



EUROPEAN DRAGON BOAT FEDERATION

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30TH EDBF COUNCIL MEETING Thursday, 30th July, 10:00 Held at the Regatta Course, Divonne les Bains, France

Present:

EDBF Board:	Mike Haslam	MH	President	GBR
	Alan van Caubergh	AvC	Chairman	NL
	Claudio Schermi	CS	Senior Vice Chairman	ITA
	Peter Jarosi	PJ	2 nd Vice Chairman	HUN
	Kim Beckwith	KB	Secretary General	NL
	Natalia Kravtsova	NK	Treasurer	UKR
Council Representatives:	Bridget Walter	BW	ComSpec Chair	SWI
	Nils Asmussen	NA	Marketing & Media Chair	GER
	Sue Menzies	SM		GBR
	Andrew Menzies	AM	GBR	
	Robin Magnusson	RM	SWE	
	Arild Jordskar	AJ	NOR	
	Ute Becker	UB	GER	
	Saed Abdalla	SA	GER	
	Fanni Nemeth	FN	HUN	
	Oleg Shirokova	OS	RUS	
Non-Voting:	Julie Doyle	JD	Minute Secretary	IRE
	Olga Shirokova	OIS	Interpreter	RUS

1. Welcome address by the EDBF Chairman & roll call

- 1.1. The meeting was formally opened at 10.40hrs.
- 1.2. Welcome address given by Chairman, Alan van Caubergh.
- 1.3. It was confirmed that Petr Jarosi of Hungary had a proxy vote on behalf of Austria.
- 1.4. Apologies were received from Petr Klima of the Czech Republic

2. Confirmation of the Agenda

- 2.1. Agenda confirmed as published with the following amendments.
- 2.2. Item 6 – EDBF Chairholder's Report to be moved to the 26th EDBF AGA Meeting which is to be held on Monday, 3rd August 2015.

3. Acceptance of the Minutes of the 29th Council Meeting

- 3.1. Page 1 – Peter Jarosi advised that Edina Hangya & himself were not in attendance at the Council Meeting on 24th July 2014. It was noted that there were comments within the minutes to suggest they were in attendance. KB, Secretary General to check the hand written sign in sheet for the meeting for



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clarification. [KB: Attendance sheet for that meeting and meeting minutes indicate PJ was present and voting for Austria.]

3.2. Remainder of minutes accepted as presented.

4. Matters Arising From the 29th Council Meeting not included in this Agenda

4.1. Item 4.2.11 – Confirmation that the EDBF Registration Fee for juniors only is to be waived (currently €15/head). The Event Administration Fee is still to be paid as per the seniors. AGA to be informed of the decision.

4.2. Item 4.2.3 – MH advised that the EDBF Council can make its own decision as to what events they want to trial; it does not need to go forward to the AGA to make the decision. It was proposed that the EDBF trial the 100m race distance at a future event, in addition to the existing race distances as it may attract more media coverage for the sport. It was noted that an additional race distance may require an additional days racing, it will add more cost to the event and there will be more logistical problems.

Vote: 10 in Favour / 0 Against / 0 Abstentions for the introduction of the 100m race distance as a trial event; however there is no requirement for an organiser to take on board this option.

4.3. Item 4.2.5 - A review needs to be carried out to ensure that the standard boat remains the main competition class (in the spirit of dragon boating) and to look at ways in which the small boat can be utilised. Rules will need to be placed into the Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing, otherwise it will get very confusing. It was agreed that the EDBF don't want to deviate from what the IDBF are doing as it will become even more confusing. The IDBF are currently reviewing this, however the EDBF can request that countries feed proposals / suggestions through to the IDBF for evaluation and review.

4.3.1. Proposal - Separate standard and small boat crews / competitions. Competition Commission to review and take forward to IDBF.

4.3.2. Proposal - Hold an international school's championships. This may need more work in our own countries first before an international competition could be run.

5. EDBF President's Report

5.1. The President passed a vote of thanks to the IDBF as they have provided boats to 3 development countries within Europe.

5.2. The EDBF needs to start looking further afield to develop these new countries e.g. Armenia, Moldova. An idea would be to have Eastern and Southern Commissioners to help push the sport forward in these areas of Europe which are less well represented.

