

29TH EDBF ORDINARY CONGRESS

Monday, 27th August 2018 at 09.00hrs

Held at Beetzsee Regatta Centre, Brandenburg an der Havel, Germany

Present:

EDBF Executive Committee:

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| Claudio Schermi | CS | EDBF President | ITA |
| Peter Jarosi | PJ | EDBF Vice President | HUN |
| Maura Dezi | MD | EDBF Treasurer | ITA |
| Julie Doyle | JD | EDBF Secretary General | IRL |
| Andrew Menzies | AM | Representative of Full Members | GBR |

Honorary Guests (Non-Voting):

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| Mike Thomas | MT | IDBF President | GBR |
| Mike MacKeddie-Haslam | MH | EDBF President of Honour | GBR |
| Alan van Caubergh | AvC | EDBF Honorary President | NLD |

Voting Members:

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| Jennifer Henderson | JH | | GBR |
| Dympna Watson | DW | | IRL |
| Antonio de Lucia | ADL | Chair Sport Medicine Commission | ITA |
| Jorge Carracedo | JC | | SPN |
| Petr Klima | PK | EDBF Vice President | CZE |
| Arild Jordskar | AJ | | NOR |
| Vitaly Smirnov | VS | | RUS |
| Claude Dorlhac | CD | | FRA |
| Valerii Morgan | VM | | UKR |
| Csenge Báthory-Bozó | CBB | | HUN |
| Matthias Marbes | MM | | SWI |
| Thomas Arbeiter | TA | | GER |
| John Fraser | JF | | CYP |
| Eduard Caramuv (part) | EC | | MOL |

Others (Non-Voting):

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| Saed Abdalla | SA | Chair C&T Commission | GER |
| Gitta Weberi | GW | | GER |
| Anna Sokratous | AS | | CYP |
| Stephanie Meister | SM | | SWI |
| Nigel Bedford | NB | | GBR |
| Murray Jones | MJ | | GBR |
| Lilla Baravics | LB | | HUN |
| Miquel Junca | MJ | | SPN |
| Pilar Tresserras | PT | | SPN |
| Sue Menzies | SM | | GBR |
| Sue Thomas | ST | | GBR |

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| Henning Wiekhorst | HW | GER |
| Victor Wong | VW | TAI |
| Michaela Scacchetti | MS | ITA |
| Jose Moya | JM | SPN |
| Elena Serdiuk | ES | UKR |
| Victor Kozlov | VK | MOL |

| <u>Item</u> | | <u>Action</u> |
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| 1.00 | <u>Welcome Address by the EDBF President.</u> | |
| 1.01 | The meeting was formally opened at 09.00hrs by Claudio Schermi, EDBF President. | |
| 1.02 | A formal welcome was given to Mike Thomas – IDBF President, Mike MacKeddie-Haslam – EDBF President of Honour, Alan van Caubergh – EDBF Honorary President, Nigel Bedford – Chair of IDBF Para-Athletes Commission, Victor Wang – Sport Director of World Games and Henning Wiekhorst – Dragon Boat World Magazine. | |
| 1.03 | Apologises were received from Ute Becker-Frenzel & Kim Beckwith. | |
| 2.00 | <u>Roll Call of Members & Confirmation of Authority</u> | |
| 2.01 | A roll call of the members was made and a quorum of over 50% of the EDBF members were present. 14 nations attended the meeting out of 22 nations who had paid their 2018 annual EDBF Membership fees. | |
| 3.00 | <u>Appointment of Scrutineers for the Congress</u> | |
| 3.01 | The following individuals were appointed as scrutineers for the Congress: Mike Thomas (IDBF President) Mike Haslam (EDBF President of Honour) | |
| 4.00 | <u>Confirmation of the Published Agenda</u> | |
| 4.01 | The agenda as presented was confirmed. | |
| 5.00 | <u>Acceptance of the Minutes of the 28th EDBF Ordinary Congress 31st July 2017</u> | |
| 5.01 | The minutes of the 28 th EDBF Ordinary Congress held on 31 st July 2017 were accepted in full. | |
| 5.02 | Future minutes of the Congress are to be issued within 30 days of the meeting and approval agreed within 7 days if no comments are received. | |
| 6.00 | <u>The EDBF President's Report</u> | |
| 6.01 | See attached EDBF President's Report dated 21 st August 2018. | |

