

**MINUTES OF THE 81<sup>th</sup> COUNCIL MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024 AT 18:00 HRS (UTC) / 19:00HRS (CET)**  
**HELD IN VIDEO CONFERENCE**

**Present:**

<b>EDBF Executive Committee:</b>	Claudio Schermi	CS	EDBF President	ITA
	Valerii Morgun	VM	EDBF Senior Vice President	UKR
	Anna Sokratous	AS	EDBF Vice President	CYP
	Antonio De Lucia	ADL	EDBF Vice President	ITA
	Pep Junca Tesseras	PJT	EDBF Secretary General	SPA
	Maura Dezi	MD	EDBF Treasurer	ITA
	Andrew Menzies	AM	Full Member's Representative	GBR
<b>EDBF Council Representatives:</b>	Andries Boneschansker	AB	Chair C&TC Comm.	NLD
	Michela Scacchetti	MS	Chair M&M Comm.	ITA
	Paola Pochesci	PP	Chair Women Comm.	ITA
	Ute Becker-Frenzel	UBF	Nation Representative	GER
	Dusko Spasovski	DS	Nation Representative	SRB
	Katerina Kovalenko	KK	Nation Representative	UKR
	.....	..	Nation Representative	SWE
<b>Non-Voting:</b>	Mike MacKeddie-Haslam	MMH	EDBF President of Honour	GBR
	Leila Ataei	LA	Vice Chair MED Comm.	CYP
	Djorge Pavlovich	DP	Vice Chair C&TC Comm.	CYP
	Christian Tanzer	CT	Vice Chair M&M Comm.	GER

<u>Item</u>	<u>Action</u>
<b>1.00</b>	<b><u>Welcome Address/ Roll call</u></b>
1.01	Apologizes were received from Alexey Morgun, Neil Pickles and Alan Van Caubergh for not being able to attend.
1.02	CS welcomed everyone to the Council meeting and emphasized to be 100% focused on ENC 2024.
<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>Acceptance of the Minutes of the 80<sup>th</sup> EDBF Council Meetings</u></b>
3.01	The minutes were approved as presented
3.02	CT mentioned the update and corrections of names from the last meeting. PJT will send him an email with an updated version to upload on website.
<b>4.00</b>	<b><u>Matter arising from previous meeting</u></b>
4.01	<b>Sweden Membership</b> Several emails were sent to make contact however, there has been no response yet. The relationship between the DB Association and the Canoe Federation is not known. If

the two entities have merged a clarification is needed for who is the Federation that wants to apply as Member.

CS said that an application needs to be done by the Swedish Canoe Federation to be recognized by the Council.

**4.02 Member Representative – Job description**

As agreed by the Executive Committee - summary of the job description for member representative, no change in the statutes.

**4.03 Ukraine, Sweden and Serbia representatives**

Representatives have been nominated by Nations for:

Serbia - Dusko Spasovski

Ukraine - Katerina Kovalenko.

Name of the Sweden Representative is still pending.

**5.00 President Report**

5.01 CS stated that the President's most important issues are done.

CS reported about the meeting with the National team leaders participating the next ENC 2024 in Prague.

CS explained that he will be President for both EDBF and IDBF until ENC in July. One of the reasons is that Peter Klima accepted to host the Championship on the basis that CS would be in command until the Championship.

The next EDBF President will be voted in the next Congress. Once the dates of the Congress will be announced names need to be put forward for the presidential position.

**6.00 EDBF ENC – Racice 2024 - update**

IRO for the Championship have been selected and informed.

Next Monday the C&TC Comm will start working at the Race Plans and those will be uploaded onto the new Registration Platform.

It is decided to appoint one of the IRO to be close to Tommaso Cellini and get acquainted with the new system.

A template will be sent to organize the entries, progression, etc. towards the Race plans to make it work.

It's discussed what to do with only 1 entry for Class and it is agreed that PJT will send an email to all participating Nations regarding cancellation of the race if there aren't enough crews registered. The idea is to cancel the race only if there would be no other solution.

It's decided that Paradrakon should be kept no matter how many crews they are, as a message to promote the Paradrakon in Europe.

**6.01 Doping test control payment**

LA asked who should pay for the Doping test kits. According to IDBF, four tests have to be done at the ENC and the total cost is Euro 3.000. In the past, The Championship Organizer had paid for them but they were only 2 tests.

C.S. confirmed that the Organizer has to pay for them however, in the future, it is something that could be negotiated with the IDBF.

**7.00 Euro Cup – update**

7.01 AS announced the results for the 2023 Euro Cup are completed, having received the completed data from all Organizer: Serbia, Lithuania, Cyprus and Dubai.

AB

PJT

The Champion of 2023 Euro Cup is Serbia.

Following locations for the 2024 Euro Cups have been confirmed and approved:

- 11-12 May Prague, Czech Republic
- 8-9 June Belgrade, Serbia
- 28 September (long Distance) Prague, Czech Republic
- 28-29 September Trakai, Lithuania
- 6-8 December Dubai, UAE

All contracts have been signed but still not Lithuania's one.

The EDBF website has been updated accordingly.

CS asked everybody to promote Euro Cup races and to encourage clubs to support our program.

**8.00 Congress**

Agreed by the Council to send out information to all Members that Congress will be on the 8th of July 2024

Nominations for president have to be presented.

**9.00 AOB (Any Other Business)**

**9.01 Erasmus Project**

The EURO PACE project will see an International Sport Day with young athlete teams from each participating partner competing in all 4 sports (running, basketball, chess, DB) in their own country. The EURO PACE has been correctly applied to EU Fundings and only in September we will know if the project is approved. If positive it will be run in 2025.

This is an important project and a good way to promote our sport in areas where Dragon Boat is not actually most practiced.


More information attached to the minutes.

**10.00 Date of next EDBF Council Meeting**

Next Council Meeting Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> of May 2024 at 18.00hrs (UTC+1) / 19.00hrs (CEST)

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

Dated: 15.04.2024

Signed by:   
Claudio Schermi  
EDBF President

  
Pep Junca Tesserars  
EDBF Secretary General

Attachment: Document 1