

MINUTES OF THE EDBF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
SATURDAY, 14TH & SUNDAY, 15TH JANUARY 2023 AT 09.00HRS (CET)
HELD AT HOTEL PARK INN, BERLIN, GERMANY

Present:

EDBF Executive Committee:	Claudio Schermi	CS	EDBF President	ITA
	Ute Becker-Frenzel	UBF	EDBF Senior Vice President	GER
	Peter Jarosi	PJ	EDBF Vice President	HUN
	Valerii Morgun	VM	EDBF Vice President	UKR
	Anna Socratous	AS	EDBF Vice President	CYP
	Maura Dezi	MD	EDBF Treasurer	ITA
	Julie Doyle	JD	EDBF Secretary General	IRL

Non-Voting:	Mike MacKeddie-Haslam <i>via Zoom</i>	MMH	EDBF President of Honour	GBR
	Alan van Caubergh	AvC	EDBF Honorary President	NLD
	Andries Boneschansker	AB	ComSpec Commission Chair	NLD
	André Prziwarzinski	AP	Translator for Ute Becker-Frenzel	GER
	Lille Baravics	LB	Translator for Peter Jarosi	HUN
	Kateryna Koarenko	AM	Translator for Valerii Morgun	UKR

SATURDAY, 14TH JANUARY 2023

<u>Item</u>		<u>Action</u>
1.00	<u>Welcome Address by the EDBF President / Roll Call</u>	
1.01	CS welcomed everyone to the meeting. He hoped the meeting would be productive and that we could run the Federation like a company.	
1.02	Apologies were received from Andy Menzies and Mike MacKeddie-Haslam who would join us by zoom later in the day.	
2.00	<u>Confirmation of Agenda</u>	
2.01	It was confirmed that Bulletin no. 1 for the 19 th EDBF ECCC would be discussed in detail under item 5.	
2.02	The agenda was approved as presented.	
3.00	<u>Acceptance of Minutes of the Previous EDBF Executive Committee Meeting</u>	
3.01	The minutes of the last Executive Committee Meeting held on 15 th November 2022 were accepted in full.	

3.00A	<u>Matters Arising</u>	
3.01A	<p>An email addressed to CS had been received from the Banyoles Org Com on 16/12/22 which included 3 invoices for payment. CS to reply.</p> <p>Invoice 1 – Shipping of missing medals (€250.50) – Rejected by Exec Com.</p> <p>Invoice 2 – Technical visit 4 people in May 2022 (€2,531.27) – AB & MMH costs related to the site visit for ENC 2022 and therefore should be covered by the Org Com. CS costs related to the Euro Cup. VM costs were accepted and are to be paid by the EDBF.</p> <p>Invoice 3 – Food & beverages for officials & transfers to & from the airport (€4,492.46) - Rejected by Exec Com as never agreed.</p>	CS
3.02A	PJ stated that a reply needs to be made to the Org Com. Why were these issues not raised in September and why were they left until December?	
3.03A	For future Championships, the number of medals needs to be clearly stated in the contract and that the ComSpec should check the number of medals on arrival at the event.	AB
4.00	<u>President's Report & Working Plan</u>	
4.01	CS advised that due to Covid-19 and the war in Ukraine in 2022, it felt like we were starting our sport from scratch again in 2023. At short notice the ENC 2022 had to be moved to a new venue in Banyoles, Spain. Despite everything, we were able to organise a Championships & generally athletes were happy. CS noted that with all our activities last year the loss forecast for year ending 31/12/22 was circa €3,000. Within that loss a subsidy of €3,085.00 was given to Ukraine.	
4.02	To run our sport on line and by email can at times be difficult, especially when we have the language barriers.	
4.03	PJ stated that he saw last year differently. The world is upside down for the reasons stated, but believes Banyoles was not organised in the correct way. The athletes were happy as it was the first time they were able to compete in 3 years, but we could have made them happier. We bought our athletes & officials to an unpleasant situation to deal with the event as it was run.	
4.04	In retrospect we should have probably run with PJ option, hosting different age classes in different countries, however no one could predict the final outcome.	
4.05	<p>It was agreed that for future Championships the following should be implemented.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) As per IDBF, technical questionnaire to be completed by the bidding nation. 2) Technical questions and contract discussed within the Exec Committee. 3) Contract issued. No contract, no event. 4) During the site visit discuss in detail that everything is there and the Org Com understand what is needed. 	AB

