

MINUTES OF THE 79th COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, 5TH DECEMBER 2023 AT 18:00 HRS (BST) / 19:00HRS (CET)
HELD IN VIDEO CONFERENCE

Present:

EDBF Executive Committee:	Claudio Schermi	CS	EDBF President	ITA
	Valerii Morgun	VM	EDBF Vice President	UKR
	Anna Socratous	AS	EDBF Vice President	CYP
	Antonio De Lucia	ADL	EDBF Vice President	ITA
	Niko Cuca	NC	EDBF Vice President	SRB
	Maura Dezi	MD	EDBF Treasurer	ITA
	Pep Junca Tesseras	PJT	EDBF Secretary General	SPA

EDBF Council Representatives:	Alexey Morgun	AM	Youth Comm. Chair	UKR
	Andries Boneschanser	AB	ComSpec. Chair	NLD
	Paola Pochesci	PP	Women Comm. Chair	ITA
	Michela Scacchetti	MS	M&M Comm. Chair	ITA
	Neil Pickles	NP	Member Representative	GBR
	Ute Becker-Frenzel	UBF	Member Representative	GER

Non-Voting:	Mike Thomas	MT	IDBF President	GBR
	Mike MacKeddie-Haslam	MMH	EDBF President of Honour	GBR
	Alan van Caubergh	AvC	EDBF Honorary President	NLD
	Leila Ataei	LA	Medical Comm Vice Chair	CYP
	Djorge Pavlovich	DP	ComSpec. Vice Chair	CYP
	Saed Abdalla	SA	German Fed. Vice President	GER

<u>Item</u>		<u>Action</u>
1.00	<u>Welcome Address/ Roll call</u>	
1.01	Apologizes were received from Christian Tanzer.	
1.02	CS welcomed everyone to the Council meeting which was the first one after the Ravenna Championship. He advised he will take office as IDBF President at the 1 st of January 2024 and, as agreed and discussed with the Executive Committee, he will call elections for the new EDBF President at the next Congress after the EDBF ENC in Prague. In the meantime, until July, he will maintain both positions.	
1.03	MT expressed his best wishes to the new EDBF Vice president elected at the Congress in Ravenna 2023 and to Claudio Schermi, his successor as IDBF President.	
2.00	<u>Confirmation of the names of the Nations Representatives</u>	
2.01	CS asked to the 5 EDBF Members elected as Nations Representatives in the Council, to appoint one delegate for this position (normally the senior elected officer of the Member concerned, because this position is individual and the same has been done at IDBF level with the Continental Representatives. NP disagreed on it. MMH remind everybody that the EDBF Constitution stated the appointment for this role of a named person by each	CS/NP/ MMH

	EDBF Member elected representative. The Council agreed.	
3.00	<u>Confirmation of Agenda</u>	
3.01	The agenda was approved as presented.	
4.00	<u>Acceptance of the Minutes of the 78th EDBF Council Meetings</u>	
4.01	NP noticed that there were minor changes between the minutes set out in November and those already produced by Julie Doyle. It was clarified that it is not relevant the source of draft minutes and that the minutes have to be approved by the Council. It was requested to NP to specify the missed points. The Secretary General took note and the suggested changes were added to the minutes and approved.	NP
5.00	<u>Matter arising from Previous Minutes</u>	
5.01	No matters arose	
6.00	<u>President Report</u>	
6.01	CS stated that many things went through since the last Council meeting held the 31 st of July. His election as IDBF President, the EDBF Championships in Ravenna and afterward the Congress where 4 Vice Presidents and the Secretary General have been elected. The new Executive Committee started to work since then. The President sent a note of thanks for the service done in the past years to those Executive Member not reelected, the Vice Presidents Ute Becker and Peter Jarosi and the Secretary General Julie Doyle. The President and the Senior VP VM held a meeting in Prague with Petr Klima in Czech Republic for the EDBF ENC 2024. As a result, the Contract was signed and the letter of invitation have been agreed and distributed. The bulletin n.1 is about to be published.	CS
7.00	<u>ECCC Ravenna 2023</u>	
7.01	<u>ComSpec Report</u> AB unfortunately wasn't able to attend to the Championship for family problems. He made a query among Race Officials and a report came out and sent to EDBF. The R.O scored the Championships 3 out of 5. AB thanked the Organizing Committee for the good job and intended the report to be a suggestion for improvement. AvC referred to the written reply of the FIDB President ADL to the ComSpec Report to say that the report didn't mean to undermine the event in Ravenna but its intention was to report all the problems occurred with the intention to prevent similar events at the next IDBF Championships 2024 in Ravenna.	AB/AvC
7.02	<u>FIDB Report</u> ADL presented a short report of the Ravenna 2023 Championships with slides showing all the job done and the results achieved. He also thanked AB and AvC for the clarification about the ComSpec. Report that, under these different intention and spirit of cooperation is accepted in the perspective of the 2024 Championships.	ADL

