

MINUTES OF THE 68TH COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, 21ST DECEMBER 2021 AT 18.00HRS (BST) / 19.00HRS (CET)
HELD IN VIDEO CONFERENCE

Present:

EDBF Executive Committee:	Claudio Schermi	CS	EDBF President	ITA
	Ute Becker-Frenzel (joined 18.15)	UBF	EDBF Vice President	GER
	Valerii Morgun (left 19.55)	VM	EDBF Vice President	UKR
	Anna Socratous (joined 18.20)	AS	EDBF Vice President	CYP
	Maura Dezi	MD	EDBF Treasurer	ITA
	Julie Doyle	JD	EDBF Secretary General	IRL
	Andrew Menzies	AM	Full Member's Representative	GBR

EDBF Council Representatives:	Andries Boneschansker	AB	C&T Commission Chair	NLD
	Dusko Spasovski	DS	Medical Commission Chair	SRB
	Paola Pochesci	PP	Women's Commission Chair	ITA
	Alexey Morgun	AM	Youth Commission Chair	UKR
	Michela Scacchetti	MS	M&M Commission Chair	ITA
	Thomas Arbeiter	TA	Member Representative	GER
	Robin Magnusson (left 19.40)	RM	Member Representative	SWE
	Niko Cuca (joined 18.15)	NC	Member Representative	SRB

Non-Voting:	Mike Thomas (left 19.40)	MT	IDBF President	GBR
	Mike MacKeddie-Haslam	MMH	EDBF President of Honour	GBR
	Nigel Bedford	NB	IDBF Paradrags Commission	GBR
	Christian Tänzer	CT	M&M Commission Vice Chair	GER
	Leila Ataie	LA	Medical Commission Vice Chair	CYP
	Djordje Pavlovic (joined 18.30-19.55)	DP	C&T Commission Vice Chair	CYP

<u>Item</u>		<u>Action</u>
1.00	<u>Welcome Address / Roll Call</u>	
1.01	CS welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated that PJ had apologised that he was unable to attend the meeting today, but had invited CS in person to Budapest in early January 2022 to discuss their differences.	CS/PJ
1.02	Apologises were received from Alan van Caubergh and Peter Jarosi.	
2.00	<u>Confirmation of Agenda</u>	
2.01	The agenda was approved as presented.	
3.00	<u>Acceptance of Minutes of the Previous EDBF Council Meeting</u>	
3.01	The minutes of the 66th EDBF Council Meeting held on 23 rd November 2021 were	

accepted in full with the following amendment.
Item 5.08 - Lucia de Ranieri (ITA).

4.00 IDBF Congress Update

- 4.01 There has been a few changes made to the IDBF Statutes and Bye-laws by Congress.
- 4.02 The elected IDBF Vice Presidents included Julie Doyle (IRL), Claudio Schermi (ITA), Matt Smith (CAN) and Raymond Ma (HKG). A new 5th Vice President, Dr Liu Aijie (CHN), automatically nominated by China is also a Vice President of the ICF. This surely was a good opportunity to develop relationships with the ICF in the future.
- 4.03 Nigel Bedford (GBR) was re-elected as Chair of the Para-Athletes Commission and Gitta Weiberi (GER) was elected as the Chair of the Women's Commission. Plus a number of the other commission chairs were re-elected.
- 4.04 A decision was made to split Congress into two parts:
Part 1 – 4th December 2021 (already held).
Part 2 – 15th January 2022 – Presentations and voting for the WNC and CCWC 2023 – 2025.

5.00 EDBF Commission Update

Women's Commission:

- 5.01 See attached minutes from 1st Meeting of the Women's Commission.
- 5.02 Yvonne Meyer has accepted the position as Vice Chair of the Women's Commission.

Competition & Technical Commission:

- 5.03 AB, DP and CS have held a meeting. The commission is currently drafting a work plan which will be finished in January. Works to include Euro Cup event organiser training and COVID safety plans.
- 5.04 DP is also looking into high performance coaching services in Europe. He is being assisted by Tim Smith (UK) and Niki (Dubai).

Medical Commission:

- 5.05 The first meeting of the commission will be held in late December where it is planned to discuss the aims and proposals of the commission.

Marketing & Media Commission:

- 5.06 Two more people are required to sit on the commission.
- 5.07 Future works include activating Twitter and LinkedIn and updating the EDBF website.

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	Youth Commission:	
5.08	There is currently only AM and Amita Bequiri in the commission. CS stated that he would like to see representatives from the larger nations in this commission. Andy Menzies said there may be a potential couple of representatives in the UK which he will chase up. Thomas Arbeiter agreed to work alongside AM.	AM
5.09	AM proposed holding a youth camp and a specific youth event in Europe, maybe alongside a Euro Cup event. He would be happy to run this anywhere, but Ukraine are happy to host it.	
	IDBF Para-Athletes Commission:	
5.10	Currently the EDBF do not have a formal Para-Athletes Commission, but would like to implement one in the future. NB advised he was currently seeking nominations from European federations to sit on the IDBF Para-Athletes Commission.	
5.11	NB advised the Council of the devastation that has occurred in the Philippines following the recent typhoon there and how it has destroyed the PADs (paradragon team) club house and equipment and how it has also destroyed many homes. The club is now left with nothing. He hoped that the EDBF would be able to provide some support to the team through social media.	JD/CS
6.00	<u>Euro Cup 2021 Update</u>	
6.01	The Dubai Euro Cup come was attended by 780 paddlers from 12 countries (not all European), with 2 days of racing every 15 minutes. It was noted there was an inadequate supply of officials to run the event which meant AS had to step in and assist.	
6.02	It was requested that for all future Euro Cup events, all Bulletins and Race Programmes are copied to the Secretary General as questions come in to the Secretariat and on Facebook and it looks unprofessional when we do not have the answers.	AS
6.03	The quality of the Euro Cup events needs to be improved if we are to put the EDBF name to them; especially where events have already run and recommendations have been made to the event organisers.	AS
6.04	Event organisers should not advertise their event as a Euro Cup until they have been approved in writing by the EDBF.	
6.05	JD to send out request to all nations to see who wants to run a Euro Cup event in 2022. Interest has already been received from: Barcelona, Spain – 21 st / 22 nd May 2022 Israel – March 2022 Serbia – September 2022 Cyprus – October / November 2022	JD

7.00 **EDBF Forum**

7.01 See attached brief proposals.

7.02 The Forum date was agreed as Saturday, 26th February 2022.

8.00 **Any Other Business**

8.01 From 1st January 2022 CS will arrange for a minute taker who will be funded from the EDBF finances. CS

8.02 CS would like to agree what is expected from the Council representatives of the nations. CS

9.00 **Date, Time and Place of the Next Meetings**

9.01 Executive Committee Meeting - Tuesday, 18th January 2022 at 18.00hrs (GMT) / 19.00hrs (CET).

9.02 Council Meeting - Tuesday, 8th February 2022 at 18.00hrs (GMT) / 19.00hrs (CET).

Attachments:

- Minutes from 1st Women's Commission Meeting.
- EDBF Forum Proposals.

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: 23rd January 2022