

**MINUTES OF THE 71<sup>TH</sup> COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON**  
**TUESDAY, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 AT 18.00HRS (BST) / 19.00HRS (CET)**  
**HELD BY VIDEO CONFERENCE**

<b>Present:</b>	Claudio Schermi	CS	EDBF President	ITA
	Ute Becker-Frenzel	UBF	EDBF Vice-President	GER
	Julie Doyle	JD	EDBF Secretary General	IRL
	Anna Socratous	AS	EDBF Vice President	CYP
	Peter Jarosi	PJ	EDBF Vice President	HUN
	Andre Prziwarzinski	AP	Member Representative	GER
	Niko Cuca	NC	Member Representative	SRB
	Thomas Bengtsson	TB	Member Representative	SWE
	Neil Pickles	NP	Member Representative	GBR
	Andrew Menzies	AM	Full Member's Representative	GBR
	Andries Boneschansker	AB	C&T Commission Chair	NLD
	Dusko Spasovski	DS	M&SS Commission Chair	SRB
	Paola Pochesci	PP	Women's Commission Chair	ITA
	Michela Scacchetti	MS	M&M Commission Chair	ITA
	<b>In Attendance: (Non-Voting)</b>	Mike MacKeddie-Haslam	MMH	EDBF President of Honour
Alan Van Caubergh		AC	EDBF Honorary President	NLD
Leila Ataei		LA	M&SS Commission Vice Chair	CYP
Christian Tänzler		CT	M&M Commission Vice Chair	GER
Mike Thomas		MT	IDBF President	GBR
Csenge Schnaider-Báthory		CSB	Interpreter for Peter Jarosi	HUN
<b>Apologies</b>	Maura Dezi EDBF Treasurer (ITA)			
<b>Minutes Secretary:</b>	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 Meetings.
4. 14th EDBF European Nations Championship proposals for the Extraordinary Congress.
5. EDBF Extraordinary Congress & Forum.
6. EDBF Euro Cup update.
7. Any Other Business.
8. Date, Time and Place of the Next Meeting.

**Item**

**1.00**

**Welcome Address**

CS welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised the Council that as his suggestion to have the first 10 minutes of each meeting for social talk and greeting, had not been well received that for future meetings he would open the zoom room 10 minutes before the scheduled meeting start time, in order for informal conversations.

**2.00**

**Confirmation of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as presented.

**3.00**

**Acceptance of the Minutes of the Previous EDBF Council Meeting**

The minutes of the 70<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting held 8-9<sup>th</sup> Mar 2022 had not yet been signed by the President and therefore they will send out before the 72<sup>nd</sup> Council meeting.

**4.00**

**14th EDBF European Nations Championship proposals for the Extraordinary Congress.**

JD informed the meeting that she had received 3 proposals from members concerning the location of the 2022 European Championships, namely from Spain, two possible locations: Banyoles or Barcelona as back up, second was from the Czech Republic (Peter Klima) to host EDBF Champs with ICF Champs in Racice and the third from Hungary (Peter Jarosi) to split the age groups and run them alongside national championships. CS also reminded the Council of the candidature from Dubai and felt that splitting Championships should be discussed by the Competition Commission for future consideration by the Council.

**4.01**

AB felt that all bid proposals accepted by the Council should be put before the Congress for a final decision, with each candidate making a formal bid presentation.

**4.02**

The meeting felt that regarding the Czech proposal it would be inappropriate, at this time and without the ICF first recognizing the IDBF as the world governing body for Dragon Boating, to hold any joint championship with the ICF. Especially in Europe where EDBF Members athletes would far out-number those from ICF Members.

**4.03**

MT then advised the meeting that the 2019 IDBF Congress had specifically agreed the policy that the IDBF would not hold joint championships with the ICF. CS summarized that the feeling of the Council mirrored that of the IDBF policy concerning the ICF and reminded the meeting of the situation in France where the French Canoe Federation had insisted that any Dragon Boat Championships in France had to be organized in conjunction with them and not exclusively with Dragon Boat France, an EDBF Member.

