

MINUTES OF THE 75TH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, 23RD JANUARY 2023 AT 18:00HRS (BST) / 19:00HRS (CET)
HELD IN VIDEO CONFERENCE

Present:

EDBF Executive Committee:	Claudio Schermi	CS	EDBF President	ITA
	Ute Becker-Frenzel	UBF	EDBF Senior Vice President	GER
	Peter Jarosi	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
	Andrew Menzies	AM	Full Member's Representative	GBR

EDBF Council Representatives:	Dusko Spasovski	DS	Medical Commission Chair	SRB
	Paola Pochesci	PP	Women's Commission Chair	ITA
	Alexey Morgun	AM	Youth Commission Chair	UKR
	Andries Boneschansker (left 19:25)	AB	ComSpec Chair	NLD
	Michela Scacchetti (joined 18:15)	MS	M&M Commission Chair	ITA
	Saed Abdalla	TA	Member Representative	GER
	Robin Magnusson (left 20:18)	RM	Member Representative	SWE
	Niko Cuca	NC	Member Representative	SRB

Non-Voting:	Mike Thomas (left 19:12)	MT	IDBF President	MT
	Mike MacKeddie-Haslam	MMH	EDBF President of Honour	GBR
	Christian Tänzer	CT	M&M Commission Vice Chair	GER
	Leila Ataei (joined 18:22)	LA	Medical Commission Vice Chair	CYP
	Djordje Pavlovic	DP	ComSpec Vice Chair	CYP
	Lilla Baravics	LB	Translator for Peter Jarosi	HUN

<u>Item</u>		<u>Action</u>
1.00	<u>Welcome Address</u>	
1.01	CS welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
1.02	Apologies were received from Nigel Bedford and Neil Pickles.	
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 74th Council Meeting held on 4th October 2022 were accepted in full.
- 4.00 EDBF Euro Cup Rules & Points System Revised/Agreement to Locations fore2023**
- 4.01 AS gave a quick summary of the Dubai Euro Cup held on 9th & 10th December 2022 in the UAE. 586 competitors attended which was made up of 22 local teams and 10 international teams. Of the 10 international teams, only 4 were from European nations. All results have now been submitted to MMH.
- 4.02 AS advised that a review group made up of AB, MMH & AS was set up to appraise the Euro Cup & Points System. See attached proposals document. As a long distance race would now be included in the Euro Cup, the points system would need to be reviewed specifically for that. AS
- 4.03 AS advised that it is planned to produce a document, so that all Org Coms know what is expected of them. The contract may also need a further review. AS
- 4.04 It was agreed that the EDBF would provide a perpetual trophy for the overall Euro Cup winner and would produce a standard medal for the Euro Cup events. AS
- 4.05 All agreed they were happy for the Euro Cup events for 2023
 - 29th April 2023 – Schwerin, Germany (Long distance race 10km – 12km)
 - 22nd - 25th June 2023 – Belgrade, Serbia
 - 30th June – 1st July 2023 - Tblisi, Georgia
 - 8th – 10th December 2023 – Dubai, UAE
Post Meeting Note: The Org Com in Schwerin, Germany have now declined to run the Euro Cup as they were unaware of the extent of the costs payable to the EDBF.
- 4.06 Lithuania have also shown interest in running a Euro Cup in the autumn; more details are to be provided. It was noted that if the Lithuanian DBF wanted support, in return they would need to actively participate in the EDBF events as a grant had already been awarded to them.
- 4.07 It was unanimously agreed that all were happy with the new Points System.
- 5.00 EDBF Amendments to the IDBF Rules & Regulations**
- 5.01 See attached EDBF Amendments to the IDBF Rules & Regulations.
- 5.02 The amendments were approved in full.
 Vote:
 For: 12
 Against: 2
 Abstain: 1

5.03 It was confirmed that a BCS crew can choose not to race within the BCS category, but compete in the standard events at the ECCC.

5.04 A BCP team should also now be referred to as Open. As agreed with the IBCPC any male BCP can compete alongside the women as there are currently so few taking part.

6.00 Risk Management: Insurance Required by the EDBF for Events and its Officers

6.01 CS showed a brief presentation from Consulbrokers Spa from Italy. See attached.

6.02 Discussion took place on what insurance was actually required. It was noted that the EDBF needs to clearly define their insurance requirements first, otherwise the cost could be prohibitive. CS to investigate what insurances the IDBF currently has in place.

CS

7.00 EDBF Forum, Gala Dinner & Awards Ceremony

7.01 CS advised that the FIDB would be happy to host the Forum & Gala Dinner in Rome, Italy between 24th – 26th March 2023 with a suggested programme below and a budget of €5,000. He suggested a flight subsidy to the maximum of €200/person for Exec Com & Council members and that everyone should pay their own accommodation costs. CS stated that the Forum should be considered as an income stream rather than a cost to the EDBF, as he could gain sponsorship for the event. He would be open to suggestions for the Forum topics. It was also thought that the event could be held online at the same time.

24th March 2023 – Executive Committee Meeting in the afternoon/evening.

25th March 2023 – Forum all day with the Gala Dinner in the evening.

26th March 2023 – Council Meeting in the morning.

7.02 Discussion took place. It was felt that these dates gave insufficient notice for people to attend and for the FIDB to organise a quality Forum. The time of year was also wrong as most federations now had their calendar of events in place for the year. Economic restraints could also mean people did not have spare money to attend. To attract people it may be better to run it directly after the ECCC in September, but good preparation and a good agenda was key to its success.

7.03 CS advised together with MS and CT he would make some proposals before the next Council Meeting.

CS/MS/CT

7.04 PP suggested a topic for the Forum could be – How do we reach real inclusiveness within the sport across the whole of Europe?

8.00 Any Other Business

8.01 JD advised that a team from Lithuanian had been in contact and wanted to take part in the ECCC 2023, however Lithuania were currently an unpaid member. VM had made

	contact with the Lithuanian DBF and advised there is a complex situation within their organisation. <i>Post Meeting Note: MD confirmed Lithuanian DBF has paid their annual membership.</i>	
8.02	DP advised that he has now completed a draft of the Coaching Scheme which builds on the IDBF's original modular system. He advised that it only relates to the level of coaching above Participation Coach (level 3), so there is no conflict with levels 1 & 2. This now needs to be discussed internally within the ComSpec.	ComSpec
8.03	It was agreed to extend the Provisional Entry deadline for the ECCC to 7 th March 2023. CS to change in the Amendments to Bulletin no. 1.	CS
8.04	Some debate ensued over the 'N/A' headings on the entries in the Amendments to Bulletin no. 1. It was felt that all race categories should be open to see what uptake there was, rather than closing off some race categories from the start and teams having to ask for them to be opened. It was noted that Germany had some entries for the 'closed' categories. The EDBF has not run a full ECCC since 2019, so it is difficult to guess what the entries might be 4 years on.	
9.00	<u>Date, Time and Place of the Next Meetings</u>	
9.01	To be confirmed.	

Attachments:

- Euro Cup Rules & Points System Presentation
- EDBF Amendments to IDBF Rules and Regulations
- Presentation from Consulbrokers Spa.

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: 7th February 2023