6.02 The Work of the Executive Committee & Council - See attached EDBF President's Report dated 21st August 2018.

6.03 Update About EDBF Members and Membership - There were no new members for final approval.

Future of the EDBF Memorandum of Understanding between EDBF/ECA

6.04 CS advised that after discussions with various nations during the Championships he had decided not to draft out a MoU for the Congress because it was much better at this stage to work on a Master Plan, a green paper, to understand better where both Federations want to go in the long term.

6.05 CS stated that the IDBF is recognised by GAISF, Arbitration of Sport, AIMS and the IOC as the World Governing Body, and the EDBF therefore would not give away what it has achieved. Any MoU must start with the statement that the EDBF is the only Governing Body of the sport of dragon boating in Europe. CS asked the Congress for the endorsement to follow up with further discussions to prepare a joint EDBF/ECA "green paper", to submit to Council for further discussions.

6.06 After an open discussion with most of the EDBF Members, the Congress agreed the endorsement for the EDBF President to go and discuss with the ECA President, Mr. Albert Woods, what the ECA wants in terms of developing the dragon boat sport and, consequently, to draft out a "green paper" for further discussion at the EDBF Convention with the Executive Committee and Council. The Congress agreed there was a need to see something actually in writing first then to follow up with a MoU.

Vote: 13 countries (Moldova left)

In Favour: 9

Against: 1

Abstentions: 3

6.07 CS confirmed he will continue to involve everyone in these discussions and would not sign anything without the agreement of Council and, if necessary, of the Congress.

7.00 Reports from the EDBF Commissions

7.01 Competition & Special Events Commission – Presented by Saed Abdalla.

There are currently 120 IDBF Race Officials on the EDBF list, out of which only 35 responded regarding this Championships. SA to update the Race Officials list for 2019 so only active officials are listed.

SA

7.02 Paul Griffiths & Andries Boneschenkar have been appointed by the IDBF to carry out race official examinations in Europe which will mean the officials exams will have the same standards world wide.

7.03 Sports Medicine, Psychology & Science Commission

See attached report from Dr. Antonio De Lucia dated 20th August 2018.

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| 7.04 | AvC proposed that the EDBF Commission should work closely with the IDBF Commission Chair – Dr. Bob McNamara. ADL welcome AvC advice. | ADL |
| 7.05 | Marketing & Media Commission No report presented as commission not currently active. | |
| 7.06 | Junior Commission No report presented as commission not currently active. | |
| 7.07 | Women’s Commission No report presented as commission not currently active. | |
| 8.00 | <u>Election of New Commission Chair Holders, Members Representatives & Representatives of Full Members (Only 12 nations now present)</u> | |
| 8.01 | Competition & Technical Commission: Confirmed new Chair Holder Saed Abdalla (GER) – 12 votes received. | |
| 8.02 | Sports Medicine, Psychology & Science Commission: Confirmed new Chair Holder Dr. Antonio De Lucia (ITA) – 12 votes received. | |
| 8.03 | Marketing & Media Commission: Confirmed new Chair Holder Michaela Scacchetti (ITA) – 9 votes received. | |
| 8.04 | Youth Commission: Confirmed new Chair Holder Jose Maria Carrillo Sanchez (SPN) – 11 votes received. | |
| 8.05 | Women’s Commission Chair holder Candidate: Confirmed new Chair Holder Anna Socratous (CYR) – 11 votes received. | |
| 8.06 | Members Representatives: The voting was confirmed as follows: Germany – 12 votes received. Great Britain – 11 votes received. Hungary – 9 votes received. Italy – 9 votes received. Spain – 11 votes received. Sweden – 6 votes received. | |
| 8.07 | The following nations were confirmed as the 5no. Members Representatives on the EDBF Council – Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Italy and Spain. | |
| 8.08 | Full Member’s Representative Confirmed Full Member’s Representative as Andrew Menzies (GBR) – 11 votes received. | |

9.00 Financial Report, Auditor's Report

9.01 See attached EDBF Financial Report 2017 produced by Maura Dezi.

9.02 It was confirmed that the German Dragon Boat Federation (DDV) had carried out an audit were possible of the 2017 EDBF Accounts. It was noted that the cash report could not be audited from 1st January 2017 to handover to MD, as no information was provided by the previous EDBF Treasurer. However it was noted by AvC that all cash income and outgoings had been receipted and signed for.

