



# EUROPEAN DRAGON BOAT FEDERATION

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## MINUTES OF THE EDBF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 09.00hrs  
Held at Hotel dei Congressi, Rome, Italy

### **Present:**

Alan van Caubergh	(NLD)	EDBF President	AvC
Peter Jarosi	(HUN)	EDBF Vice President	PJ
Ute Becker-Frenzel	(GER)	EDBF Vice President	UBF
Nataliia Kravtsova	(UKR)	Treasurer	NK
Julie Doyle	(IRL)	Secretary General	JD
Fanni Nemeth (	(HUN)	Translator for Peter Jarosi	FN
Reka Szabina Torok	(HUN)	Translator for Peter Jarosi	RST
Csenge Báthory-Bozó	(HUN)	Translator for Peter Jarosi	CBB

### **1.00 Apologies**

### **Actions**

- 1.01 Apologies were received from:  
Mike Haslam, EDBF Honorary President.  
Kim Beckwith, EDBF Vice President.  
Peter Klima, EDBF Vice President.

### **2.00 Confirmation of Agenda**

- 2.01 It was agreed that the following items should be added to the Agenda for the meeting.
- 2000m Start List
  - EDBF Account Audit
  - Standard Boat V Small Boat Racing Classes
  - EDBF Congress in November

### **3.00 Acceptance of Previous EDBF Board Meeting Minutes**

- 3.01 The minutes of the previous EDBF Board Meeting were agreed.

### **4.00 Matters Arising from the Previous EDBF Board Meeting**

- 4.01 No matters arising.

### **5.00 Matters Arising from the Previous EDBF Council Meeting**

- 5.01 No matters arising.

### **6.00 Matters Arising from the Previous EDBF Ordinary Congress**

- 6.01 Revised wording is required to 5no. Articles (4.4, 8.11, 8.12, 8.16, 15.2) within the EDBF Statutes. It was agreed at last year's Congress that the EDBF Board JD



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(Executive Committee) / Council could review the wording which would then complete the update of the EDBF Statutes. Three Procedural Notes (6.1, 8.2, 16.3) also need to be finalised. Revised wording to be emailed around to the Executive Committee / Council Members to review within the next 6 weeks.

6.02 It was confirmed that there is no issue with Estonia making a bid for an EDBF Championships.

## **7.00 EDBF Commissions**

7.01 No reports received.

## **8.00 IDBF Matters**

8.01 Implementation of new IDBF Rules:  
IDBF Rules of Racing - Edition 7, Issue 1, effective from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2016.  
IDBF Competition Regulations – Edition 7, Issue 1, effective from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2016.

The main changes within the 2016 Edition relate to:

- Ratio of men to women in the Mixed Team - 10 men /10 females
- Age rules

It was unanimously agreed to postpone the introduction of the new rules until 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017. It was noted that the EDBF need to work under the same rules as the IDBF otherwise it will become very confusing for the teams.

8.02 Small Boat V Standard Boat racing is becoming an increasing problem with more crews now opting to race in the small boat category at both EDBF and IDBF level. It was agreed that this should be a main talking point at the EDBF Extra Ordinary Congress in November 2016 and that the EDBF need to put forward their ideas to the IDBF. PJ advised that he has some proposals regarding this which he would like to put forward. PJ

## **9.00 EDBF Treasurer's Report**

9.01 No Treasurer's Report was available for the Executive Committee to review.

## **10.00 EDBF Secretary General's Report**

10.1 Communication – Regular Skype Meetings – There was no time to discuss this item. Item to be added to the agenda for the EDBF Executive Committee Meeting in November. JD

## **11.00 EDBF President's Report**

11.01 There was no time to discuss this item. Deferred to EDBF Ordinary Congress on to be held on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016.



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## 12.00 EDBF Matters

12.01 17<sup>th</sup> ECCC 2016 – Divonne les Bains, France – Presentation to be given in the Council Meeting following.

12.02 Junior Development – PJ advised that Hungary has produced a 3 year development programme which has been passed to the IDBF President. PJ to present at the EDBF Extra Ordinary Congress in November. PJ

## 13.00 Any Other Business

13.01 12<sup>th</sup> EDBF ENC 2016 – Rome, Italy - 2000m (Mike Thomas and Andries Boneschanker were present for this discussion).

Germany had raised concerns with the ENC Organising Committee over the 2000m and asked that the EDBF Board discuss the issue as a priority in the meeting in order that the programme could be revised accordingly for the following day's race.

The main issues raised related to:

- The narrow width of the course and the helms ability to get particularly the 20-man boats around the turning buoys safely.
- The shallow depth of the water, which may cause a boat to sink during the race.

Discussion took place on increasing the start interval to 15 – 20 seconds, reducing the number of crews in each race, reversing the starting order so that the fastest crews go off first and altering the length and layout of the course.

*Post Meeting Note: Following a further site visit by Mike Thomas and Chief Official, Andries Boneschanker it was agreed that the 2000m would actually now run as a 1400m with only one turn and that crews would be started at an interval of 30 seconds which would allow the races to be conducted safely and fairly.*

13.02 EDBF Extra Ordinary Congress, November 2016 – It was agreed that an EDBF Extra Ordinary Congress should be held this year in November. Date and location to be agreed at the EDBF Ordinary Congress on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016.

Prague or Budapest were put forward as possible locations as both are central in Europe. PJ to ask Petr Klima if he would be willing to host the Congress in November. PJ

There was also the option of running the Congress in Monaco so that it could link in with the proposed dragon boat event on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

Whatever location is selected it must have cheap air carriers, cheap hotel accommodation and a conference room near to the airport. All to report back to JD.



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13.03 Vice Presidents' Duties and Responsibilities - There was no time to discuss this item. Item to be added to the agenda for the EDBF Board Meeting in November. JD

13.04 New EDBF Logo - There was no time to discuss this item. Item to be added to the agenda for the EDBF Board Meeting in November. JD

13.05 Peter Jarosi, Reka Szabina Torok, Csenge Báthory-Bozó left the meeting at 11.30hrs.

## **14.00 Date, Time and Place of the Next Meeting**

14.01 To be confirmed - To coincide with the EDBF Extra Ordinary Congress.

Minutes produced by Julie Doyle – EDBF Secretary General – 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Signed by:

Alan van Caubergh  
President  
European Dragon Boat Federation

Dated: 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016