

**MINUTES OF THE EDBF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, 18th JANUARY 2022 AT 18.00HRS (BST) / 19.00HRS (CET)**  
**HELD BY VIDEO CONFERENCE**

<b>Present:</b>				
<b>EDBF Executive Committee:</b>	Claudio Schermi	CS	EDBF President	ITA
	Ute Becker-Frenzel	UBF	EDBF Vice President	GER
	Anna Sokratous	AS	EDBF Vice President	CYP
	Maura Dezi (arrived 1820)	MD	EDBF Treasurer	ITA
	Julie Doyle	JD	EDBF Secretary General	IRL
	Alan Van Caubergh	AC	EDBF Honorary President	NLD
<b>Apologies:</b>	Peter Jarosi		EDBF Vice President	HUN
	Valerii Morgun		EDBF Vice President	UKR
	Andy Menzies		EDBF Members Representative	GBR
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Paola Pochesci		Chair EDBF Women's Commission	ITA
	Ivana Markovich		Member of the Women in Sport Com	
	Alexeii Morgun		Chair EDBF Youth Commission	UKR
	Rainer Remke		Translator for Ute Becker-Frenzel	
<b>Minutes Secretary:</b>	Leila Ataei			

**AGENDA**

1. Welcome Address by the EDBF President.
2. Confirmation of the Agenda.
3. Acceptance of the Minutes of the previous EDBF Executive Committee Meeting.
4. President's Report.
5. Management of the EDBF (VP's Portfolios, Secretariat, Finance, Events, Meetings).
6. EDBF Forum.
7. Euro Cup 2021 and 2022 Updates.
8. Any Other Business.
  - WhatsApp Usage.
9. Date, Time and Place of the Next Meeting.

<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>MINUTES</u></b>	<b><u>Action</u></b>
<b>1.00</b>	<b><u>Welcome Address</u></b>  CS welcomed everyone to the meeting, including as observers, Paola Pochesci, Chair of the Women in Sport Commission and Ivana Markovich a Member of the Commission. The Executive agreed the appointment of a Minutes Secretary, with a payment of 50 Euros, per meeting.	
1.01	UB and JD asked clarifications about those in attendance. CS said that as the EDBF President he was able to invite guests to meetings. CS added that there were different nationalities and cultures represented within the EDBF and it was important to accept them, be flexible, understand the differences, respect them and work as a team, for the benefit of the EDBF and its Members. (See also Item.5.03 and 5.04).	
<b>2.00</b>	<b><u>Confirmation of Agenda</u></b>  The agenda was approved as presented, except for Item.8.01 (Any Other Business) from JD. CS advised the meeting that EDBF Statutes, Art 11.2 dealt with communications within the EDBF and that he would refer the item to the Council for discussion.	Refer to Council

### **3.00 Acceptance of Minutes of the Previous EDBF Executive Committee Meeting**

The minutes of the last Executive Committee Meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021 were accepted in full.

### **4.0 President's Report**

CS reported that the IDBF Congress on the 15<sup>th</sup> January awarded Italy (Ravenna) for the 2024 IDBF Club Crew World Championships and Germany (Brandenburg) for the 2025 IDBF World Nations Championships.

- 4.01 CS advised the Executive that, as a new IDBF Vice President, he had proposed to amend the IDBF Bye laws to permit World Championships Organizing Committees to charge an Entry Fee instead of an Admin Fee. This had been accepted.

### **5.0 Management of the EDBF**

CS confirmed the VP portfolios as allocated in previous meetings and the self-explanatory duties of the Secretary General, the Treasurer and the Representative of the Members. This was accepted.

- 5.01 Regarding the VP Portfolio's, CS advised the meeting that Peter Jarosi was still not satisfied with his VP Portfolio and did not wish to discuss things on Zoom. PJ had invited CS to meet in Hungary, which would incur costs, as well as time, at the beginning of January but PJ now wanted to meet CS on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

- 5.02 JD introduced for discussion; the paper circulated to the Executive by UBF (Copy enclosed below). CS advised that points 1-4 of the paper were already covered in the EDBF Statutes and Bye-Laws and had already been discussed by the Council. CS underlined that it was important to remember that the Council dealt with EDBF policy and the Executive the EDBF management.

