

MINUTES OF THE EDBF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNSDAY,
08 JUN 2022 HELD BY VIDEO CONFERENCE

Present:	Claudio Schermi	CS	EDBF President	ITA
	Ute Becker-Frenzel	UBF	EDBF Vice-President	GER
	Julie Doyle	JD	EDBF Secretary General	IRL
	Valerii Morgun	VM	EDBF Vice President	UKR
	Anna Socratous	AS	EDBF Vice President	CYP
	Andrew Menzies	AM	Full Member's Representative	GBR
	Maura Dezi	MD	EDBF Treasurer	ITA
In Attendance:	Mike MacKeddie-Haslam	MMH	EDBF President of Honour	GBR
	Alan Van Caubergh	AC	EDBF Honorary President	NLD
	Alexei Morgun	AM	Translator for Valerii Morgun	UKR
	Andries Boneschanser	AB	C&T Commission Chair	NLD

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. Banyoles 2022 – Site Visit Update/Registration Fees.
6. EDBF Euro Cup – Barcelona, Spain Review.
7. Admin / Expenses Policy.
8. Any Other Business.
9. Date, Time and Place of the Next Meeting.

Item

1.00

Welcome Address

CS welcomed everyone to the meeting

2.00

Confirmation of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

3.00 Acceptance of the Minutes of the Previous EDBF Council Meeting

The Minutes of the previous EDBF Executive Committee Meeting were accepted.

4.00 President's Report.

CS gave a brief outline of the visit to Banyoles to have meetings with the Org Com and local government officials concerning the hosting and staging of the European Nations Championships and International Races.

4.01 CS had attended the Euro Cup Races in Barcelona following which MD was Maria updating accounts. With regard to EDBF Finance he had asked MD and JD as members of the Finance Committee to work on a expenses policy for the EDBF to give more transparency to EDBF finances, which he felt would increase in the years to come.

5.00 Banyoles 2022 – Site Visit Update/Registration Fees.

AB had circulated his report on the visit to Banyoles, prior to the meeting. He gave a presentation on the regatta site pointing out the location of the racing course, marshalling and embarkation areas and the finish area control tower.

5.01 He explained the location of the Athletes Village in relationship to the marshalling and embarking area. He also drew attention to the EDBF Headquarters building area for team registration, accreditation and meetings. In summary the regatta site was compact and had adequate space to meet the EDBF's technical requirements.

5.02 His concern was over whether or not there would be enough Race Officials available, given the IDBF Worlds in Sarasota a month before. He had however run a training course at the Barcelona Euro Cup and qualified 9 Spanish Officials who would be available for Banyoles.

In discussion AB/MMH confirmed that the agreement reached with the Org Com was that 12 Standard and 12 Small Boats would be the minimum number of boats available. The boats would be from Buk/PS and Champion on a 50/50 basis but boats from the different manufacturers would not be raced against each other.

5.03 JD advised that only GB had presently confirmed their entry and that all Exe Com members should encourage their federations to enter. AS confirmed that Cyprus would compete, and AB said he hoped that the Netherlands would also enter. M & MC to also promote the event.

JD confirmed that invites and info had been sent out re the Nations Champs and Breast Cancer. CS observed that the Nations entries would be through the Slawek entry system. MHH confirmed that for the Breast Cancer and International Races entries would be through the Banyoles Org Coms website.

5.04 VM reported on the hand over of the EDBF flag from Kiev to Banyoles, that took place in the Mayor's Office in Banyoles as part of a press and TV conference. He thanked the EDBF Members for their willingness, with other organisations, to help the UKDBF and Ukraine paddlers and the contributions towards the Ukraine Fund and hoped that the EDBF might do the same.

5.05 He had been impressed with the regatta venue and the facilities available for the Championships. VM concluded that he was doing his best to get government support to send at least 10 men to the Championships, together with a least one Women's and one Junior Crew.

LA advised the meeting that she had discussed with Bridget Walter the TUE application system that she wanted to use for the Championships and the linkage with the IDBF necessary to do this, as the EDBF was not a TUE issuing sports federation.

