

MINUTES OF THE 40TH EDBF COUNCIL MEETING
FRIDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER 2018 AT 15.30HRS
CEAR, SEVILLE, SPAIN

Present:

EDBF Executive Committee:	Claudio Schermi	CS	EDBF President	ITA
	Peter Jarosi	PJ	EDBF Vice President	HUN
	Ute Becker-Frenzel	UBF	EDBF Vice President	GER
	Petr Klima	PK	EDBF Vice President	CZE
	Kim Beckwith	KB	EDBF Vice President	NLD
	Julie Doyle	JD	EDBF Secretary General	IRL
	Andrew Menzies	AM	Full Member's Representative	GBR

EDBF Council Representatives:	Antonio De Lucia	ADL	Medical Commission	ITA
	Anna Socratous	AS	Women's Commission	CYP
	Michaela Scacchetti	MS	M&M Commission	ITA
	Saed Abdalla	SA	C&T Commission	GER
	Neil Pickles	NP	Member Representative	GBR
	Jorge Carracedo	JC	Member Representative	SPN
	Edina Hangya	EH	Member Representative	HUN
	Gitta Weberi	GW	Member Representative	GER
	Amita Bequiri	AB	Member Representative	ITA

Non-Voting:	Mike Haslam	MH	EDBF President of Honour	NLD
	Valerii Morgun	VM	Ukraine Dragon Boat Assoc.	UKR
	Fernando Garcia	FG	ECCC 219 Coordinator	SPN
	Olen Rocuzzo	OR	Interpreter - Valerii Morgun	UKR
	Thomas Arbeiter	TA	Interpreter - Ute Becker-Frenzel	GER
	Laura Scarpa	LS	Interpreter - Amita Bequiri	ITA
	Andrea Cecinelli	AC	Observer	ITA
	Luis Munoi	LM	Dragon Boat Emotions	SPN

<u>Item</u>		<u>Action</u>
1.00	<u>Welcome Address / Roll Call</u>	
1.01	CS welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
1.02	Apologises received from Maura Dezi.	
2.00	<u>Confirmation of Agenda</u>	
2.01	The agenda was confirmed as published.	
3.00	<u>Acceptance of the Minutes of the Previous EDBF Council Meetings</u>	
3.01	The minutes of the 39 th EDBF Council Meeting held on 30 th November 2018 were	

approved in full with the following correction.
 Item 5.08 – Correct spelling of name is Dr. Andre Hillerbrecht.

4.00 EDBF President's Report

4.01 CS advised he had met with Albert Woods, President of the European Canoe Association in Alicante on the 4th October 2018. He had a positive discussion regarding the good will for future cooperation at Continental level. It was agreed that dragon boat governance should be left at IDBF/ICF level, therefore the EDBF/ECA could not proceed in preparing a Memorandum of Understanding, until the issue of governance is clarified and accepted by both organisations at world level. After the meeting the following joint statement was released, following ratification by the EDBF Council and ECA Board.

JOINT STATEMENT ECA/EDBF

The EDBF President Claudio Schermi and the ECA President Albert Woods, together with the ECA Vice President Miroslav Haviar had a positive meeting in Alicante on the last 6th October about possible cooperation for Dragon Boat at European Level. The meeting was very positive in a spirit of mutual respect in the interest of the Dragon Boat Paddlers. It was agreed that the dragon boat governance issue should be solved and clarified at international level by IDBF and ICF or by IOC directly, if necessary.

4.02 The Good Governance of the EDBF has started with the full activation of the Secretary General, Julie Doyle and the Treasurer, Maura Dezi with the Assistant of the President, Antonella Germano representing the Office of the President. All of them are volunteers, but now the EDBF replies in real time to emails, the accounts are well updated as well as the website and social media. The next steps are to activate the Commissions with the new Chair Holders and their teams, the Commission Members, that Council will appoint during this Council and also to activate the Vice President's portfolios.