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| 4.06 | Moving forward we need to encourage all Exec Com & Council members to work for the Federation, as a number do not actually do anything. | CS |
| 4.07 | It was noted that everyone was passionate about the sport and wanted to work together to the best of their abilities for the athletes. Afterall, the Exec Com were all voted into their positions by the membership, as they have a certain skillset. | |
| 4.08 | All wanted to help and support the President, and if questions or alternative proposals were made, it should not be treated like a criticism, but debated fairly. We need to be open and honest with one another. | |
| 4.09 | Everyone should have their own responsibilities and then report back to the President, communication all round could be improved. | |
| 5.00 | <u>European Championships Update (2023, 2024, 2025, 2026)</u> | |
| | <u>2023 – ECCC Bulletin No. 1</u> | |
| 5.01 | Discussion took place on how the ECCC Bulletin no. 1 was published on Facebook by the President when knowingly there were a number of errors within the document or items which needed further discussion within the Exec Com/ComSpec. As the Exec Com were meeting in person a few days later, the animosity could have been easily avoided. Examples included:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The addition of the Senior D racing, class which does not currently exist within the EDBF or IDBF rules. - A number of racing classes were automatically N/A, when it was known there were crews wanting to enter such classes, particularly within Germany. It was noted that the better process would be to open up all classes to everyone and see what the provisional entries were like first, then cut the classes which had no or low entries. - Mistake on definition of U24 racing class. IDBF R&R changed in 2020. | |
| 5.02 | A query was also raised on what was meant by “Additional races were planned for Breast Cancer Paddlers (in partnership with the IBCPC)” which was stated in the Invitation letter. It was highlighted that in English a partnership meant a share of costs and income. It was clarified that an email has been received from Meri Gibson of the IBCPC confirming they actually wanted to work in ‘collaboration’ with the EDBF and did not want anything from us. | |
| 5.03 | Discussion took place on how we encourage non-members to enter our Championships when surely we should change the text to encourage everyone to be a member. <i>See revised EDBF Amendments to IDBF R&R dated 23/01/23.</i> | |
| 5.04 | CS requested that the existing Bulletin was issued to all members as per his instructions and that an Amendments to Bulletin no. 1 would be sent out within the next week. | CS/JD |

	<u>2024</u>	
5.05	CS advised that he had spoken with Petr Klima and he had confirmed that he would be happy to run the 15 th EDBF ENC 2024 in Račice in the Czech Republic. Proposed event date mid - end of July 2024. CS will carry out a site visit to the Czech Republic this year.	CS
5.06	It was confirmed the IDBF CCWC would be held in Ravenna, Italy between 2 nd – 8 th September 2024.	
	<u>2025</u>	
5.07	The 20 th EDBF ECCC in Belgrade, Serbia is not yet confirmed by the Serbian DBF. CS will visit Belgrade during the Euro Cup in June 2023 & arrange to speak with the new principality as access to the venue on the preferred dates is an issue. Proposed dates: 27 th – 31 st August 2025. The issue still remained regarding availability of boats.	CS
5.08	It was confirmed the IDBF WNC would be held in Brandenburg, Germany between 14 th – 21 st July 2025.	
	<u>2026</u>	
5.09	UBF advised that the DDV would be willing to host the 16 th EDBF ENC in Munich, Germany. DDV are to visit Munich on 6 th March 2023 and would then propose some dates for the Championships.	UBF
5.10	CS advised that there was always a backup venue for any year in Plovdiv, Bulgaria where there is a fantastic racing course. Concern was raised that there was currently no dragon boat federation in Bulgaria, so this was not a realistic option.	
5.11	VM suggested that as Kyiv, Ukraine had to be cancelled again, that we kept a venue in Ukraine on the agenda for the future. Ternopil was suggested as a potential venue.	
6.00	<u>Euro Cup Rules & Points System / Agreement to Locations for 2023</u> (EDBF Zoom Room Opened – Mike MacKeddie-Haslam joined for this item only)	
6.01	Bids made for the Euro Cup 2023 included: - 29 th April 2023 – Schwerin, Germany (Long distance race 10km – 12km) - 22 nd - 25 th June 2023 – Belgrade, Serbia - 30 th June – 1 st July 2023 - Tblisi, Georgia - 8 th – 10 th December 2023 – Dubai, UAE	
6.02	Enquiries had also been made with UK, Netherlands, Denmark and Cyprus to see if they were interested. No bids had been received as at 14/01/22.	
6.03	All confirmed they were happy to include these 4 Euro Cup events in the series for 2023. Vote: For: 6 Against:0 Abstain: 0	

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| 6.04 | AS advised that after the first year of running the Euro Cup series, the contract was revised by CS, JD & AS. | |
| 6.05 | After the second year, a review group made up of AB, MMH & AS was set up to appraise the Euro Cup & Points System. See attached proposals document. It was advised that the EDBF Council would need to sign off on this. | |
| 6.06 | AS advised that it is planned to produce a document, so that all Org Coms know what is expected of them. The contract may also need a further review. | AS |
| 6.07 | It was agreed that the EDBF would provide a perpetual trophy for the overall Euro Cup winner. | AS |
| 6.08 | It was agreed to produce a standard medal for the Euro Cup events. | AS |
| 6.09 | It was noted that all nations needs to help spread the news on the Euro Cup. | ALL |
| 6.10 | It was noted that 1 x Euro Cup should be specifically promoted for juniors to participate in. For some junior teams this is a stepping stone for the introduction into the big race world. It was known some junior teams don't take part in a European Championships as they do not know the level of competition. | AS |
| 7.00 | <u>Update EDBF Amendments to the IDBF Rules 7 Regulations Approved on the 02/07/19</u> | |
| 7.01 | Following much discussion, AB & AvC were tasked with providing the revised wording for the articles which were discussed. This would make it easier for everyone to understand and approve the next day. See attached. | |
| 7.02 | Art. 1.3 - Revised wording approved.
Vote:
For: 6
Against: 0
Abstain: 0 | |
| 7.03 | Art. 1.5.2 - Revised wording approved.
Vote:
For: 6
Against: 0
Abstain: 0 | |
| 7.04 | Art. 8.12 - Revised wording approved.
Vote:
For: 6
Against: 0
Abstain: 0 | |

