

**MINUTES OF THE EDBF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING TUESDAY,**  
**05 JULY 2022 HELD BY VIDEO CONFERENCE**

<b>Present:</b>	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

<b>In Attendance:</b>	Mike MacKeddie-Haslam (from 6.45)	MMH	EDBF President of Honour	GBR
	Alan Van Caubergh	AC	EDBF Honorary President	NLD
	Alexei Morgun	AM	Translator for Valerii Morgun	UKR
	Reka Szabina Torok	RT	Representative of Peter Jarosi	HUG

**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
6. Decision regarding Continental Representative of Europe at IDBF Council Meetings.
7. Admin / Expenses Policy.
8. Any Other Business.
9. Date, Time and Place of the Next Meeting.

**Item**

**1.00**

**Welcome Address**

The President (CS) welcomed all to the meeting and in his opening remarks expressed his wish to use some of his time at the forthcoming ENC in Banyoles to talk face to face with Council members and EDBF Members representatives, to re-establish contacts post Covid and speak informally and in a relaxed way, about his ideas and hopes for the future development of the sport, particularly in Europe, were the present international situation is affecting two EDBF Members in particular Ukraine and Russia and other Countries still affected by Covid, to different degrees.

He felt that it was very important to get as many paddlers and Countries as possible to the 2022 ENC, following 2 years of no Championships in Europe. He especially thanked Valerii for his attempts to get Team Ukraine to the ENC in Banyoles.

Claudio concluded by saying that he wished to work more closely with all Executive Committee Members and that he highly valued the advice and support given to him by Alan Van C and Mike M-H in their roles as President and President of Honour.

**2.00** **Confirmation of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as presented.

**3.00** **Acceptance of the Minutes of the Previous EDBF Council Meeting**

The acceptance of the Minutes of the previous EDBF Executive Committee Meeting (08 Jun 2022) was postponed to the next meeting

**4.00** **President's Report.**

Claudio S said he felt that he had given his President's report as part of his Opening Address and therefore had nothing further to add.

**5.00** **Banyoles 2022**

Julie D reported that Andries and Saed were progressing the technical side of the ENC and that Mike M-H was dealing with the Race Programme and general co-ordination with the Banyoles organisation.

**5.01** Julie D advised that presently, the number of entries received, so far, was particularly low for the Standard boats. Therefore, the main question was, "should Countries with Standard Boat entries be allowed to enter 2 small boat crews instead". It was agreed that this was not a positive thing to do or fair on teams just entering a small boat competition. Neither was it acceptable to cancel the Standard Boat races. It was also felt that to ask countries to race small instead of standard boats, with the balance of their paddlers racing in the Kyiv Cup was something that only Team Coaches could decide, not the EDBF, especially as double rostering would not be allowed to delay and races, either way.

**5.02** It was agreed that a meeting with the Team Managers would be held to discuss how they saw the situation and to discuss with them solutions that would satisfy all concerned concerning entries in the Standard and Small Boats, especially having regard to the costs now involved in attending a Championship, post Covid. The EDBF side to be led by Mike M-H and Claudio S. Zoom Meeting agreed for 1900 CET on Monday, 11th July 2022.

**6.00** **Decision regarding Continental Representative of Europe at IDBF Council Meetings.**

**6.01** Claudio S informed the meeting that it had been agreed with the IDBF President, that Valerii M, as an EDBF Vice-President would be the Continental Representative for Europe (EDBF) and that at IDBF Council Meetings, Claudio would be there as an IDBF Vice- President. It was also agreed that in the event that Valerii could not attend the IDBF Council that another EDBF VP would be nominated to attend instead. Claudio observed that the EDBF was in fact well represented on the IDBF Council, with both Alan Van C and Julie D, also being elected Council members and Mike M-H in attendance, making 5 EDBF Exe members in total.

**7.00** **Admin / Expenses Policy.**

Julie D informed the meeting that she and Maura had discussed the policy by email but had not had time to draft up an outline policy, that would need more work on it and therefore suggested that a report be brought forward to the next Executive Meeting.

**Any Other Business.**

**8.00**

**Auditing of EDBF Accounts.** Anna S asked what the situation now was concerning Russia auditing the 2021 EDBF Account. It had been discussed previously whether the Executive should be looking for an alternative auditor, in the event that Russia was not able or indeed was not now eligible to audit the EDBF accounts. It was agreed that Anna S would contact auditors in Cyprus to establish their costs and if they would audit the EDBF accounts, as a back-up option, at this stage.

**Euro Cup.** Mike M-H asked for Barcelona to send him a full list of race results, not just the finals, in order that he could calculate the Euro Cup points. He also asked whether crews from the UAE (Dubai) would count for Euro Cup points. It was agreed that they could race in Euro Cup races and win medals for races that they attended but that their results would not gain Euro Points.

It was confirmed by Claudio S that all crews competing in a Euro Cup race should pay the EDBF Registration Fees, irrespective of which Racing Class they were in and that the EDBF would provide medals only for the Premier Racing Class at each race in the series, which would be the Racing Class counting for Euro Cup points. In principle if a Country only had a Senior Crew, for example, entered then for the purpose of points, the crew would be deemed to be a Premier Division crew.

**EDBF Congress.** Julie D advised that flights from Dublin did not allow her to attend the Congress and would like to join by internet. Claudio confirmed that it was the intention to also stream the Congress.

**9.00**

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

It was agreed to meet after the ENC in Banyoles and that a date could be decided on at the coming EDBF Council meeting on 2 Aug 22.

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: 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022