

**MINUTES OF THE EDBF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY 2021 AT 18.00HRS (BST) / 19.00HRS (CET)**  
**HELD IN VIDEO CONFERENCE**

**Present:**

<b>EDBF Executive</b>	Claudio Schermi	CS	EDBF President	ITA
<b>Committee:</b>	Ute Becker-Frenzel	UBF	EDBF Vice President	GER
	Peter Jarosi	PJ	EDBF Vice President	HUN
	Valerii Morgun	VM	EDBF Vice President	UKR
	Maura Dezi	MD	EDBF Treasurer	ITA
	Anna Socratous	AS	EDBF Co-opted Vice President	CYP
	Julie Doyle	JD	EDBF Secretary General	IRL
	Andrew Menzies	AM	Full Member's Representative	GBR

**Non-Voting:**

Mike MacKeddie-Haslam	MMH	EDBF President of Honour	GBR
Alan van Caubergh	AVC	EDBF Honorary President	NLD
Alexeii Morgun	AM	Translator for Valerii Morgun	UKR
Lilla Baravics	LB	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.	
<b>2.00</b>	<b><u>Confirmation of Agenda</u></b>	
2.01	The agenda was approved as presented.	
<b>3.00</b>	<b><u>Acceptance of Minutes of the Previous EDBF Executive Committee Meeting</u></b>	
3.01	The minutes of the last Executive Committee Meeting held on 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2020 were accepted in full.	
<b>4.00</b>	<b><u>ENC &amp; ECCC Update</u></b>	
4.01	The UDBF are ready to organise the Championships in Kiev, but there is a lot of uncertainty from our members. Although there has been a good response to the intent to race, athletes are waiting to see how the COVID-19 pandemic develops and how quickly the vaccinations can be rolled out. There is also concern on what level of quarantine procedures may be inflicted on athletes in Ukraine and in their own countries when they travel.	
4.02	Discussion took place on the current level of restrictions in the various European countries. A number of countries were fully lockdown with no allowable access to gyms or water facilities which prevented athletes from training, whilst in other countries athletes were	

- able to train pretty much as normal.
- 4.03 VM confirmed that he had a meeting with the Ukraine Sports Minister and Kiev City Minister and that the Championships was being treated as a priority for Championships in Ukraine.
- 4.04 VM confirmed that all Ukraine dragon boat clubs were training as usual in gyms and on the water. Everything is open with the only restrictions was the requirement to wear face masks in shops. The current daily figure of COVID-19 cases per day in Ukraine was around 3,000 – 4,000 cases.
- 4.05 It was agreed that with other Championships schedule in Europe we must ensure that there is a strong message sent out that the EDBF Championships will proceed as planned, but the format may need to change and we will need to implement COVID-19 protocols.
- 4.06 MMH asked what is the minimum number of athletes required to make the Championships financially viable. VM confirmed that he has enough support from the Ukraine clubs to run the event plus he has financial support from the Government. A key factor for Government funding is the number of nations in attendance.
- 4.07 PJ asked about the deposit refund that is owed to the Hungarian DBF. It was noted that 6 months have now passed since the first request and they now have a serious situation with the Tax Office in Hungary. AM advised that they were having problems with the bank in Ukraine. CS advised that if the money is not refunded by Easter he will call a meeting with the EDBF Financial Committee to review.
- 4.08 CS requested that in 2 – 3 weeks time we send out the second Bulletin with the hotel information. He stated that it was important that the UDBF negotiate the best deals possible with the hotels with regard to later payment of deposits as this will be more appealing to the athletes. VM/CS
- 4.09 CS stated that we should consider a back up venue and be prepared for all eventualities.
- 5.00 EDBF Events 2021**
- 5.01 To be discussed at the next Council Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021. CS advised that he was currently in Dubai and had a meeting arranged tomorrow with Jason McKenzie, Technical Director of the UAE Dragon Boat Association to discuss possibly holding a Euro Cup or the EDBF Forum in Dubai in 2021.
- 5.02 CS requested that all nations are asked if they were interested in holding a Euro Cup event after September 2021; COVID-19 permitting. JD
- 6.00 Treasurer's Report – Accounts 2020**
- 6.01 See attached EDBF Treasurer's Report – Accounts 2020. MD advised she would be more

- than happy to answer any queries between now and the next meeting.
- 6.02 MD advised that the attached accounts would be presented to the EDBF Council at the next meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> March for sign off before being sent to the Auditor. Following the audit the accounts would be presented to the Congress for approval.
- 6.03 A further breakdown of some of the figures was requested to be presented to the EDBF Council for clarification purposes. EDBF
- 6.04 MD advised that €1,150 was outstanding from Armenia, Poland, Moldova and Israel for EDBF membership fees from 2019/2020.
- 6.05 AvC asked whether there was a policy with regard to writing off non-payment of membership fees from previous years, but still keeping them on the books. It was agreed to discuss this at the next Council Meeting. CS/MD
- 6.06 It was agreed that any reimbursements to officials had to be made within 3 months of an event in order to ensure they were in the correct financial year.
- 7.00 **Any Other Business**
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- 8.00 **Date, Time and Place of the Next Meeting**
- 8.01 Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021 – 18.00hrs (BST) / 19.00hrs (CET) via Zoom Meeting.

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: 30<sup>th</sup> March 2021