

**MINUTES OF THE EDBF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**FRIDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER 2018 AT 14.00HRS**  
**HELD AT HOTEL BARCELO, SEVILLE, SPAIN**

**Present:**

<b>EDBF Executive Committee:</b>	Claudio Schermi	CS	EDBF President	ITA
	Peter Jarosi	PJ	EDBF Vice President	HUN
	Ute Becker-Frenzel	UBF	EDBF Vice President	GER
	Petr Klima	PK	EDBF Vice President	CZE
	Kim Beckwith	KB	EDBF Vice President	NLD
	Julie Doyle	JD	EDBF Secretary General	IRL
	Andrew Menzies	AM	Full Member's Representative	GBR

**Non-Voting:**

Mike MacKeddie-Haslam	MH	EDBF President of Honour	GBR
Edina Hangya	EH	Translator for Peter Jarosi	HUN
Thomas Arbeiter	TA	Translator for Ute Becker-Frenzel	GER
Gitta Werberi	GW	Observer	GER

<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	Apologises received from Maura Dezi.
1.03	CS introduced Mr Zhu from Peisheng Boats who is the main sponsor of the Gala Dinner and Awards Ceremony along with a handful of other sponsors including the Spanish Dragon Boat Association, Hornet Paddles and Tegysport SAS, Viajes El Corte Ingles and the Barcelo Hotel.
<b>2.00</b>	<b><u>Confirmation of Agenda</u></b>
2.01	The Agenda was approved as presented with the addition of Item 6a) Vice Presidents Portfolios.
<b>3.00</b>	<b><u>Acceptance of Minutes of the Previous EDBF Executive Committee Meeting.</u></b>
3.01	The minutes of the EDBF Executive Committee Meeting held on 22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2018 were approved in full.
<b>4.00</b>	<b><u>Matters Arising From Previous EDBF Executive Committee Meetings</u></b>
4.01	There were no matters arising from the EDBF Executive Committee Meeting held on 22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2018.

**5.00 EDBF President's Report**

- 5.01 Much work had been carried out on the EDBF Forum which was inspired by the GAISF Forum in Lausanne and the idea to have a Gala Dinner and Awards Ceremony for the dragon community of Europe. The future plan will be to involve the EDBF community in selecting the award winners. Due to the short time scale this time a small group from the Executive Committee were formed to vote for the award winners.
- 5.02 CS advised that the EDBF had received €5,000 sponsorship for the Gala Dinner and Awards Ceremony. The EDBF has also confirmed a reimbursement limit of €200/head for travel costs and limited the accommodation costs to the cheaper accommodation in the CEAR La Cartuga. Reimbursement are for the individual members of the Council, forum speakers and some guests. Individuals could choose to upgrade to better accommodation at their own expense.
- 5.03 CS advised he had met with Albert Woods, President of the European Canoe Association in Alicante on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018. He had a positive discussion regarding the good will for future cooperation at Continental level. It was agreed that dragon boat governance should be left at IDBF/ICF level, therefore the EDBF/ECA could not proceed in writing the draft of the green paper, the road map, in order to prepare a Memorandum of Understanding, until the issue of governance will be clarified and accepted by both organisations at world level. After the meeting the following joint statement was released.

**JOINT STATEMENT ECA/EDBF**

The EDBF President Claudio Schermi and the ECA President Albert Woods, together with the ECA Vice President Miroslav Haviar had a positive meeting in Alicante on the last 6<sup>th</sup> October about possible cooperation for Dragon Boat at European Level. The meeting was very positive in a spirit of mutual respect in the interest of the Dragon Boat Paddlers. It was agreed that the dragon boat governance issue should be solved and clarified at international level by IDBF and ICF or by IOC directly, if necessary.

- 5.04 There is now only the possibility to consider a joint Club Crews Championships or a joint Euro Cup with the EDBF and ECA.
- 5.05 The EDBF had received a statement from Mike Thomas concerning the announcement from the Asian Canoe President that dragon boating will be a demonstration sport in the Tokyo Olympics. He advised he had discussed this with both Thomas Konietzko (ICF Vice President) and Makoto Shobu (Japan Dragon Boat). Makoto has been in contact with the Japan Canoe Federation, Japan Olympic Committee and the Tokyo Organising Committee. All three state that there has been no application for dragon boating as a Demonstration Sport. A Japan Canoe Board member said there was a discussion to run a kind of demonstration at the pre-event in 2019, but not in 2020. In the discussion with Thomas, he confirmed that he is convinced it will take place not as a demonstration sport but more as a "showcase" gap filler in the canoe/kayak programme. Mike awaits his confirmation about this as he is contacting the ICF contacts on the Organising Committee.

- 5.06 CS, MH and JD have worked on a new EDBF Contract for Event Organisers for the ENC and the ECCC which will protect everyone much better. This will be used for the ECCC 2019. This has been passed to the Spanish Dragon Boat Association and we are awaiting signature.
- 5.07 During the ENC in Brandenburg there was a dispute between the Organising Committee and the HDBF, regarding the accommodation costs which had not been cancelled. The EDBF became involved when the Organising Committee informed that they would not admit the Hungarian Team to the racing course. The EDBF President solved the situation by asking an independent Mediation Panel made up of IDBF President Mike Thomas, the IDBF Founder and President of Honour Mike Haslam and the EDBF Honorary President Alan Van Caubergh.
- 5.08 CS advised he was disappointed that the decision of the Mediation Panel was not accepted by Germany and Hungary to share the accommodation costs which had not been cancelled. The EDBF negotiations reduced the Organising Committee's claim from around €10,000 to around €2,000. DDV paid €500, the HDBF refused to pay, but the HDBF President Peter Jarosi paid €400 personally, and the EDBF was forced to pay the difference. This had to be done to avoid the risk of the ban from the Organising Committee under German law of the Hungarian Team from the racing course and worse consequences.
- 6.00 EDBF Treasurer's Report**
- 6.01 To be deferred to the EDBF Council Meeting following this meeting.
- 6.00a Vice President's Portfolios**
- 6.01a KB voiced her concern that she was not getting much feedback from the Commission chairs under her portfolios. In order for her to carry out her mentoring role she needed to be involved in the discussions and decisions. Going forward better communication and more simple management may be the key. ALL
- 6.02a CS replied that he understood the personal commitment of all the volunteers in the Executive Committee and Council, but we have to be on schedule with our agenda. The role of Vice Presidents should be supporting and advising the Chair-holders of the EDBF Commissions and not vice versa (see EDBF bye Laws art 7.1.2). CS said that we have improved internal communications with 8 Executive Committee and Council meetings in 2018 (2 per year before 2018) and the external communication with an updated website and intense activity on social media. Anyway the EDBF expects to do even better in 2019.
- 7.00 IDBF/EDBF Article 48.3 of IDBF Statutes**
- 7.01 To be deferred to the EDBF Council Meeting following this meeting.

**8.00** Feedback on 13<sup>th</sup> EDBF ENC 2018

8.01 To be deferred to the EDBF Council Meeting following this meeting.

**9.00** EDBF ENC 2020 & ECCC 2021 Update

9.01 To be deferred to the EDBF Council Meeting following this meeting.

**10.00** Any Other Business

10.01 There was no Any Other Business.

**11.00** Date, Time and Place of the Next Meeting

11.01 The next meeting will be a Zoom Meeting, date to be confirmed.

Minutes produced by Julie Doyle (IRL)

I confirm these minutes represent a true record of the meeting held.

Signed by:



Claudio Schermi  
President  
European Dragon Boat Federation

Dated: 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018