



# EUROPEAN DRAGON BOAT FEDERATION

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**MINUTES OF THE EDBF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 18.00hrs (BST)/19.00hrs (CET)**  
**HELD IN VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING**

**Present:**

EDBF Executive Committee:	Claudio Schermi	CS	EDBF President	ITA
	Peter Jarosi	PJ	EDBF Vice President	HUN
	Petr Klimer	PK	EDBF Vice President	CZE
	Kim Beckwith	KB	EDBF Vice President	NLD
	Maura Dezi	MD	EDBF Treasurer	ITA
	Julie Doyle	JD	EDBF Secretary General	IRL
Non-Voting:	Mike Mackeddie-Haslam	MH	EDBF Honorary President	GBR
	Alan van Caubergh	AvC	EDBF Honorary President	NLD
	Gitta Weberi	GW	Behalf of Ute Becker-Frenzel	GER
	Csenge Báthory-Bozó	CBB	Translator for Peter Jarosi	HUN

<u>Item</u>	<u>Action</u>
<b>1.00</b>	<b><u>Welcome Address / Roll Call</u></b>
1.01	CS welcomed everyone to the meeting.
1.02	Apologies were received from Ute Becker-Frenzel, Andrew Menzies and Mike Thomas.
<b>2.00</b>	<b><u>Confirmation of Agenda</u></b>
2.01	The meeting agenda was confirmed as presented.
<b>3.00</b>	<b><u>Acceptance of Previous EDBF Executive Committee Meeting Minutes</u></b>
3.01	The minutes of the previous EDBF Executive Committee Meeting held on 27th February 2018 were accepted in full.
<b>4.00</b>	<b><u>Matters Arising From Previous EDBF Executive Committee Meeting Held On 27<sup>th</sup> February 2018.</u></b>
4.01	Item 9.04 – KB asked for further clarification of what reviewing innovative use of programmes meant. PJ explained that he was looking into the junior development and the introduction of a university category. The CCWC in Szeged will trial a university category.
<b>5.00</b>	<b><u>EDBF President's Report</u></b>
5.01	On 13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2018 a meeting was held in Rome between IDBF/ICF and EDBF/ECA. Mike Thomas and AvC were there representing the IDBF and CS,



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UBF, MD and Antonio de Lucia representing the EDBF. All parties had a very frank and open discussion which resulted in both the IDBF and ICF issuing a joint statement about trying to move forward in a more unified approach. The possibility of a Memorandum of Understanding at continental level between the EDBF and the ECA will be explored. Also a possibility of a paddle sport confederation was discussed with equal rights for its members.

## Joint statement

1. IDBF and ICF agreed to unify the rules soon as possible. The basis of these unified rules will be in principle be those of the IDBF.
2. It was agreed that we recognize the need to have a joint education of race officials. Exchange information's about the different education systems.
3. There was the willingness to organize a single Championship for Clubs in Europe with the date to be agreed.
4. ICF and IDBF encouraged other Continental Federations also to consider joint Championships.
5. Both international Federations agreed to promote Dragonboat as a part of the 2021 Master Games with a joint proposal
6. IDBF and ICF agreed to continue the discussions during 2018.

- 5.02 CS advised he had received an official welcoming letter from the Italian National Olympic President, Giovanni Malago.
- 5.03 On 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018, CS visited the Czech Republic to carry out a review of the Czech Dragon Boat Association (CzDBA) on behalf of the IDBF and also attended the CzDBA Congress the following day. CS was assisted by an independent interpreter arranged by himself. The CzDBA presented all documents as requested by CS. They have a large number of clubs registered with the Association plus 200+ other clubs. It was clear that the CzDBA was an open Association and not a closed club as had been suggested by the Czech Dragon Boat Union (CZDBU). CS had requested that he meet with the CzDBU on the same day, but they were unavailable. In the long term the goal would be for both parties to unite. PK advised that he had offered the CzDBU to join the CzDBA, but they had declined.
- 5.04 CS advised there would be a further meeting required with the CzDBU. He had asked they send an alternative representative in Martin Konecny's absence, but they did not want to. It was agreed that the CzDBU would come to Rome to meet CS.
- 5.05 MH noted that he should have also been in attendance at the meeting with the CzDBA and he was not happy he had been excluded from this meeting and the one with the ICF. CS clarified that in his Honorary position MH should not feel excluded but included when his advise will be requested. In the case of the CzDBA he was too much involved in the documents received and it would not