8.00	<u>EDBF ENC 2024</u>	
8.01	<u>Budget</u> A draft budget has been received and it will be reviewed before Christmas with the Czech Republic Federation for adjusting the budget on a realistic prevision of participants. According to the budget the EDBF fee and the entry fees will be agreed.	
8.02	<u>Bulletin n.1</u> A draft Bulletin has been produced and CS involved AB, MS and MMH to review it and to public it before Christmas.	
9.00	<u>Euro Cup – updated about Euro Cup 2023 and Euro Cup 2024 nominations</u>	
9.01	AS fully reported about EURO CUP. Events 2023. She reminded that two Euro Cups were held since the last Council meeting. One in Lithuania and another in Cyprus. The scores of the EuroCup in Lithuania are still missed and there was lack of qualified R.O in Cyprus although there was a great participation. The next EuroCup is scheduled in Dubai. AS asked to create an EDBF revision group of the EuroCup rules for a better performance of the races.	AS
10.00	<u>EDBF Amendments to the IDBF R&R – update of the rev 23/01/23</u>	
10.01	CS asked AB for a review of the IDBF R&R variations for EDBF Championships. it was agreed that the word “variations” is more appropriate than “amendments”. After the changes in January 2023 some updates are now necessary. The Council agreed.	CS/AB/ ADL
11.00	<u>Com. Spec – resignation of Robin Magnussen and new nominations</u>	
11.01	After the resignation of Robin Magnussen, AB proposed UBF as a new Com.Spec Commission member for her experience in the Slawek Platform management. It was noted that there was already SA from Germany in the Com Spec and it was felt it was not the most appropriate choice. UBF could continue to help with the IDBF Platform without be a member of the commission as she did until now. It was agreed to inform also the other Members of the vacancy before considering UBF.	CS/AB
12.00	<u>Any Other Business</u>	
12.01	CS briefly related about the request of an Extraordinary Congress received by president/chair or secretary general of seven EDBF Full Members to held an extraordinary congress. The EDBF Secretary General asked to produce more documents from their Federation supporting their request. NP didn't see evidence of this request in the EDBF Statutes and Bye Laws. MMH clarified that, although this is a grey area, it is up to the President with the endorsement of the Executive Committee, to give the interpretation of the rules. it's good practice to avoid the misuse of this opportunity, that the signatories of the request of an extraordinary Congress should be endorsed by their boards and that, if the request is referred to a specific individual, clear allegations have to be specified.	CS/NP/ MMH
12.02	NP advised that in the 74 th Council Meeting he raised the problems about Amathus DBC from GBR are still owed a refund of €867.00 from the Spanish Dragon Boat Federation, as they had over paid Administration Fees for the ECCC held in Seville in 2019. Nothing has changed since then and asked CS for a way of solving this problem. CS advised to send a formal remainder to EDBF and the Financial Committee would decide about it.	NP/CS

12.03 NP asked for the minutes of the last Congress and CS replied that them will be shared, discussed and approved at the next Congress. A summary report has been published on the EDBF website and on social media. Similar request has been raised by the Swedish Representative and it was invited to see the 90 minutes video sharing the screen on zoom. Nothing happened then, despite 2 or 3 reminders.

NP/CS

13.00 Date of next EDBF Council Meeting

13.01 Council Meeting – (to be confirmed) Tuesday 23rd January 2024 at 18.00hrs (GMT) / 19.00hrs (CET)

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

Signed by:

Dated: 7.01.2024