9.03 From the audit the DDV recommend a full cash in / cash out report is produced starting from 1st January 2018.

MD

9.04 The 2017 EDBF Accounts were approved in full by Congress.

9.05 MD requested that for the future all nations must pay any fees due to the EDBF by electronic transfer/Paypal.

ALL

10.00 Approval of Annual Fees Proposed by the Council

10.01 It was agreed to keep the EDBF Annual Membership Fees for 2019 at the same rates as used in 2018.

Full EDBF Membership Fee - €250.00/year.

Basic EDBF Membership Fee - €150.00/year.

11.00 Appointment of Full Member to be Responsible for Auditing the 2018 Accounts

11.01 To be agreed by the Council in November in Seville (GBR 1st choice to be confirmed).

12.00 EDBF Championship Regattas

12.01 Feedback on 13th EDBF ENC 2018

No report was given by the DDV representatives (expected to the Council in Seville).

12.02 18th EDBF ECCC - Seville, Spain 2019 – Update

The 18th EDBF ECCC will be held between 25th – 28th July 2019 in Seville, Spain and is being organised by the Spanish Dragon Boat Federation (AEDB) with assistance from accommodation, transport and media partners.

12.03 The high performance sporting venue is in the middle of the city, only 9Km / 15 minutes from the airport.

12.04 The average temperatures at this time of year are 34°C with no rain.

12.05 16 standard and 16 small dragon boats will be provided by Peisheng Boats.

- 12.06 The race course will consist of 6 race lanes – 13.5m wide and 4m deep. The course is on a river, but there is no flow.
- 12.07 The Championships website and Facebook page are now live.
www.ecccsevilla2019.com
Sevilla 2019 - 18th European Club Crew Championship
- 14th EDBF ENC 2020 / 19th EDBF ECCC 2021**
- 12.08 A bid has already been received from the Ukraine Dragon Boat Federation for 2020. The Ukraine Dragon Boat Federation is also the organizer of the 2019 ICF Dragon Boat Club Crew World Championships and, without a MoU between the 2 continental federations it could be a problem. Previous failures of organization in Ukraine needs further investigation before a decision will be taken.
- 12.09 The Spanish Dragon Boat Association together with Dragon Boat Emotions would like to also bid for either 14th EDBF ENC 2020 or 19th EDBF ECCC 2021.
- 12.10 The proposed venue is the Canal Olympic de Catalunya, Castelldefels, Barcelona, Spain. The venue which was specifically built for the 1992 Olympics is located approx. 24Km from Barcelona and 10Km from the airport. The site has good transportation connections and plenty hotels and camping areas in the vicinity
- 12.11 The climate in Barcelona is typical of the Mediterranean.
- 12.12 The race course is 130m wide with 9 racing lanes.
- 12.13 The Congress decided that the venue needs further investigation both for the political situation of the region and for more information about the Organizing Committee.
- 12.14 CS advised that there is also a possibility of the use of the course in Plovdiv in Bulgaria as a backup solution.
- 12.15 It was agreed that the final decision on location would be made by the Council at the EDBF Convention in November, after a new inspection and further investigation by the EDBF President who will report to Council.
- 13.00 Revisions to the EDBF Statutes**
- 13.01 **Statute Art. 4 – Members and 5 – Membership Classes – Reverse the concept that the IDBF Members have to be first members of the EDBF and not visa versa.**
- From:
- ARTICLE 4. - MEMBERS.**
- 4.1 IDBF Members are by right members of the EDBF, and therefore membership of the EDBF is mandatory for IDBF Member Governing Associations registered in Europe. Such

Membership is conditional on the terms laid down in the IDBF Statutes and Bye Laws, shown below and is subject to the payment of an annual administration fee, set by the EDBF Council.

