

MINUTES OF THE 69TH COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY 2022 AT 18.00HRS (GMT) / 19.00HRS (CET)
HELD IN VIDEO CONFERENCE

Present:

EDBF Executive Committee:	Claudio Schermi	CS	EDBF President	ITA
	Ute Becker-Frenzel	UBF	EDBF Vice President	GER
	Peter Jarosi (joined 18.15).	PJ	EDBF Vice President	HUN
	Valerii Morgun	VM	EDBF Vice President	UKR
	Anna Socratous	AS	EDBF Vice President	CYP
	Maura Dezi	MD	EDBF Treasurer	ITA
	Julie Doyle	JD	EDBF Secretary General	IRL

EDBF Council Representatives:	Andries Boneschansker	AB	C&T Commission Chair	NLD
	Dusko Spasovski	DS	M&SS Commission Chair	SRB
	Paola Pochesci (left 19.45)	PP	Women's Commission Chair	ITA
	Alexey Morgun	AM	Youth Commission Chair	UKR
	Michela Scacchetti	MS	M&M Commission Chair	ITA
	Niko Cuca	NC	Member Representative	SRB
	Neil Pickles	NP	Member Representative	GBR
	Réka Szabina Török (joined 18.15)	RT	Member Representative	HUN

In Attendance:	Mike MacKeddie-Haslam	MMH	EDBF President of Honour	GBR
	Djordje Pavlović (joined 18.30-19.55)	DP	C&T Commission Vice Chair	CYP
	Leila Ataei	LA	M&SS Commission Vice Chair	CYP
	Christian Tänzer	CT	M&M Commission Vice Chair	GER
	Nigel Bedford	NB	IDBF Paradrasons Commission	GBR
	Mike Thomas	MT	IDBF President	GBR

Apologies:	Robin Magnusson	RM	Member Representative	SWE
	Andrew Menzies	AM	Full Member's Representative	GBR
	Thomas Arbeiter	TA	Member Representative	GER

Minutes Secretary: Leila Ataei

AGENDA

1. Welcome Address by the EDBF President / Roll Call.
2. Confirmation of the Agenda.
3. Acceptance of the Minutes of the Previous EDBF Council Meeting.
4. European Nations Championship Update/Contingency Plan.
5. EDBF Forum.
6. Euro Cup 2022 Update.
7. Any Other Business.
8. Date, Time and Place of the Next Meeting.

<u>Item</u>		<u>Action</u>
<u>1.00</u>	<p><u>Welcome Address</u> CS welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
<u>1.01</u>	<p>Question of admin fee (minutes secretary) was raised, and president reminded council of previous decision to allow for a budget of 6000 Euros for administration and secretarial services. The payments for a Minutes Secretary, etc., will come from this budget.</p>	Council to Note
<u>1.02</u>	<p>CS suggested a 3 min time limit to report or discuss each subject of agenda and 1 min question time for attendance and 1 min time for presenter to reply, in order to manage the meeting time better. AB suggested to discuss this matter separately on the next council meeting for council member to decide.</p>	For later meeting
<u>1.03</u>	<p>CS reported that all commissions were full except for the Youth and M&M commissions and that Info Bulletin 1 for IDBF CCWC 2022 in Sarasota had been issued.</p>	
<u>2.00</u>	<p><u>Confirmation of Agenda</u> The agenda was approved as presented.</p>	
<u>3.00</u>	<p><u>Acceptance of the Minutes of the Previous EDBF Council Meeting</u> The minutes of the 68th Council Meeting held 21th Dec 2021 were accepted in full.</p>	
<u>4.00</u>	<p><u>European Nations Championship Update/Contingency Plan.</u></p>	
<u>4.01</u>	<p>VM reported that the situation between Ukraine and Russia was almost same as last year and the same questions are being asked by the EDBF members. All aspects of organizing the championships are on track and moving forward. As EDBF VP, he accepts that a back-up location needs to be discussed in the event that the situation in Ukraine deteriorates.</p>	
<u>4.02</u>	<p>It was recorded that GBR, SWI, SPN and CZE had all made contact with the Secretariat voicing their concerns on holding the ENC in Kyiv.</p>	
<u>4.02</u>	<p>In discussion the meeting agreed that Info Bulletin 1 for Kiev should now be sent to the EDBF members with a letter from the President (CS) confirming support for Kiev, explaining the Council concerns and the need for back up location. Members to be asked if they could offer such a venue.</p>	CS/JD
<u>5.00</u>	<p><u>EDBF Forum.</u></p>	
<u>5.01</u>	<p>CS advised that in WhatsApp and text messages that he had received requests to be involved in the organization of the EDBF forum from commissions Chair holders and Vice-chair holders, as well as NB and AS. He had also received requests to delay the forum until March or April. In discussion it was agreed that a working group from the above people should meet as soon as possible to finalise the detail of the forum and date.</p>	
<u>5.02</u>	<p>JD felt that using WhatsApp and text was not an acceptable way of conducting EDBF business. CS pointed out that under the Bye-laws all forms of communication are allowed but that formal discussions, recommendations and actions are taken at Council meetings</p>	All to Note

and recorded in the minutes.