**4.04**

After full discussion, on the three proposals, Spain (Banyoles/Barcelona), Czech Rep (Racice) and the proposal from Hungary, to organize age group Championships alongside EDBF Members events, such as National Championships or the Euro Cup Races, as back up locations, covering race officials, venue facilities, locations, budget considerations, standards of organisation, economic and social considerations, likely number of competitors, the Council agreed to recommend to the Congress, Banyoles, Spain as the revised location for the 2022 EDBF Nations Championships, to be held in August, with back up locations at EDBF Members National Champs or Euro Cup Races. Any such location proposals to be notified to AB by 2 April 2022.

**5.00**

**EDBF Extraordinary Congress & Forum.**

JD confirmed that the Congress and Forum were now scheduled for 2nd April 2022 at 10.00 CET for 2 hours, maximum. It was agreed that the Spanish Federation to make a formal presentation to the Congress before Congress voted on confirming the Councils recommendation.

**5.01**

CS advised that the forum would now take place from 12.00 CET, with 5 different zoom rooms, under the appropriate Commissions, with 30-minute collective wash-up session.

**5.02**

MS advised the meeting that she had prepared a draft time-table and room subjects, to be finalized with each commission involved, which could then be circulated to the EDBF Members. It was agreed that MS could have a budget of 100 Euro for publicity for the event and that each room chair should provide MS with their final programme by 25 March 2022, in order that those attending could decide which room they wanted to visit and at what time, according to the final time-table produced by MS.

**6.00**

**EDBF Euro Cup update.**

AS informed the meeting that the only contract so far agreed and signed has been with Barcelona and a contract sent to Serbia for signature. Regarding the Georgia Euro Cup Race, it was agreed that due to the war situation in the area that Georgia should be postponed until 2023. It was agreed that all Euro Cup bidders should make a presentation to the EDBF Congress, provided they had signed their contract with the EDBF. AS confirmed that all bidders had paid their EDBF Members fees.

**7.00**

**Any Other Business.**

**7.01**

CS informed the meeting that he had attended the WAKO (World Association of Kick Boxing) federation seminar in Bahrein. Wako invited Claudio Schermi, EDBF President and IDBF Vice President, as guest speaker to present the "DRAGON BOAT CASE HISTORY: HOW SPORT CAN HELP PEOPLE AFFECTED BY BREAST CANCER". The meeting was also a good opportunity to meet with sport and government authorities to promote dragon boating and Breast Cancer Paddlers. The contents of the presentation regarding BCP was prepared with the help of Paola Pochesci, Chair of Women in Sport Commission, and - thanks to Lucia De Ranieri IBCPC Vice President – with the IBCPC. In discussion some concern was expressed about CS speaking to another International Federation, without prior discussion with the IDBF about such a presentation and the protocols associated with attending and funding such an event.

CS was surprised of such reaction because, as he said, he was invited personally even if in his sport positions and that no official protocol prevents the EDBF President to speak and promote dragon boat.

**7.02**

JD advised that the EDBF had no where to store its information and would investigate the size and cost of an EDBF drop box and come back to the next council meeting with costs.

**7.03**

PJ requested that recordings (verbal or video) of EDBF meetings be made available for Council Members, as well as receiving written minutes. CS opinioned that if people wanted to have access to recorded meetings that could be done online if the minutes are not accurate. At the moment the purpose of the recording is to give help to the minute secretary of the meeting. CS is ready to open up the meetings to public but this is not good practice for the Executive Committee where open discussions should be taken and the minutes published.

CS underlined that the EDBF has already an high standard of transparency.  
For the Congress the President consider that to go live could be a good idea

**8.00**

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

Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 18.00hrs (BST) / 19.00hrs (CET) by Zoom Meeting.

Minutes written and produced by Leila Ataei (CYP).

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

Signed by:



Dated: 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Claudio Schermi  
President  
European Dragon Boat Federation