4.2 FULL MEMBERS

Subject to the terms; conditions and definitions for Membership, as laid down in the IDBF Bye-Laws, no Governing Association may become an IDBF Full Member, unless its membership includes the majority of bona fide Dragon Boat Clubs (crews) within its country or territory and it has been recognized as the independent governing body for the sport by the overall governing body for sport, if any, of that country or territory or other authority as laid down in the IDBF Bye-Laws, and its own Statues are consistent with those of the IDBF. Full Members shall immediately notify the Executive Committee of the IDBF (and EDBF) of any changes made to its Statues; Rules of Racing; membership of its governing committee; its address or the design or colours of its racing uniform or paddles.

4.3 BASIC MEMBERS

Basic Membership of the IDBF is open to Governing Associations in countries where a Full Member of the IDBF does not exist.

4.4 ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

The EDBF Council may admit as Associate Members such other organizations and for such periods of time as is defined in the Bye-laws. Applications for Associate Membership shall be made to the Secretary General for consideration by the EDBF Executive Committee and approval by the IDBF Council.

4.5 AFFILIATE MEMBERS

EDBF Affiliate Membership is open to sponsors, event organizers of Continental Dragon Boat Races, non-dragon boat organisations and non-sporting associations supporting the Aims and the Objects of the EDBF. Applications for Associate Membership shall be made to the Secretary General for consideration by the EDBF Executive Committee and approval by the IDBF Council.

4.6 TEMPORARY MEMBERS

All applicants for EDBF Membership may, in the first instance, be offered temporary membership by EDBF Executive Committee.

To:

ARTICLE 4. - MEMBERS.

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Following Confirmation of EDBF Membership it is mandatory to apply for membership of IDBF.

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13.02 Confirmation changes approved by Congress.

In Favour: 12
 Against: 0
 Abstention: 0

13.03 **Statute Art. 8.6 – Date of Taking Effect – Realign to IDBF Statutes “elections and decisions of an EDBF Ordinary Congress shall take effect from 1st January”. Currently EDBF statute says “immediately”.**

13.04 Confirmation changes approved by Congress.

In Favour: 12
 Against: 0
 Abstention: 0

13.05 **Current Terms of Office (Election Schedule 2018 – 2023)**

Noted (attached).

14.00 Any Other Business

14.01 It was agreed that Alan van Caubergh be given the title EDBF Honorary President.

14.02 It was agreed that Mike MacKeddie-Haslam be given the titles EDBF Founder and EDBF President of Honour.

14.03 EDBF Convention 2018 – Seville, Spain

The date for the EDBF Convention was agreed as 30th November to 2nd December 2018.

14.04 Protection Policy for Standard Dragon Boats

To be discussed at the EDBF Convention in November 2018.

14.05 2000m Starting Order

To be discussed by C&T Commission at the EDBF Convention in November 2018.

14.06 Senior B Helm Allowed to Helm Senior C Categorized Teams

To be discussed at the EDBF Convention in November 2018.

14.07 Para-Dragons

A brief presentation was given by Nigel Bedford, Chair holder of the IDBF Para-Athletes Commission who advised there is currently a need for a rule book for the Para-Dragons due to the variety of impairments. The plan would be to have one open category for para-dragon athletes with a scoring system for each type of impairment. This would then make the sport more inclusive. Reference attached draft rule book.

14.08 CS suggested that Nigel work with the EDBF Sports Medicine, Psychology & Science Commission to help finalise the rule book and scoring system. CS invited Nigel for a fuller presentation at the Convention in Seville.

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15.00 Confirmation of Date & Place of Next Meeting

15.01 The next EDBF Congress was confirmed for Monday, 29th July 2019.

16.00 Closing Address

16.01 -

Attachments:

- EDBF President's Report dated 21st August 2018.
- Dr. Antonio De Lucia's Report on the Sports Medicine, Psychology & Science Commission dated 20th August 2018.
- EDBF Financial Report 2017.

- Presentation of Seville 2019.
- Draft Para-Athletes Rule Book.
- EDBF Election Schedule.

Minutes produced by Julie Doyle – EDBF Secretary General (IRL)



Signed by:

Claudio Schermi
President
European Dragon Boat Federation

Dated:

4th October 2018