- 5.03 It was agreed that the EDBF Forum would be held on Saturday, 2nd April 2022.
- 6.00 **Euro Cup 2022 Update.**
- 6.01 AS reported that the 2021 Euro Cup had been very successful and had given EDBF members the opportunity to compete despite Covid restrictions. For 2022 five EDBF members have confirmed their interest in hosting a Euro Cup race and four others have expressed their interest. The five confirmed are Barcelona (21-22 May), Tbilisi (5-6 Jun), Belgrade (24-25 Sep), Rome (8-9 Oct), Dubai (9-11 Dec). In addition, subject to confirmation Cyprus (Oct/Nov). AS/CS
- 6.02 Reference the Euro Cup contract for 2022 - CS, AS and JD have reviewed it and it is to be passed to the EDBF lawyer for a final review. Before any contracts are signed, all hosts have to pay their EDBF membership fees. CS
- 6.03 It was agreed that the maximum number of Euro Cup events should be 6 in any year and by exception for 2022, Kyiv if the EDBF championships do not take the place there.
- 6.04 Further clarification on Israel, no Euro Cup, but support from EDBF officials to help with the organization and officiating for a proposed marathon dragon boat event.
- 7.00 **Any Other Business.**
- 7.01 **Mediterranean Games.** CS informed the meeting that he had met with the President of the Mediterranean Games, who was interested in having dragon boating in the 2023 Games, the minimum number of countries would be 8. Agreed in principle, CS to progress. CS
- 7.02 **iCloud.** JD requested that the EDBF set up an iCloud account to store EDBF information. CS proposed that JD and CT look into this further. JD/CT
- 7.03 **Youth Commission.** AM (Chair Youth Com) reported that he had interest from Russia and Moldova to join the YC, but wanted Western European members too. UK and GER requested to progress this. Agreed and also that the number of Members on a Commission could be increased to Four, excluding the Chair and Vice-Chair. NP/TA/AM
- 7.04 **Marketing & Media.** MS (M&M Com) reported that still needed more Members for the Commission but at the moment happy with just the Chair and Vice Chair (MS & CT) who were working on the website and a video. Recently made contact with a man working with the UN who was interested in finding sponsorship for the EDBF. MS/CT
- 7.05 **Para Athletes.** CS introduced NB to talk about Para Dragons racing which he felt that the EDBF should develop in Europe alongside the IDBF. NB thanked CS for his invitation to the meeting and expressed his thanks to the EDBF for supporting the IDBF Para Athletes Commission, however he felt that going forward it would be more effective for the EDBF to have its own Para Athletes Commission.
- 7.06 **Commission Names.** In discussion on the names of the Commissions it was agreed that this All to

would involve a change to the Statutes and could only be done at an EDBF Congress. CS proposed that any such name changes should be forwarded to Council before the next Congress.

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7.07 **Updates from the Members Reps.** CS asked those Members Reps present to advise the meeting on developments in their EDBF Member countries.

7.07.1 **Great Britain.** Neil Pickles informed the meeting that the BDA had restarted racing at the end of 2021 and had almost a full calendar of events for 2022.

7.07.2 **Serbia.** Niko Cuca said that they had started activities recently and had done some indoor training during the winter as ice on the course in Belgrade had stopped outdoor training.

7.07.3 **Germany.** UBF informed the meeting that the DDV would start activities in March and hold the German Long-Distance DB Champs in April. They had links with the Canoe Fed and would co-organize some events with them.

7.08 **EDBF Vice-President, Valerii Morgun,** reported on activities in the Ukraine, where they had held their annual conference this year and had undertaken many dragon boat events including a marathon race and were fully active now planning their racing programme.

7.09 CS closed the meeting by urging all members to work together and support each other, in the interest of the sport and that with a common aim, good communications and the will to succeed, great things could be achieved. He was always

8.00 **Date of the Next Meeting.**

Tuesday, 22nd March 2022, at 18.00hrs (GMT) / 19.00hrs (CET) zoom.

Minutes written and produced by Leila Ataei. (Cyp)

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

Signed by:

Dated: 4th March 2022



Claudio Schermi
President
European Dragon Boat Federation