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	be helpful to include him in the process. Regards the meeting between the IDBF/EDBF and ICF/ECA there was a large contingent of representatives and MH should not feel excluded if new generations of officers take his place.	
5.06	MH left the meeting at 19.19hrs.	
5.07	CS advised he had met a potential new technician in the Czech Republic who could work along side Slawek Borucki.	CS
5.08	CS advised he had been in contact with Ana Paula from Portugal. They wish to re-launch the Portuguese Dragon Boat Association next year.	
<b>6.00</b>	<b><u>EDBF Treasurer's Report</u></b>	
6.01	The IDBF/EDBF meeting with the ICF/ECA in Rome on 13 <sup>th</sup> /14 <sup>th</sup> March 2018 has cost about €1,000.	
6.02	The cost of the Czech Dragon Boat Association investigation has cost circa €750 which should be reimbursed by the IDBF or the losing party.	MD
6.03	Since the last meeting France and Great Britain have settled their annual membership invoices.	
6.04	An email has been received from Finland stating that their federation no longer exists and they are not in a position to pay their annual membership.	
6.05	There are 7 countries still left to pay for their EDBF annual membership – Armenia, Slovakia, Serbia, Spain, Georgia, Israel and Moldova.	
6.06	MD advised that the EDBF need to find another international bank which has branches in Italy and some other European countries. The current bank only has branches in The Netherlands which is causing problems.	MD
6.07	The EDBF still needs to be legally registered somewhere; otherwise the Dutch bank will close the EDBF account. It was suggested to register it in Italy. MD/CS to investigate. CS reminded all that no one had a copy of the original Constitution. A more recent version should however be adequate to use.	MD/CS
6.08	The Executive Committee approved that the President and Secretary General are given the mandate to register the Federation.	
6.09	EDBF 2018 Budget still needs to be developed. It was requested that this was prepared for the next meeting.	AvC / MD
<b>7.00</b>	<b><u>Vice President's Portfolios Update</u></b>	
7.01	CS explained how he saw the Vice Presidents roles working. The EDBF	



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	<p>President puts pressure on the Vice Presidents who then in turn put pressure on the Commissions to complete their tasks. CS asked the Vice Presidents to spend some time every day working on something for the EDBF. As a team we can then move the sport forward.</p>	
7.02	<p>CS requested that all the Vice Presidents submit a cost plan of their planned activities.</p>	Vice Pres.
7.03	<p>See attached Report presented by KB.</p>	
7.04	<p>Women's Commission – KB was actively seeking members who would be prepared to stand for the commission at the next Congress.</p>	
7.05	<p>CS advised he would like to try and set up a meeting mid-April with the candidates for the Marketing and Media Commission. He also has some more potential candidates for the commission, the names of who would be passed to KB and the Secretary General.</p>	CS
7.06	<p>Youth Commission – Sue Menzies had been put forward as a potential chair for the commission, but concern was raised over whether Sue would have sufficient time due to her new work commitments. It was confirmed that Chair appointments could only be made now at the next Congress in August.</p>	
7.07	<p>KB had carried out an investigation into the question of seniority of the Vice Presidents. In accordance with the IDBF Statutes, the Vice Chairholder holding the office the longest would be the senior vice chairholder. As all four Vice Chairholders were elected to office simultaneously, the senior would then be determined by date of birth. CS stated that this had been superseded by the amendment of the EDBF Bye-Laws - Article 10.1.8 and Article 11, which have been in circulation for comment since November 2017. It was clarified that changes to the EDBF Bye-Laws only needed approval by the EDBF Council, as it was on 27<sup>th</sup> February with the final approval of the new EDBF Bye-Laws.</p> <p>Further to Article 4.7 of the EDBF Bye-Laws, CS would therefore like to propose the following order of seniority for the Vice Presidents:</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Peter Jarosi 2<sup>nd</sup> Ute Becker-Frenzel 3<sup>rd</sup> Petr Klimer 4<sup>th</sup> Kim Beckwith</p> <p>Vote: For – 5 Against – 1 Abstention – 0</p>	



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## 8.00 Date, Time and Place of the Next Meeting

8.01 EDBF Executive Committee Meeting - Tuesday, 08/05/18 at 18.00hrs (BST)/19.00hrs (CET) via Zoom.

### Attachments:

- Czech Dragon Boat Governance Investigation Report
- EDBF Invoice Status
- Kim Beckwith Vice President's Report dated February 2018

Minutes produced by Julie Doyle – EDBF Secretary General

Signed by:

Claudio Schermi  
President  
European Dragon Boat Federation

Dated: 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018