- 5.03 Regarding points 5 and 6, in general discussion CS advised that under the EDBF Statutes & Bye-Laws, as the President, he was entitled to invite anyone to an EDBF Congress, Council or Executive Meeting, which was his policy in the interests of openness within the EDBF.

- 5.04 This equally applied to the Vice-Chairholders of the Commissions attending Council Meetings, in order for them to be fully aware of the broader issues discussed at Council Meetings, without the need for them to vote. It is important to give people the opportunity to see the EDBF Council in action and understand the business of both the Executive & Council. Observing EDBF Meetings was one way.

- 5.05 With regard to EDBF representation within the IDBF, CS advised that, in accordance with both the IDBF and EDBF Statutes and Bye-Laws (IDBF BL 11.2 for example) his intention was to nominate an EDBF Vice-President to represent him (EDBF) at future IDBF Council Meetings, on a meeting-by-meeting basis and he would request that the EDBF be entitled to have two EDBF Representatives on the IDBF Council as allowed for in the IDBF Bye-Laws.

- 5.06 There was no detailed discussion on points 7-9 of the proposals from UBF, because they basically are suggestions for management of the EDBF and represented good practice.

### **6.0 EDBF Forum**

Discussion took place on the length and format of the Forum. CS suggested that the day should consist of two sessions, the morning starting at 11am with a lunch break and then an afternoon session. C.S. confirmed the subject and the format as agreed in previous meetings and invited the EDBF Ex. Com. Members to be available to run the Forum in the different sessions. After a brief discussion the format was agreed, for submission to the Council.

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**7.0 Euro Cup 2021 & 2022 Updates**

AS reported that the final results and points tables for the Euro Cup 2021 had been finalized and prepared by Mike MacKeddie-Haslam and were ready to be circulated to the EDBF Members. The Dubai Races had been particularly well attended and organized and were a great success

7.01 Regarding the 2022 Euro Cup, the Meeting agreed to extend the deadline for applying to hold a Euro Cup Race until the next Council Meeting on 8 Feb 22.

7.02 AS advised that to date 6 locations had shown an interest, from Spain (May) France (Jun) Cyprus (Oct/Nov), Dubai (Dec) Serbia, Italy dates to be notified. The meeting agreed that an EDBF Member hosting a Euro Cup Race should pay their EDBF Membership Fee before their bid would be accepted.

**8.00 Any Other Business**

8.01 Whats App Usage – see Minute.2

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

21 February 2022 – by Zoom, time to be confirmed

Enclosure: Ute Becker-Frenzel, EDBF Management proposals – Minute 5

Minutes written and produced by Leila Ataei. (Cyp)

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

Signed by:

Dated: 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022



Claudio Schermi  
President  
European Dragon Boat Federation

**Enclosure to the Executive Committee Meeting, held on 18 January 2022**

**Proposals from EDBF Senior Vice-President, Ute Becker-Frenzei**

1. The Council will have a maximum of 4 meetings per year.
2. The day-to-day work of the EDBF will take place within the Executive Committee.
3. The Executive Committee will normally meet every 2 months.
4. It will be possible to meet extra ordinarily if there is a special theme or issue.
5. Just the chairs of the commissions will participate at the Council Meetings, and they will have the speaking rights and report about the work of the commission. Everything else is to be discussed within the commission. Subject to a special invitation other commission members can attend who have a specific task. It is important to underline the principle that only elected members can attend our meetings without a confirmed invitation.
6. The Vice President's take on concrete tasks and in turn support the work of the President.
7. The members of the Executive Committee have to send a small report about their work form the last two months, latest 3 days before the next Executive Meeting to the President and Secretary-General. The same procedures will be for the Council members and meetings. The Secretary General can then send all documents with the agenda to the meeting members. All participants can then read in advance of the meeting and have a better understanding.
8. The commissions can work and report to the President, to the Executive Committee members concerned and finally to the Council. It is important that to give the commissions specific tasks to investigate and this is an issue that should come front the top down, not vice versa. It is an Executive Committee task to focus the specific issues for the commissions to review.
9. The Vice President's reports should be discussed in the Executive Committee meetings were information and ideas can be exchanged. Once discussed the issues can be put into effect one by one. We must always refer to the EDBF Statutes and Bye Laws.