7.05	CR 2.1.3 - Revised wording approved. Vote: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0	
7.06	It was noted that the items that needed amending now had to be approved by the EDBF Council.	
8.00	<u>EDBF Forum, Gala Dinner, Awards Ceremony</u>	
8.01	CS proposed 25 th / 26 th March 2023, subject to approval by the EDBF Council. Concern was raised that this was not the right time of year as everyone already had full calendars and this was quite short notice to attract people.	
8.02	CS requested all the Exec Com submit their ideas to him. Further discussion will be made at the next EDBF Council Meeting.	ALL
9.00	<u>European Indoor Championships</u>	
9.01	There are 3 options available: - Pull / Push the dragon – One boat with 6 + 6 facing each other. - Pull the dragon – Two boats pulling against each other with the use of a bungee cord. - Ergometer championships – Concern was raised that certain models could not be calibrated and therefore fair racing could not be achieved.	
9.02	Ice dragon boating was also suggested as a winter period activity that could be reviewed.	UBF/PJ
9.03	An indoor championships was agreed as an end of season / start of new season activity and should be run in the winter period.	
10.00	<u>Working Groups – Subjects & Composition</u>	
10.01	AB advised that a review of the IDBF Rules & Regulations was currently being undertaken by Robin Magnusson.	RM
10.02	AB advised that the race programme is normally written by the ComSpec for a Championships. UBF & Saed Abdalla as experienced users of the programme package will prepare the ECCC 2023 race programme.	
10.03	It was confirmed that the EDBF does not currently have an insurance in place to cover its officers. CS advised he would review this and asked if AvC could provide a copy of the IDBF insurance policy for a guide.	CS / AvC

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<u>Item</u>		<u>Action</u>
11.00	<u>Organisation & Development Plan</u>	
a)	The role & composition of the Executive & Council - Working group revision. What is the Exec – Managers or Policy Makers?	
11.01	To be added to the next Council Meeting Agenda.	
b)	Current situation of dragon boating in Europe in each EDBF Member: The activity in dragon boating of the EDBF member nations, their participation in races with the given aids and discounts and without them.	
11.02	To be added to the next Council Meeting Agenda.	
12.00	<u>Any Other Business</u>	
12.01	It was agreed not to charge Ukraine for their EDBF Annual Membership for 2023. Vote: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0	
12.02	DDV would like to invite the EDBF nation's junior teams to come and compete in a big junior competition in Krefeld, Germany between 22 nd – 24 th June 2023.	UBF
12.03	CS advised he would like to introduce a code of conduct for meeting protocols. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Agenda items should be submitted in writing in advance of the meeting. 2) Where possible a presentation / documentation should be prepared and sent to all attendees via the Secretary General at least 48hours before the meeting to allow everyone to read it. 3) We should stick to the agenda and then other items can be discussed in AOB. 4) Only one presenter of the point at a time. 5) Floor would be opened for a reasonable amount of time for everyone to comment on the presentation. 6) There should be no need for anyone to speak for the sake of it and then allow a further reply of 1 minute only per person. 	
12.04	It was noted meetings can be lengthy due to the need for translation and items keep being repeated.	
12.05	UBF raised the question if Andy Menzies as the Members' Representative was unable to attend a meeting, could one of the other Member Representatives step up to replace him? CS advised that the Member's Representative had to be a nominated person, however we could invite anyone to the meeting without a vote, but the President has	

to be advised in advance & approve it. Likewise the President, as a matter of courtesy, should advise the Exec Com in advance of the meeting if he intends to invite someone to a meeting.

13.00 Date, Time and Place of the Next Meeting

- 7.01 Next EDBF Council Meeting – Monday, 23rd January 2023 at 18:00hrs (GMT) /19:00 hrs (CET).
- 7.02 Next EDBF Executive Committee Meeting to be confirmed.

Attachments:

- Draft EDBF Amendments to the IDBF Rules & Regulations dated 15/01/23
- Euro Cup Proposed Points System

Minutes produced by Julie Doyle (IRL)

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

Signed by:



Claudio Schermi
President
European Dragon Boat Federation

Dated: 12th February 2023