

**MINUTES OF THE 72nd COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
 TUESDAY, 14th JUNE 2022 AT 18.00HRS (BST) / 19.00HRS (CET)
 HELD BY VIDEO CONFERENCE**

Present:	Claudio Schermi	CS	EDBF President	ITA
	Ute Becker-Frenzel	UBF	EDBF Vice-President	GER
	Julie Doyle	JD	EDBF Secretary General	IRL
	Maura Dezi	MD	EDBF Treasurer	ITA
	Anna Socratous	AS	EDBF Vice President	CYP
	Peter Jarosi	PJ	EDBF Vice President	HUN
	Valerii Morgun	VM	EDBF Vice President	UKR
	Saed Abdalla	SA	Member Representative	GER
	Robin Magnasson	RM	Member Representative	SWE
	Andrew Menzies	AM	Full Member's Representative	GBR
	Andries Boneschansker	AB	C&T Commission Chair	NLD
	Paola Pochesci	PP	Women's Commission Chair	ITA
	Michela Scacchetti	MS	M&M Commission Chair	ITA
	Alexey Morgun	AM	Youth Commission Chair	AM
In Attendance:	Mike Thomas	MT	IDBF President	
	Mike MacKeddie-Haslam	MMH	EDBF President of Honour	GBR
	Alan Van Caubergh	AC	EDBF Honorary President	NLD
	Leila Ataei	LA	M&SS Commission Vice Chair	CYP
	Christian Tänzer	CT	M&M Commission Vice Chair	GER
	Mike Thomas	MT	IDBF President	GBR
	Yvonne-Meyer	YM	Women's Commission Member	
	Reka Szabina Torok	RT	Interpreter for PJ	
	Andrii Morgun	MA	Interpreter for VM	
Apologies	Nigel Bedford			
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 Meetings.
4. 14th EDBF European Nations Championship, Banyoles Report.
5. EDBF Euro Cup update.
7. Any Other Business.
8. Date, Time and Place of the Next Meeting.

Item

1.00

Welcome Address

CS welcomed Council Members to the meeting and IDBF President Mike Thomas, EDBF President of Honour Mike MacKeddie-Haslam and EDBF Hon President Alan van Caubergh and thanked them for their advice and counsel. CS informed the meeting that he expected Commission Chair holders to notify the Sec General of the name of the person attending a Council Meeting, when the Chairholder could not attend (this would normally be the Vice Chairholder). Re the National Representatives, CS suggested that the EDBF follow the IDBF model, once the IDBF had reviewed its position on who the nominees from the Continental Federations should be normally the President but if not a named person.

2.00

Confirmation of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

3.00

Acceptance of the Minutes of the Previous EDBF Council Meeting

JD confirmed with the members that they had received the minutes of the 70th Council Meeting held 8-9th Mar 2022 and the 71st Council Meeting held on 22nd March 2022 and asked if there were any comments on the said Minutes. There were none and both sets of Minutes were accepted in full.

4.00

14th EDBF European Nations Championships & Kyiv Cup

CS informed the meeting that together with AB, VM and MMH had headed up an EDBF delegation for a site visit with the Banyoles Organising Committee. CS felt that the Org Com were doing a good job, in difficult circumstances. He then asked the site visit team members to update the Council on the site visit, for their information and agreement.

4.01

AB outlined to the meeting information (screen share slides) on the location of the racing course, marshalling and embarkation areas, the finish area control tower and the layout of the racing course, start and finish lines (200m and 500m).

4.02

He explained the location of the Athletes Village in relationship to the marshalling and embarking area. In summary the regatta site was compact and had adequate space to meet the EDBF's technical requirements.

4.03

He also reported that he had run a training course at the Barcelona Euro Cup (following the Site Meeting) and qualified 9 Spanish Officials who would be available for Banyoles. AB advised the meeting of his list of IDBF qualified Race Officials and local officials for the ENC, which may change because as yet, not all those named had been able to confirm their attendance. MMH would be responsible for coordinating the medals ceremonies with the Org Com.

4.04

JD informed the meeting that, so far, only 4 countries had entered the ENC. MMH reported that the Org Com had not yet received entries from Club crews or BCP and that they were concerned that they had reserved accommodation for 700 people in local hotels in Girona and were concerned that, to date, they had received few bookings. It was agreed that action was needed to chase up the EDBF members for entries and accommodation bookings.

4.05

VM then addressed the Council and thanked the Council for supporting Ukraine and the opportunity to hold the Kyiv Cup races in Spain. As a member of the Site Visit Team, he fully agreed with AB's report and the suitability of Banyoles to stage the ENC in place of Kyiv. He assured the Council that the Ukraine would send a team to compete in the ENC.

VM wished to thank UBF for her work in locating Ukraine paddlers in Germany and helping them to prepare them for the ENC and to Claudio for offering accommodation for Ukrainians in Italy. UBF was please to report that the Ukrainian Youth team was training in Schwerin and being hosted there. They were looking forward to competing in the ENC.

4.06

MH informed the meeting that his role was to be the EDBF Coordinator with the Org Com for Banyoles. Bulletins have been sent out with the information on both the ENC and the club crew races (Kyiv and BCP) and that he would be responsible with AB, for producing the combined Race Programme for the ENC and club races.

4.07

Before the site meeting, he had advised the Org. Com. that a maximum of 900 competitors should be their budgeting target not 2000, the figure they had been working on. He drew the meetings attention to the need to try and get as many participants as possible to Banyoles, in order to increase the income available to the organizers. This involved offering as wide a range of competitions as possible for paddlers to enter, with an entry date as late as possible. Bulletin no. 2 had contained contain updated info for both the ENC and Kyiv Cup.

