

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
 TUESDAY, 26th APRIL 2022 AT 18.00HRS (BST) / 19.00HRS (CET) HELD
 BY VIDEO CONFERENCE**

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| Present: | Claudio Schermi | CS | EDBF President | ITA |
| | Julie Doyle | JD | EDBF Secretary General | IRL |
| | Maura Dezi | MD | EDBF Treasurer | ITA |
| | Ute Becker-Frenzel | UBF | EDBF Vice-President | GER |
| | Anna Socratous | AS | EDBF Vice President | CYP |
| | Andrew Menzies | AM | Full Member's Representative | GBR |
| In Attendance: | Mike MacKeddie-Haslam | MMH | EDBF President of Honour | GBR |
| | Alan Van Caubergh | AC | EDBF Honorary President | NDL |
| | Alexei Morgun | AM | Translator for VM | UKR |
| Not Present | Peter Jarosi | PJ | EDBF Vice-President | 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. 14th EDBF European Nations Championships 2022 - Banyoles, Spain.
7. Any Other Business.
8. Date, Time and Place of the Next Meeting.

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Action</u> |
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| <p><u>1.00</u></p> <p><u>Welcome Address</u></p> <p>CS welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked VP Valeri Morgun from the Ukraine, to address the meeting, which VM was happy to do.</p> | |
| <p><u>2.00</u></p> <p><u>Confirmation of Agenda</u></p> <p>The agenda was approved as presented.</p> | |
| <p><u>3.00</u></p> <p><u>Acceptance of the Minutes of the Previous EDBF Council Meeting</u></p> <p>The minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on 22nd February 2022, were accepted as circulated.</p> | |

4.00

President's Report

CS stated that the recent EDBF Congress and Forum had proved successful and at little financial cost to the EDBF. He felt that after a few initial problems the Forum room format had worked well, even though one or two rooms were not well attended and that a good job had been done by all involved.

4.01

CS said that now that the EDBF Championships had been confirmed by the Members Congress for Banyoles in Spain, he was looking forward to pushing forward with the EDBF's work, especially the EuroCup and he thanked AS for her work on this and also to MD for looking after the EDBF accounts so effectively.

5.00

EDBF ACCOUNTS 2021

The 2021 balance sheet had been circulated just prior to the meeting (copy at Annex A).

5.01

In discussion on the balance sheet JD advised that Lithuania, who had received a grant of Euro 5000 towards dragon boats for development purposes, had not renewed their EDBF membership, so in essence they had taken EDBF money and given nothing in return. It was agreed that such grants should be accompanied by a 'pay back' clause of some kind to the EDBF. MD advised the meeting that the grant money had actually be paid direct to PS boats in China, in US dollars to settle the account owed to PS for boats sent to the Ukraine DBF.

CS/JD/
MD

5.02

In general discussion on contact with Lithuania, AM reported that it was the intention of the Ukraine DBF to visit the area to discuss with the Lith DBF President the best way forward for developing the sport. CS said he would be happy to go with VM in this regard but would not want to just visit Lithuanian but to meet with other Baltic States dragon boaters, such as Estonia and Latvia, at the same time and discuss development and the broader issues of the EDBF and the sport

CS/VM

5.03

With regard to the 2021 EuroCup races JD asked if the races had broken even, as for Serbia for example, the air fares must have cost more than the income reported. AS said that the Eurocup accounts needed to be rechecked to so that full income and expenditure could be calculated. It was agreed that MD should rework the Eurocup figures, to show an income and expenditure for each race so as to see what net income, if any, each race and the series as a whole had recorded.

AS/MD

5.04

JD asked CS for more information about the reasons of his trips to Spain and Russia. CS replied that he went to Spain to help with resolving the issues with the Spanish DBF and the failure to complete the payments for the Pei Sheng boats sent to Spain for the 2019 EDBF Championships, which were in storage in Pinatar. Regarding Russia, he went to Moscow to discuss a possible EuroCup Races and the recognition of the Russian Assoc, an EDBF Member, by the Sports authorities, as the Russian National body for our sport.

CS advised that when he travelled on EDBF business, if he wanted to fly other than economy class or stay in a low star hotel, he always paid the extra money himself.

MH advised that normally any such visits should be at the expense of the inviting organization and felt that in the post covid situation and rising costs, that all initial meetings with EDBF members or other organisations, should first take place via a zoom conference, a cost saving all round, unless it was really necessary to hold a 'face to face, meeting.

6.00 **14th EDBF European Nations Championship 2022, Banyoles, Spain.**

CS advised that he had asked the Organisers of the Championships to recheck with the local tourist board, local authorities and hotels on the availability of accommodation etc. for the original week of the event agreed for Kiev. CS reported that this had not been possible and so the dates for Banyoles remained as notified to the EDBF Congress, that is 31 August to 4th September 2022.

6.01

In discussion on the format of the event, as agreed by the Congress, it was confirmed that in addition to the Nations Championships that races would also be held for Club Crews from both Europe and countries outside of Europe, in order to increase the number of participants, to meet budget expenditure. It was also agreed that BCS crews will be added to the Championship program and composite club crews, and even club crews representing their countries, where an EDBF Member was not sending a selected 'National Crew' or representative 'national' crews from outside of Europe would be encouraged to take part in an Open Cup entitled to Ukraine. Competing Crews would also be encouraged to make a donation to a special fund to help Ukraine dragon boaters in the Ukraine. Further specifications to be agreed with the Organizing Committee.

6.02

CS advised that he had arranged with the Banyoles organisers to go Banyoles after the Barcelona EuroCup Race in May, to inspect the venue and to discuss all aspects of organizing the event with them. He had asked Andries Boneschansker, Chair of the Competition Commission and MM-H to form the EDBF delegation to go with him.

CS

7.00

Any Other Business.

CS raised the question of EDBF representation on the IDBF Council, now that he was also an IDBF Vice President. IDBF President Mike Thomas had asked him to nominate another person to be the Continental Rep and had suggested that it should be the EDBF Senior VP.

7.01

In discussion over the IDBF Statutes and Bye-Laws on this matter, it was agreed that as EDBF President CS remained the EDBF rep but that for IDBF Council meetings it was for the EDBF Executive to decide who should attend for Europe and that nothing in either the IDBF or EDBF regulations specified who that should be.

7.02

CS advised that he had notified the IDBF of different VPs to attend previous IDBF Council meetings (the EDBF Sec Gen was also an IDBF VP) and that with the Executives agreement he wished to continue with this policy and proposed that VM be the EDBF nominee to the IDBF Council. In the event that VM could not attend in Sarasota, that the EDBF Rep would be one of the other EDBF Executive members who might be in Sarasota as Race Officials at the IDBF Club Championships. UBF claim the position according to BL 4.7. It was reported (AM, AvC and MH) that traditionally the Secretary and then the Treasurer took the job. In this case the Secretary has also the role of IDBF VP. Anyway the President explained the reasons why art. 4.7 should not be applied and art. 4.7.1 should be applied. In the case the IDBF will not accept the rotation of the representatives, the president underlined - before a vote was taken that VM would be eligible for the position. It was approved with one vote against.

8.00

Date, Time and Place of the Next Meeting.

Wed 8th June 2022 - CS to invite Andries Boneschanker to attend. EDBF Champs visit report.
18.00hrs (BST) / 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: 15th May 2022

Claudio Schermi
President
European Dragon Boat Federation

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