

**MINUTES OF THE 73<sup>rd</sup> COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
 TUESDAY, 2nd AUGUST 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
	Maura Dezi	MD	EDBF Treasurer	ITA
	Anna Socratous	AS	EDBF Vice President	CYP
	Robin Magnasson	RM	Member Representative	SWE
	Andrew Menzies	AM	Full Member's Representative	GBR
	Andries Boneschanser	AB	C&T Commission Chair	NLD
	Paola Pochesci	PP	Women's Commission Chair	ITA
	Michela Scacchetti	MS	M&M Commission Chair	ITA
	Nigel Bedford	NB	IDBF Paradrakon Commission Chair	GBR
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Mike MacKeddie-Haslam	MMH	EDBF President of Honour	GBR
	Leila Ataei	LA	M&SS Commission Vice Chair	CYP
	Sue Menzies	SM	ENC 2022 Chief Official	GBR
<b>Apologies</b>	Christian Tänzer	CT	M&M Commission Vice Chair	GER
	Mike Thomas	MT	IDBF President	GBR
	Neil Pickles	NP	Member Representative	GBR

**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 72<sup>nd</sup> EDBF Council Meetings.
4. 14th EDBF European Nations Championship, Kyiv Cup & BCS.
5. EDBF Euro Cup update.
6. Agreement of EDBF Membership Fees for 2023 (Congress to approve).
7. Budget Report 2023.
8. Agreement of Auditor for 2021 EDBF Accounts.
9. Any Other Business.
10. Date, Time and Place of the Next Meeting.

**Item****1.00****Welcome Address**

Claudio Schermi (CS) welcomed Council Members to the meeting and wished to acknowledge the hard work being done by all those EDBF Member officials organizing events at National level, following Covid 19 lock down.

**1.01**

He reported on the IDBF CCWC in Sarasota, with particular acknowledgement to Nigel Bedford for the effort made in having Para Dragons Crews competing and to Julie Doyle and Belinda Chung for the great job they had done in producing the IDBF book on Dragon Boat Sport. He also congratulated Mike MacKeddie-Haslam, Mike Thomas and Julie Doyle on their induction into the IDBF Hall of Fame, acknowledging the work that they had done for the IDBF over the years.

**1.02**

He concluded with a summary of the IDBF Council Meeting held in Sarasota, at which Valerii M, was the EDBF representative and both Ute BF and Anna S, were observers. Mike M-H referred to the notification to the Council, by the IDBF President Mike Thomas, that he would not be standing for re-election at the 2023 IDBF Congress.

**2.00****Confirmation of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as presented.

**3.00****Acceptance of the Minutes of the Previous EDBF Council Meetings**

Julie D confirmed she had received the minutes of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Council Meeting held 14 Jun 2022 and that the President 's (CS) approval signature was needed before sending the Minutes out to the Council Members. The 71<sup>st</sup> Council Minutes had been approved but the 72<sup>nd</sup> Minutes would now need to be approved at the next Council Meeting

**4.00****14th EDBF European Nations Championship, Kyiv Cup & BCS.****4.01**

Andries B confirmed he had now produced the final list of Race Officials, eleven IDBF qualified in total, including some Council Members, as Race Officials. He produced for the meeting a full list of officials for the event and their roles, which is attached at **ANNEX.A**.

**4.02**

He also confirmed that he and Alan Van C would be conducting Race Officials training and assessment at the ENC. In discussion Andries confirmed that the roles of the different officials would be organized and discussed with the Chief Official.

**4.03**

Julie D spoke of the possible need to have two accreditation and/or race programme systems as the entries for the Kyiv Cup and Breast Cancer crews, were not registered on the IDBF data base run by Slawek. This may mean that the ENC results system would be done electronically, whilst the KC and BCP races might have to be done manually. Crew lists too may have to be dealt with separately.

**4.04**

After discussion it was agreed that Mike M-H would contact Mike Thomas and Slawek to discuss the issues raised and find solutions. Hopefully, there was still time for both the BCP and KC crews to be entered into the IDBF Date Base and included in the electronic race programme, enabling all race results and progressions to be done electronically.

**4.05**

Further discussion took place over the change of the finish line position; the need to build a new finish tower and the layout of the 2000m course. Mike M-H also advised that Banyoles had informed him that it would take 2 hours to move the start pontoons from 200m back to 500m on Saturday. Therefore a 2-hour break in racing could be necessary. Banyoles had been asked to re-check this information to see if it could be done quicker.