- 5.06 She had also discussed with the Org Com the number of AD tests needed for the event, in support of the IDBF's in competition testing programme. This was a matter of cost, per test and the Org Com had agreed to come back to LA with that information. Depending on the cost per test, it had been agreed that a minimum of 2 tests would be done but cost permitting 4 tests (2 male, 2 female). Bridget had asked that EDBF do 6 tests but that was considered to be too high a cost for the Org Com to cover. (The meeting agreed).
- 5.07 LA advised that all Premier Athletes would have to complete the WADA course on ant-doping and pass an on-line test and get a certificate for it, before they would be allowed to compete in the Nations Champs. This was in line with the IDBF's, and WADA requirements now being adopted throughout sport (GAISF Members). LA would publish in Info Bul 2, full details of the course requirements and athlete's certification, with the time lines etc .
- Finally, LA requested a dedicated EDBF email address for Anti-Doping information, documentation and returns, as she did not want to use her personal email address for such matters. CS agreed to set this up.
- 5.08 MMH had circulated before the meeting, the Information Bulletin sent out to BCP and club crew paddlers giving them details of the BCP Champs and the Kyiv Cup International Races. He drew the meetings attention to the need to try and get as many participants as possible to Banyoles in order to increase the income available to the organizers. This involved offering as wide a range of competitions as possible for paddlers to enter, with an entry date as late as possible. Bul 2 would contain updated info for both the ENC and Kyiv Cup etc
- 5.09 MHH drew the meetings attention to proposals that were in the Info Bulletin that needed the Executive's endorsement. These were a 5 Euro donation from each EDBF Registration Fee (Nations and Clubs) to go to the Ukraine Fund. (Fee Euro 20.00) and no registration fee charged to Ukraine paddlers.
- 5.10 In discussion with the Org Com it had been agreed that an additional race after the final ENC and Kiev Cup races would be held between the top crews from the ENC and Kyiv Cup, with a separate trophy given.
- 5.11 The Org Co had also agreed to an Early Bird discounted Admin Fee of Euro 20, per paddler (Euro 60 down to Euro 40), for crews entering the BCP and Kiev Cup Races (including Paradrasons) before the 30th June 2022.
- 5.12 MHH also advised that VM had around 5000 medals from Kiev 2020 not used and the suggestion is that they should be sold at Banyoles for Euro 5, per medal plus Euro 2 for the ribbon that goes with them (around 2000 ribbons). Proceeds to the Ukraine Fund. In summarizing he said that it was important to make it clear to the EDBF Members and other that the ENC would not be affected by the club races and that they were separate but supportive events. Race Programming would be an interesting proposition as the ENC programme would come from the Slawek system and the Club races would have to be tied into them from the Org Coms web-based system. A challenge for himself and AB.
- 5.13 JD was concerned that in the event of a financial loss the Org Com would ask the EDBF to help meet such a loss. CS, MMH and AB had discussed this issue with the Org Com, who were not expecting to make a profit and did not expect the EDBF to cover and part of any loss. CS reminded the meeting that any loss was on the shoulders of the Org Com.
- 5.14

EDBF Euro Cup – Barcelona, Spain Review.

AS reported on the Euro Cup Races held in Barcelona. £27 participants had raced in the races,

6.00 in 16 crews, from 6 countries. The results had been sent to MHH to calculate the Euro Cup Points and the expenses sent to MD.

6.01 Photos of the event had been sent to the local media and the Spanish Federations website to promote the sport, as well as to the EDBF website. The dates for the other EuroCup Races had also been sent to the M&MC for Christian and Michaela to action. CS and AB had represented the EDBF in Barcelona and they reported that it had been a successful event, that the Organisers were happy with.

6.02 In discussion over the finances of the 2021 Euro Cup series, AS informed the meeting that she had submitted the updated information on each race as per minute 5.3 of the last meeting the MD and JD. In summary Belgrade and Cyprus had made a small loss but Dubai had made a profit. Overall the 2021 races had made a profit. JD said that it was important to monitor the finances of the EuroCup and that in future we should only be accepting bids from race organisers who had returned a profit to the EDBF.

6.03 AS observed that the big expense for the EDBF was providing medals and that perhaps in future years the cost of medals could be at the cost of the Org Com. CS opinioned that this is a question to be considered against the value of developing and promoting the sport and that it could be a subject for discussion at the next EDBF Forum.

Admin / Expenses Policy.

7.00 JD informed the meeting that MD and herself had been working on an admin and expenses policy, to cover rules on EDBF expenditure for everyone to know about and work to when requesting funding or spending EDBF money. The policy was almost completed and need some fine tuning on detail before being circulated to the Council.

7.01 CS felt that such a policy was overdue and would show good financial transparency and would send JS/MD similar policy documents from the IOC and other federations to consider. Also the IDBF was developing a similar document. AvC confirmed that this was also nearing completion and would be published in due course.


Any Other Business.

8.00 AS and AB advised that they had been asked by the Org Com about the number of Race Officials and EDBF Officials to be hosted in Banyoles. In discussion it was agreed that JD would notify the Org Com of those Exe Com members who would be available, and AB would deal with the Race Officials number and notify the Exe of the key appointments. It was agreed that the EDBF Jury would be CS, AB, MHH and AvC.

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

5th Jul 2022. 18.00hrs (GMT) / 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: 

Claudio Schermi- President
European Dragon Boat Federation

Dated: 29th July 2022