4.08

MMH drew the meetings attention to proposals that were in the Info Bulletin and agreed by the EDBF Executive, that needed the Council's endorsement. These were a 5 Euro donation from each EDBF Registration Fee (Nations and Clubs) to go to the Ukraine Fund. (Fee Euro 20.00) and no registration fee charged to Ukraine paddlers.

4.09

MHH also advised that VM had around 5000 medals from Kiev 2020 not used and the suggestion is that they should be sold at Banyoles for Euro 5, per medal plus Euro 2 for the ribbon that goes with them (around 2000 ribbons). Proceeds to the Ukraine Fund.

4.10

MHH advised that the Org Com had agreed to an Early Bird discounted Admin Fee of Euro 20, per paddler (Euro 60 down to Euro 40), for crews entering the BCP and Kiev Cup Races (including Paradrasons) before the 30th June 2022. Juniors and Paradrasons would pay a lower fee. PP requested that the BCP should also pay a reduced fee.

4.11

JD felt that the fees had to be the same for all adult crews (Paradrasons excepted) and that the Early Bird discount was effectively a reduction in fees, if entries made by 30 June 22. The meeting agreed this as being a good solution for the BCP crews and Kyiv Cup and suggested that the Org Com to be asked to extend the Early Bird Entry until 15 July 2022. It did not apply to the ENC. (After note: The Org Com agreed to extend the EB entry date).

In summary he said that it was important to make it clear to the EDBF Members and others that the ENC would not be affected by the club races and that they were separate, but supportive events and that the Org Com were expecting to make a loss and did not expect the EDBF to cover any part of the loss. They had agreed to host the event for the good of the sport and its development. CS confirmed that any loss was down to the Org Com.

LA reported that she had prepared information and discussed with the Org Com anti-doping testing and education for the ENC, including the need for premier paddlers to complete an on-line anti-doping course before racing at the ENC. This was in line with IDBF policy and that of WADA. The need for premier paddlers taking prescribed medicines to apply for a TUE, through the IDBF, had also been discussed with Bridget Walter – IDBF Med Com, Chair.

5.00 **EDBF Euro Cup update.**

AS informed the meeting that the first Euro Cup race in 2022 had taken place in Barcelona. Crews from 6 countries had attended - Ireland, UAE (Dubai) Czech Rep, Italy, Switzerland and Spain. 326 participants in total.

5.01

AB had attended the event as C&TC Chair and provided a detailed report, which had been circulated to the Council. Barcelona had been a good curtain raiser for the season and hopefully the Kyiv Cup, which would qualify for Euro Cup points would also be a success.

AS felt that it was important to continue to promote the other races in the series (Serbia, Rome and Dubai), through the EDBF website to encourage clubs to enter and that, equally, the Race Organizers should be encouraged to issue their Information Bulletins to the EDBF Members. JD informed the meeting that the Information Bulletin for Serbia had been received and sent out, but nothing had yet been received or sent, regarding Rome or Dubai.

5.02

AB informed the meeting that for each Euro Cup race a member of the C&TC would attend to observe (as he had done in Barcelona) and to make sure that EDBF standards were maintained across the series. RM would be the C&TC Rep in Serbia, in September.

6.00

Admin Expense Policy

JD informed the meeting that together with CS and MD she had been working on producing an admin policy plan for the EDBF. This was not completed, but CS was researching what other International Federations might have published in this respect, to see if there were any additions or adjustments to make to the EDBF policy, before presenting it to the Council for adoption.

7.00

2022 Auditor for EDBF Accounts

JD reminded the meeting that an Auditor was required for the 2021 Accounts as the Russian Federation (RAPS) who had been scheduled to be the Auditor, might not be ideal. CS felt that another auditor should be appointed, given the Russia/Ukraine war situation.

7.01

In discussion it was agreed that whilst the Russian Federation had not been suspended from the EDBF, that it would be inappropriate, at this time, for the RAPS to audit the EDBF Accounts and that it may be worthwhile to appoint a paid external auditor. CS proposed that the Finance Committee look at this issue and come back with proposals to AVC and MMH.

Any Other Business.

8.00

Champion Title & Medals. CS raised the question of how many nations needed to enter a ENC to be given the title of European Champion. It had been the practice in the past few years to give the title of 'Champion' even if there was only one entry.

8.01

8.02

MMH observed that there was a difference between giving the title of Champion and awarding medals. AB pointed out that there was an IDBF comp reg that laid down a sliding scale of medals and trophies awarded according to the number of entries received.

8.03

It was agreed that with only one ENC entry in Banyoles, that the title champion would be given, but no medals. Medals would be according to the medals sliding scale and notified in Info Bulletin no. 3. In the case of more than one entry but only one crew starting, then medals would be awarded. CS asked AB to set up a C&TC working group to look at this issue and

make recommendations for future ENC's. (UBF, MMH, AS to be members).

8.04

Council Members Hosting in Banyoles. JD reminded Council members to notify the Org Com the dates they intended to be in Banyoles, bearing in mind the hosting dates offered and that people would be accommodated in Apartments.

9.00

Date, Time and Place of the Next Meeting.

Tuesday 2nd August 2022 - 18.00hrs (GMT) / 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: 18th August 2022

Claudio Schermi
President
European Dragon Boat Federation