

**MINUTES OF THE EDBF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY 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
	Peter Jarosi	PJ	EDBF Vice President	HUN
	Valerii Morgun	VM	EDBF Vice President	UKR
	Maura Dezi	MD	EDBF Treasurer	ITA
	Julie Doyle	JD	EDBF Secretary General	IRL
	Andy Menzies	AM	EDBF Members Representative	GBR
<b>Non-Voting:</b>	Mike MacKeddie-Haslam	MMH	EDBF President of Honour	GBR
	Alan Van Caubergh	AC	EDBF Honorary President	NLD
	Alexeii Morgun	AM	Translator for Valerii Morgun	UKR
	Csege Schneider-Báthory	CSB.	Translator for Peter Jarosi	HUN

**Minutes Secretary:** 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. EDBF Accounts 2021.
6. EDBF Forum.
7. Any Other Business.
8. Date, Time and Place of the Next Meeting.

**MINUTES**

**Action**

**Item**

**1.00**

**Welcome Address**

CS welcomed everyone to the meeting and drew attention to the very worrying developments between Russia and the Ukraine. He advised the meeting that he had arranged for Alexeii Morgun (Chair of the EDBF Youth Commission) to come and stay with him in Rome during this uncertain situation.

**2.00**

**Confirmation of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as presented.

**3.00**

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

The Minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022 Meeting were accepted by a majority vote. However, JD and UBF wished to note, as a matter arising, that there were some parts of the previous minutes, as written, that they wished to discuss outside of the meeting with CS. UBF felt that her views were not fully recorded or maybe not correctly understood. JD wished to make a note of some

#### **4.00 President's Report**

CS reported that recent meetings of both the Executive and Council had discussed a change of date for the Forum to April and that a working group had been set up to finalize and work on the detailed forum programme.

- 4.01 CS advised the Executive that, with regard to the Kiev Championships all members had been invited to put forward any alternative location that they might have by the end of February. JD advised that to date, no EDBF Member had requested to host the Championship. The decision on whether to move or even cancel the 2022 Championships would be discussed at the next Council Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022 and then the EDBF Members advised of the Councils recommendations.

#### **5.0 EDBF ACCOUNTS**

CS advised the meeting that MD would give an updated financial report and that more details would follow after the meeting for the present accounting year as the Exec had until the end of March to receive the full accounts, which would then go to the Council for approval by the end of April 2022, following which the final accounts would go to the Auditor before being put to the 2022 Congress for acceptance. Any questions on the accounts presented to the meeting could be addressed to MD at the meeting or indeed afterwards by email to her.

- 5.01 MD presented to the meeting by screen sharing the latest income and expenditure summary for the year. It showed an income of 10,432.17 Euros against an expenditure of 16,202.70 Euros. Income was lower due to the 2021 Championships being postponed and a reduction of 50% to the EDBF Members in their membership fees for the year. Eurocup had been the main income source with over 6000 euro. Main expenditure items were, Euro 3874 for the Presidents travel etc, 1841 for Euro Cup Medals, EDBF Congress 2750 Euro. The expenditure also included a grant of Euro 5,111.26 to Lithuania for boats, that had been approved in the 2020 Financial year but paid in the current year. (Actual expenditure for the current year was, therefore, nearer to 11,000 Euros).
- 5.02 CS asked MD to highlight the late payment of the Lithuanian grant in the final accounts balance. MD thanked AS for her work in co-ordinating the Eurocup races.
- 5.03 JD asked about the need to keep paying for the EDBF App, as we had not used it for a while. CS stated that by keep paying just a small amount of 100 euro was better than having to cancel and then renew again at a higher fee. JD requested that in the final accounts summary that more detail on the Eurocup expenditure and income should be recorded to show a balance of income (profit).

#### **6.0 EDBF Forum**

CS asked to approve the change of date of the Forum to the 2<sup>nd</sup> April. The Ex.Com. approved unanimously. CS reaffirmed that the working group had been set up and would start to work on the detailed programme within a few days time. If the Executive Members had any suggestions to make regarding the forum programme they would be most welcome.

CS advised that he invited all Council Members to be part of the working group and all the Commission Chairholders accepted the invitation, some of the Vice Chairholders and Anna as VP and they are now were involved in the working group.

## 7.00 Any Other Business

- 7.01 UBF notified the meeting that for the forum on 2 April 22 a graphic poster note had been prepared by the Marketing & Media Commission notifying the date and that the forum would be online.
- 7.03 JD informed the meeting that she and AS had reviewed the Euro cup contract and had made some minor amendments to it but felt that before being issued for 2022 that the contract should be looked at by a lawyer. CS said that he would arrange for this to be done by Andrea Cecinelli, the voluntary EDBF Legal Advisor.
- 7.04 CS advised the meeting that, as yet, despite some provisional dates being discussed with PJ, they had not met to discuss PJ's portfolio as a VP. In discussion at the meeting, between CS and PJ no agreement was reached as to when, where and how they should meet. PJ was not in favour of a zoom meeting but invited CS to Hungary for a face-to-face meeting at the expense of the HDBF. CS was in favour of a zoom meeting to save cost and time for all concerned and said he was happy, as the EDBF President, to have a meeting in Rome, at the EDBF Sit, with PJ in Rome rather than having to travel to Hungary. MMH spoke in general terms that the normal procedure is a meeting on line and, in the case this is not acceptable for some reason, the meeting should be where the President stay or where the sit of the Federation is located. No decision was reached during the meeting. CS and PJ to continue to try and find agreement on a meeting type, location and date.
- 7.05 VM appraised the meeting on the situation in the Ukraine as seen by Ukrainians. In essence nothing much had changed, and they still hoped that if the situation was stable by the time of the Forum in April, that the EDBF Championships could still take place in Kiev. However, the decision by Putin to recognize the breakaway regions in Eastern Ukraine as independent federations had changed the dynamic's of the confrontation with Russia that had been going on in those regions since 2014 and involved about a 100km of territory inside the Ukraine border.
- VM felt that the western media seemed more concerned about things than the Ukraine people did but never-the-less he had personally been given notice to report for further military training which he hoped would be just that and not preparation for war. He was an optimist, hoped that all would be well and that we would all meet at the European Championships.

## 8.00 Date, Time and Place of the Next Meeting

Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022 – 18.00hrs (BST)/19.00hrs (CET)

Minutes written and produced by Leila Ataei (Cyp).

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

Signed by:



Claudio Schermi  
President  
European Dragon Boat Federation

Dated: 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022

**Enclosure to EDBF Executive Committee Meeting, held on 18 January 2022**  
**Proposals from EDBF Senior Vice-President, Ute Becker-Frenzel**

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.