5.3. Dragon boating is currently not represented at the Mediterranean Games and this is something the EDBF needs to look into.

5.4. The EDBF currently has very few southern European countries being represented at the Council or AGA and this again is another area which needs reviewing.

5.5. To move the sport forward in Europe a review needs to be carried out on the use of small and standard boats in competitions.

5.6. The EDBF needs to set up a Women's Commission as well as the newly formed Junior Commission.



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6. EDBF Chair Holder's Report

6.1. To be carried forward to the 26th EDBF AGA on Monday, 3rd August 2015.

7. Annual Fees

- 7.1. The current EDBF membership fee is €150 per annum which generates a fairly low income for the EDBF. The rest comes from the EDBF Registration Fee which is charged at ECCC and ENC. Basically the EDBF needs to generate more income to allow it to operate in a more professional manner.
- 7.2. NK advised that it was very difficult to get membership out of some countries e.g. Cyprus who run international events and these are promoted on the EDBF calendar.
- 7.3. It was proposed to continue with the current EDBF membership fee of €150 per annum. This was passed by a majority vote.
- 7.4. It was requested that the Treasurer continued to chase all those countries who have not yet paid their 2015 membership.

8. Report/Bids for European Championships 2015, 2016, 2017

8.1. Bids for European Nations Championships 2016

8.1.1. FIDB - Laghetto dell'EUR, Rome, Italy.

8.1.1.1. The same venue as used in 1998 for the ENC and 2002 for the WCCC. The course is shallow at 2.5m in depth and can only operate over 4 lanes. It was proposed that the 2000m is run on the River Taiber. The event dates are open to suggestions as the WCCC in 2016 are in April. The event is probably best suited to the end of August 2016. The FIDB has a letter of support for the event from the Principality of Rome.

8.1.1.2. FIDB – Alternative suggestion would to be to use the course in Ravenna, Italy.

8.1.2. Estonian Dragon Boat Association – Tallin, Estonia.

8.1.2.1. A presentation on the Estonian bid will be given at the 26th EDBF AGA on Monday, 3rd August 2015. It is proposed that the course is set in a dredged out harbour entrance so will have the depth and width now required of a Championships. However everything to run the event will need to be brought into the venue. No event has currently been run on this stretch of water.

8.2. Bids for European Club Crew Championships 2017

8.2.1. Ukraine, Estonia & France are all interested in putting in a bid. There is some concern with regards to the war in Ukraine so they may have to withdraw their bid.

8.2.2. As always Petr Kilma of the Czech Republic is happy to host the event.

8.2.3. There may also be some interest from Cyprus or Serbia in bidding for the events.

8.3. Bids – European Nations Championships 2018

8.3.1. German Dragon Boat Association - Brandenburg, Germany



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8.3.1.1. Proposed the Beetzsee Regatta Course in Brandenburg, Germany. This course has 8 racing lanes with starting buckets similar to those used in Szedged. A presentation will be brought along to the next meeting.

9.0 Motions before the Council

9.01 No motions were received.

10.00 Developments of Dragon Boating in New Dragon Boating Countries/Future Developments of Dragon Boat racing in Europe

10.1MH suggested the formation of a commission to take this forward.

11.0 Any Other Business notified to the Chairman before the Meeting

11.1 The EDBF have been notified that there is currently two dragon boat associations operating within Estonia. One lead by Roman Vernhoff and the other lead by another group which is a division of the canoe association. Both groups speak badly of the other. The IDBF are currently carrying out a check on who is the Governing Member of the sport. This investigation should be complete in the next few days. This may also add a complication with the 2016 ENC bid.

11.1.1 There are a number of statute changes proposed that will need to be agreed to at the AGA. The reasoning behind the updates is to bring the EDBF more in line with IDBF format. The main issues to be changed are: Structure of the Board, quorum which is preventing the EDBF making decisions.

12. Date, Time and Place of the Next Meeting

12.1 The date, time and place of the next meeting is to be confirmed.

Meeting adjourned at 13.05hrs.

Minutes produced by Julie Doyle (IRE) – 13th August 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly M. Beckwith
Secretary General, European Dragon Boat Federation