- 4.06** **COVID 19 advice.** Following the outbreak of Covid 19 case during the IDBF CCWC in Sarasota, Julie D raised the question of what advice should be given to crews about preventing the spread of Covid 19 during the ENC. Leila A, as the Vice- Chair of the EDBF Med Com said that she would prepare some general points for inclusion in Info Bul 3 covering the different areas for consideration, face masks, sanitization of boats, etc.
- 4.07** Various options were discussed concerning the issue including having testing kits available for competitors and officials. It was agreed that Leila A would take the lead in this matter and be responsible for producing covid 19 related advice for all those attending the ENC.
- 4.08** Further discussions covered the signing of the Contract with the Org Com, yet to be concluded and the need for Council Members to confirm their arrival and departure dates with Banyoles. It was agreed that those race officials who needed to be on site at the regatta site, would be accommodated in Banyoles and those Council Members and members of the Jury, for example, would be accommodated in Girona.
- 4.09** Mike M-H informed the meeting that the Banyoles Organisers had asked if they could charge a small fee for crews booking pre-event training at the regatta site. In discussion it was confirmed that the normal custom was that crews would have free training session on the 2 days before racing started. After discussion it was agreed that the official free training days would be on 30/31 August (Tuesday and Wednesday) and that a small charge could be made on 29 August or earlier.
- 4.10** Mike M-H reported that entries, so far, had been received from 10 Countries in small boats and 8 countries in the standard boat. He also confirmed that IDBF regulations would be followed regarding the award of medals and trophies where entries were low – less than 5.
- 4.11** **Para Dragons.** Nigel Bedford advised the Council that it was now unlikely that any Para Dragon crews would be able to attend Banyoles, which was a disappointment to him but if entries do arise, then plans were in place with Andries and Leila, to support them. Claudio (CS) thanked Nigel for trying to organize Para Dragon crews but was sure that at future EDBF Championships, Para Dragon crews would again be racing.
- 5.00** **EDBF Euro Cup update.**  
Anna S, informed the Council that there was nothing to report concerning the 2022 Euro Cup race series, which was proceeding on the dates notified previously.
- 6.00** **Agreement of EDBF Membership Fees for 2023 (Congress to approve).**  
Julie D confirmed that for 2022 the EDBF Membership fees were Euro 250 Full and Euro 125 for basic membership. In discussion it was agreed that whilst the principle of a regular annual increase was the norm, that given the circumstances of no competitions etc due to Covid 19 in 2020 and 2021, that for 2023 the recommendation to Congress, should be to keep the Membership Fees at 2022 level but that from 2024 an annual increase should become the norm.
- 7.00** **Budget Report 2023.**  
Julie D informed the meeting, on behalf of the Treasurer, that the 2023 budget was prepared and was basically the same as 2022. It was agreed that the Budget Report 2023, should go forward directly to the 2022 Congress.

**8.00** **Agreement of Auditor for 2021 EDBF Accounts.**

The situation of appointing a professional, paid, auditor was again discussed, given the difficulties associated with the Russian Federation being the EDBF Member with responsible for Auditing the 2021 EDBF Accounts. It was agreed that given the EDBF financial situation caused by Covid-19, that for the 2021 accounts that Arild from Norway (who was a professional auditor) be approached to see if he would audit the EDBF Accounts for 2021 at no cost or low cost to the EDBF. Then once the EDBF finances were back to 'normal' then a professional auditor should be appointed. Robin M agreed to contact Arild over this request.

**9.00**

**Any Other Business.**

**10.00**

There was no other business notified for the meeting, but Claudio S summarized what would be needed for the EDBF Congress on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September in Banyoles, which would be a challenge to organize as both a face to face and on-line Congress for the EDBF Members.


**11.00**

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

Details of the next Council Meeting to be decided in Banyoles, after the EDBF Congress had been held.

Minutes written and produced by Leila Ataei. (Cyp)

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

Signed by:   
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**Claudio Schermi, President**  
**European Dragon Boat Federation**

**Dated: 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022**

### ANNEX. A. 2022 ENC BANYOLES – RACE OFFICIALS LIST

Station	Chief Officials Office
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Rijlabels	Chief Judge	Chief Official	Eindtotaal
Andy Menzies	1		1
Natalya Kravtsova		1	1
Sue Menzies		1	1
<b>Eindtotaal</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

Station	Umpire
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Rijlabels	Chief Umpire	Umpire	Eindtotaal
Dawn Demitriadou		1	1
Edith Low		1	1
Fanni Nemeth	1		1
Maryam Afshari		1	1
<b>Eindtotaal</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

Station	Competition Secretariat
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Rijlabels	Chief Secretariat	Operator IDBF Competition System	Secretariat	Eindtotaal
Alba Benitez Quirante			1	1
Anna Simonova		1		1
Bridget Walter	1			1
Lluc Serramitjana Espunya			1	1
Sue Thomas			1	1
Ute Becker - Frenzel			1	1
<b>Eindtotaal</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>

Station	Start
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Rijlabels	Aligner	Chief Starter	Starter	Eindtotaal
<u>Joan Mitjà Pallàs</u>	1			1
<u>Vladislav Ylin</u>			1	1
Wendy Hermelink		1		1
<b>Eindtotaal</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>

Station	Finish
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Rijlabels	Time Keeper	Eindtotaal
<u>Albert Ortes</u>		
<u>Beneyto</u>	1	1
<u>Dora Lepore</u>	1	1
<u>Iona Vicens Peis</u>	1	1
<u>Irma Julia Noguer</u>	1	1
<u>Mitra Salehi</u>	1	1
<b>Eindtotaal</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>

Station	Marshalling Area
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Rijlabels	Ass. Chief Boat Marshall	Boat Marshall	Chief Boat Marshall	Runner	Eindtotaal
Andrii Simonov				1	1
Bart Boneschansker			1		1
<u>Chadi Dahman Lamrini</u>		1			1
<u>Climent Palmada Oliveras</u>		1			1
Darrell Snape	1				1
Marc Serra Cargol		1			1
Maria Ananenko		1			1
<u>Mateu Farrés Teixidor</u>		1			1
<u>Paula Coll Risco</u>		1			1
Sem van der Boom				1	1
<u>Victor Molero Muñoz</u>		1			1
<b>Eindtotaal</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>

Station	Jury
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Alan van Caubergh	1
Andries Boneschansker	1
Claudio Schermi	1
<u>Mike McKeddie - Haslam</u>	1
Mike Thomas	1
Valerii Morgun	1
<b>Eindtotaal</b>	<b>6</b>