



MINUTES OF THE EDBF 78th COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN VIDEO CONFERENCE ON MONDAY, 31st July 2023

Present:

EDBF Executive Committee:

Claudio Schermi	CS	EDBF President	ITA
Ute Becker-Frenzel	UBF	EDBF Senior Vice President	GER
Valerii Morgun	VM	EDBF Vice President	UKR
Anna Sokratous	AS	EDBF Vice President	CYP
Julie Doyle	JD	EDBF Secretary General	IRL
Maura Derzi	MD	EDBF Treasurer	ITA
Andrew Menzies	AM	Full Member's Representative	GBR

EDBF Council Representatives:

Alexey Morgun	AM	Youth Commission Chair	UKR
Andries Boneschansker	AB	ComSpec Chair	NLD
Paola Pochesci	PP	Women's Commission Chair	ITA
Dusko Spasovski	DS	Medical Commission	SRB
Niko Cuca	NC	Member Representative	SRB

Non-Voting:

Mike MacKeddie-Haslam	MMH	EDBF President of Honour	GBR
Alan van Caubergh	AvC	EDBF Honorary President	NLD

Apologies were received from Peter Jarosi

Point 1) Welcome Address by the EDBF President.

CS welcomes all the attendees and invited to move on with the points of the Agenda

Point 2) Confirmation of the Agenda.

Unanimously Confirmed in full.

Point 3) Acceptance of the Minutes of the 76th 77th EDBF Council Meeting.

Unanimously Confirmed in full.

Point 4) Matters Arising from Previous Minutes.

No matters arising.

Point 5) Update on EDBF ECCC 2023.

AB, Chair of the ComSpec presented the report attached. to this minute.

Council approved

Point 6) EDBF Council Nominations

Vice Presidents (4 positions).

- 1) Nigel Bedford
- 2) Ute Becker
- 3) Nico Cuka
- 4) Antonio De Lucia
- 5) Peter Jarosi
- 6) Valeri Morgun
- 7) Anna Sokratous

Secretary General (1 position)

- 1) Julie Doyle
- 2) Pep Junca Tesserars
- 3) Fanny Nemeth

Nominations for next Championships

ENC 2024 – Racice Czech Rep

ECCC 2025 – Belgrade Serbia

ENC 2026 – Munich Germany

Point 7) 37th EDBF CONGRESS

All Commissions reports to be sent to secretary general by 28th August 2023.

The Congress is confirmed on Monday 11th September , at 9.00 Am at the registration on race site in Ravenna

8. EDFB Forum – Athletes & Coaches – 5th September 2023 in Ravenna.

It was agreed that there was not enough time during ECCC and necessary to postpone it

9.Any Other Business.

Update from Anna Sokratous for EDBF Euro Cup Races:

1st Event: 5th EDBF EURO CUP and 9th International Dragon Boat festival, 21st – 25th June 2023 – Belgrade, Serbia

More than 350 competitors from 12 clubs, from 8 countries took part in the competition (Serbia, Great Britain, Romania, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Israel, Ukraine and Moldova).

At the opening ceremony, the competitors were greeted by the president of the Serbian Dragon Boat Federation Niko Cuca, the vice-president of the European Dragon Boat Federation Anna Sokratous and the president of the Municipality of Cukarica Srdjan Kolaric.

Medals were awarded to the first-place teams by EDBF president Claudio Schermi, EDBF vice-president Anna Sokratous and EDBF vice-president Valerii Morgun.

Congratulation to Nico and his orgcom team for the amazing job organising the event and for his excellent hospitality.

2nd Event: Trakai , Lithuania 29th Sept – 1st October 2023

The president Saulius Starolis confirm that they are ready and additionally they have enough foreign countries to host the event - Ukraine , Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

We wish them the best of luck for their first Euro cup organisation.

10.Date, Time and Place of the Next Executive & Council Meeting.

It was agreed that no other Ex. Com and Council should be held before the Congress.

Date and time to be agreed at the Congress

Dated: 24 Nov..2023

Claudio Schermi
President
European Dragon Boat Federation



Pep Junca Tesseras
Secretary General
European Dragon Boat Federation



REPORT FROM THE EDBF COMPETITION AND SPECIAL EVENTS COMMISSION TO THE EDBF COUNCIL REGARDING THE STATE OF PREPARATIONS FOR THE EUROPEAN CLUB CREW CHAMPIONSHIPS IN RAVENNA 2023.

By Andries Boneshanker

From Wednesday 6 September till Sunday 10 September 2023 the EDBF European Club Crew Championships will be held in Ravenna, Italy on the Standiana Regatta Site.

Since February COMSPEC meets every Monday evening to update the information on the preparation of the event. COMSPEC advised OrgCom on many items and demanded on necessary items to make the event Championship worthy. Many discussions have followed. Now COMSPEC can say that the commission is happy with the preparation of the event and confident that we will have a good European Club Crew Championship according to the IDBF Rules and Regulations as we use them.

1. Regatta site.

The regatta site is well known to the commission members for they acted also on this site in 2014. The site is prepared at this moment. There was a delay in preparation because of the floodings they suffered in the region. The schedule therefore is tight, but we are confident that everything will be ready before the first races.

2. Race Plan.

Only 12 standard and only 18 small boats are available. In combination with the great amount of entries the making of a Race Plan was almost impossible and forced us to add an extra racing day. Even with 5 days of racing the schedule remains incredibly tight. Ute Becker – Frenzel and Saed Abdalla did a unbelievable good job in making the Race Plan. It is revised by COMSPEC, FIDB and EDBF at the moment and will be published soon.

3. OrgCom

The cooperation with OrgCom is very pleasant. We have open discussions and are helpful to each other. On behalf of OrgCom there is regular contact with the Technical Director Jason McKenzie. Because of the great amount of entries (successful!) a extra racing day was needed. The budget had to be altered. OrgCom managed it all.

The COMSPEC has enough confidence in the Technical Director that a site visit in August is not necessary. This cuts some costs.

4. Officials.

The EDBF ROS, Saed Abdalla, has invited and selected Technical Race Officials for the Event. The officials are informed and the stations are divided. The officials are hosted by OrgCom in the Strand Hotel Colorado at Lido di Savio near Ravenna. It will be a challenge to run the event with just 46 technical officials and two marshalling areas. Therefore the chiefs of stations are specially selected by ROS. It is a pleasure to see how the European Championships are attracted outside of Europe. The

Chief Boat Marshall is from Canada, we have marshalls from UAE, Iran and India. It is a pleasure to see how the European events are worldwide attractive.

The Worlds in Pattaya made it for a great amount of officials not possible to also attend Ravenna. Therefore ROS invited also national officials. COMSPEC works on the possibility, like Banyoles 22, to offer the NRO's the exam for IDBF G1 and the G1's the exam for G2. This is still in progress.

The Race Officials will be prepared for the event in an online Officials meeting 30 August.

4.1. Visa.

Where visa were required and officials had trouble getting this FIDB president, EDBF board and COMSPEC assisted where they could. These efforts made it possible for every selected official to come to Ravenna.

5. Transport.

Where usually Race Officials are picked up at the nearest airport COMSPEC instructed the officials to travel by plane and train to Ravenna Central Station or the train station Lido di Classe/Savio at 5k of the Strand Hotel Colorado. This cuts costs in the transportation budget. Details are to be filled in the next couple of weeks.

Andries Boneschansker Chair EDBF COMSPEC