

**MINUTES OF THE 76TH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**FRIDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2023 AT 18:00HRS (BST) / 19:00HRS (CET)**  
**HELD IN VIDEO CONFERENCE**

**Present:**

<b>EDBF Executive Committee:</b>	Claudio Schermi	CS	EDBF President	ITA
	Valerii Morgun	VM	EDBF Vice President	UKR
	Anna Socratous	AS	EDBF Vice President	CYP
	Julie Doyle	JD	EDBF Secretary General	IRL
	Andrew Menzies	AM	Full Member's Representative	GBR
<b>EDBF Council Representatives:</b>	Alexey Morgun	AM	Youth Commission Chair	UKR
	Andries Boneschansker (left 19:13)	AB	ComSpec Chair	NLD
	Neil Pickles	NP	Member Representative	GBR
<b>Non-Voting:</b>	Mike MacKeddie-Haslam	MMH	EDBF President of Honour	GBR
	Alan van Caubergh (left 19:30)	AvC	EDBF Honorary President	NLD
	Leila Ataei (joined 18:49)	LA	Medical Commission Vice Chair	CYP
	Djordje Pavlovic (left 18:45)	DP	ComSpec Vice Chair	CYP

<u>Item</u>		<u>Action</u>
<b>1.00</b>	<b><u>Welcome Address</u></b>	
1.01	CS welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
1.02	Apologies were received from Ute Becker-Frenzel, Saed Abdalla, Robin Magnusson, Maura Dezi, Paola Pochesci.	
<b>2.00</b>	<b><u>Confirmation of Agenda</u></b>	
2.01	The agenda was approved as presented.	
<b>3.00</b>	<b><u>IDBF Registration Platform for EDBF – Update &amp; Back Up Options</u></b>	
3.01	It was noted that the IDBF Registration Platform for the EDBF ECCC was still not open.	
3.02	AvC advised everyone on how the IDBF Champs system came into operation, stating that Slawek had originally developed the system on a voluntary basis, even at times neglecting his own work to do things for the IDBF/EDBF. The system had been developed over a period of 13+ years and was an older style system, based on older technology, however it did what we needed it to do. He stated that Slawek has always made it very clear that he was not a Systems Operator, but a Software Engineer and wanted the EDBF to provide a System Operator to run the system.	

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| 3.03 | It was noted that there were two items which needed to be dealt with.  |    |
|      | 1) The immediate requirement for Ravenna 2023.   |    |
|      | 2) What to do for 2024 onwards?  |    |
| 3.04 | NP advised that as a professional in the field of IT, there is always new technology available and we should not get carried away with what we want as it will exceed the budgetary limitations of the EDBF. In his experience to create a full race management system with a maintenance package would cost 10s of thousands of pounds, plus could not be made in the timescales we have available for 2023. He stated whatever we choose to do it should not be a sole system, but we should review it in conjunction with the IDBF. |    |
| 3.05 | CS advised that Tomasso had a system that was already being used for lots of other sports. Concern was raised on whether his system was actually capable of running the complicated tail race plans that are used in dragon boating.   |    |
| 3.06 | After discussion the following was agreed.   |    |
|      | 1) For 2023 we will continue to use Slawek's system & the EDBF will manage it (ComSpec + Tomasso). Saed was communicating with Slawek to get the system open. <i>Post Meeting Note: System opened 05/02/23.</i>  | SA |
|      | 2) If Slawek's system was not opened by 13/02/23 we move forward solely with Tomasso's system.   | CS |
|      | 3) We should ask Tomasso to run his system in parallel as a test scenario to make sure it worked to the EDBF requirements. Costs concerned have been informally presented, but have to be submitted in writing to the EDBF to subsidise the reimbursement of the test.   |    |
| 3.07 | CS to ask Tomasso for a full written proposal with time scales & costings, so a decision could be made at a later date on whether to use Tomasso's system in 2024 once we know it does what we need it to do.  |    |
| 4.00 | <b><u>Date, Time and Place of the Next Meetings</u></b>  |    |
| 4.01 | To be confirmed.   |    |

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: 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023