvC showed a presentation by the Portuguese Dragon Boat Federation for their intention to bid for the ENC 2024.
- 13.16 It was felt that Portugal needs to be seen to be more active in the sport first before consideration was given to holding an event there. The general feeling was that it would be good to see Portugal send a crew to the ECCC 2017.
- Lucerne, Switzerland 2020
- 13.17 The Swiss Dragon Boat Federation have advised that the regatta course in Lucerne, Switzerland is already fully booked for 2020, so they will now need to review their bid for an alternative year.



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14.00 Presentation by the Serbian Dragon Boat Federation

Present Experience and Future Perspectives in the Development of Dragon Boating in the Balkan Region

14.01 There are 5 countries surrounding Serbia in the Balkan region of Europe who are all interested in starting dragon boating. They all have the facilities to develop the sport, but currently need the equipment to get it going. If anyone can help with equipment then contact the EDBF Secretary General.

ALL

14.02 Serbia started the sport 3 years ago with 3 development boats from the IDBF. Today Serbia has 8 established clubs and they are putting a lot of effort into working with juniors and the university students to develop the younger age groups.

Belgrade as Impending EDBF Extra Ordinary Congress 2017 Host

14.03 If the 2017 EDBF Congress agree to hold an EDBF Extra Ordinary Congress in Autumn 2017 it has already been decided to hold it in Belgrade, the capital city of Serbia.

14.04 As part of the Congress it would be planned to visit the Belgrade Regatta Centre "Ada Ciganlija", take a tour of Belgrade City and have dinner in a traditional Serbian restaurant.

14.05 Accommodation is located just 10 minutes from the airport and 15 minutes to the city centre. Cost for a double room on a bed and breakfast basis is approximately €60.00/night.



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Present – Sunday, 20th November 2016:

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<u>Item</u>		<u>Action</u>
15.00	<u>Implementation of EDBF Junior and Women's Commission</u>	
15.01	The IDBF have an obligation to form a Junior and Women's Commission for their IOC Recognition and we therefore need to implement both at EDBF level as well. JD to send out an invite to all Governing Federations to see who would like to take part on these two commissions.	JD
16.00	<u>IDBF Rules</u>	
	<u>Mixed Team Composition</u>	
16.01	After much discussion and a vote it was confirmed that the new IDBF Rules: IDBF Rules of Racing – Edition 7, issue 1, effective from 1 st January 2016 and the IDBF Competition Regulations – Edition 7, issue 1, effective from 1 st January 2016 will be adopted in full by the EDBF without any amendments from 1 st January 2017.	
	<u>Limitation of Number of Approved Teams at ECCC</u>	
16.02	For the 2017 ECCC it was agreed that the following number of approved teams / nation would be allowed. This will be reviewed again at the end of 2017. 5no. Standard boats / competition class 3no. Small boats / competition class	
16.03	From 2017 onwards all Club Crew entries must be sanctioned by their governing federation. JD to liaise with Slawek Borucki to set this up.	JD/SB
17.00	<u>Race Programming/Competition Classes</u>	
	<u>Combine Junior A, B & C Classes</u>	
17.01	A lot of work needs to be done by all EDBF nations to stimulate the Junior racing classes at both the ENC and ECCC. We currently have very few entries in the younger age groups which is effecting the development of the sport.	ALL
17.02	In order to promote the Junior racing class each nation will be contacted directly before the end of January and asked if they are to send any teams to the ECCC in 2017, along with an indication as to the make up of the team. If there is sufficient interest then the classes will remain split. If there is limited interest then the Junior classes will be combined into one class known as "Juniors". This is being done in order that the teams have other junior teams to race. Junior B & C competitors will be given a certificate for recognition of entering the event.	Jnr Comm



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- 17.03 It was felt that the current cut off dates for the different age groups was confusing and maybe restrictive on certain age groups. The following was therefore agreed for 2017 and beyond:
Senior A - 40th or later birthday falls in the year of the competition.
Senior B - 50th or later birthday falls in the year of the competition.
Senior C - 60th or later birthday falls in the year of the competition.
Junior A - 13th to 18th birthday falls in the year of the competition.
Junior B - 13th to 16th birthday falls in the year of the competition.
Junior C - 13th to 14th birthday falls in the year of the competition.
- 17.04 Nataliia Kravtsova joined the meeting at 10.53hrs.
- 17.05 Isaac Garcia Alcala-Lopez left the meeting at 11.00hrs.
- 17.06 All nations were asked to help develop the university age group 18 – 24. ALL
- Race Programming/Competition Classes
- 17.07 If a 6 laned regatta course is available, it was agreed that a 6 boat final would be programmed, where possible.
- 18.00 Championships Organisation**
- Establishment & Consultation of EDBF/IDBF Championship Dates
- 18.01 It was noted that the EDBF and IDBF need to be proactive in trying to keep the gap between Championships as big as possible to allow for maximum athlete attendance.
- New Ideas for Control of Accreditation
- 18.02 Slawek Borucki has been working on solutions for automatic verification of paddlers and demonstrated a new bar code reader system which could be used to check paddler identification in Boat Marshalling.
- 18.03 SB advised that the crucial issue was the speed of the local WiFi network. This system would be unreliable if the network was insufficient. The EDBF could sort the network by running it through a laptop which acts as the server.
- 18.04 The long term aim is to make an EDBF Championships paperless.
- 19.00 EDBF Statutes Final Sign Off**
- 19.01 There are still a couple of minor items to be signed off. AvC
- 20.00 Confirmation of Date and Place of Next Congress**
- 20.01 Monday, 31st July 2017 at 09.00hrs in Divonne-les-Bains, France.



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21.00 Any Other Business and Closing Address

Bid for 2018 EDBF Extra Ordinary Congress – Portuguese Dragon Boat Federation

21.01 It was noted that the Portuguese Dragon Boat Association had put in a bid to host the 2018 EDBF Extra Ordinary Congress. It was agreed that other nations would be invited to bid prior to a decision being made.

Closing Address:

21.02 AvC concluded the Congress by saying it had been very useful in hearing and discussing various topics associated with the sport and it had given everyone an opportunity to contribute to the sport moving forward. It was good to see that the general consensus was similar in the decisions/conclusions that have been made.

Minutes produced by Julie Doyle – EDBF Secretary General – 1st June 2017.

Signed by:

Alan van Caubergh
President
European Dragon Boat Federation

Dated: 10th June 2017