4.03 CS advised that after the ENC in Brandenburg he has been very busy preparing the EDBF Forum, Gala Dinner and Awards Ceremony. A special thanks was given to all the event sponsors – Peisheng Boats, Spanish Dragon Boat Association, Hornet Paddles, Tegysport SAS Starting Systems, Spanish Dragon Boat Federation, Viajes El Corte Ingles and the Barcelo Hotel.

5.00 EDBF Treasurer's Report

5.01 See attached Treasurer's Report dated 27/11/18.
 Total income to date for the year - €25,377.61.
 Total expenditure to date for the year - €22,028.56.

5.02 CS confirmed the EDBF has now been registered in Italy as a non-profit organisation. The EDBF also have their VAT number now. The bank account still needs to be opened, this will take a little longer time to sort. Once opened the existing account in The Netherlands will be closed.

CS/MD

5.03	The Contingency Fund currently holds €25,000, but this still needs to be reviewed. In the past the EDBF have allowed enough in reserve to run the federation for two years if there was no income. This is an out of date criteria, and maybe we could consider a different way to run the federation's business.	MD
5.04	The EDBF want and need to be attractive to sponsors in the future and we are working with the Marketing and Media Commission to try and get more money from our stakeholders.	CS/MS
5.05	For the future the plan is to allocate a budget to support commission projects, as long as they are seen to be active and maybe even try to get a sponsor for each commission. Each commission in time will also be given space on the website.	CS/MS
6.00	<u>Appointment of Full Member to be Responsible for Auditing 2018 Accounts</u>	
6.01	Great Britain confirmed they would not be able to audit the EDBF 2018 accounts.	
6.02	JD to ask Arild Jordskar from Norway if he would carry out the audit as he is an accountant by profession.	JD
7.00	<u>IDBF Article 48.3 of IDBF Statutes</u>	
7.01	The IDBF Article states that "The elected Officers of a Continental Federation may not hold the same position within the IDBF, at the same time and if elected as either the IDBF President of Honour, President, Secretary General or Treasurer, they must relinquish their equivalent Continental Office".	
7.02	This particular article relates to Peter Jarosi as he is Vice President of both the EDBF and IDBF. It could also relate to Julie Doyle as she holds the position of EDBF Secretary General and IDBF Vice President. MH clarified that this article was not written for different titles.	
7.03	MH clarified his point of view, in his advisory capacity, of the meaning of the article: the 1 st comma sets the rule: " <i>The elected Officers of a Continental Federation may not hold the same position within the IDBF, at the same time</i> " and at the second comma restrict only to some key positions as mandatory to relinquish their equivalent continental office. For the other positions the elected officer can have the choice to relinquish his office at world or continental level.	CS
7.04	CS noted that this was an IDBF article and not an EDBF article. This article requires amendment from the point of view of the EDBF and the EDBF Council should ask the IDBF to re-word it. CS proposal was agreed by Council.	CS
7.05	In the meantime it was approved that the EDBF Council would like Peter Jarosi to maintain both his Vice Presidents roles for the EDBF and IDBF.	

8.00 EDBF Forum/Gala Dinner

8.01 CS confirmed everything is as scheduled. Most of the cost of the Gala Dinner and Awards Ceremony are covered by the sponsors. The reimbursement of EDBF Council's individual officers are covered by the EDBF as agreed in a previous meeting (flight costs up to a maximum of €200 and accommodation for 3 nights at the CEAR Residence La Cartuja).

9.00 Nominations for EDBF Commission Members

9.01 Women's Commission

A lot of interest was received from 10 countries to sit on this commission, however only 3 additional members are required.

9.02 The following people were proposed by the Commission Chair Holder Ana Socratious and were agreed to sit on the commission.

- Ms Paola Pochesci (ITA)
- Ms Maria Belem Garcia Carrero (SPN)
- Ms Henriette Pinter (HUN)

Marketing and Media Commission

9.03 The following people were proposed by the Commission Chair Holder Michela Scacchetti and were agreed to sit on the commission.

- Jose Moya (SPN)
- Mark Grussler (GER)
- Issacc Garcia (SPN)

As an external Commission team member, in a reserve position, Sciila Sernia (ITA) has been also appointed.

Youth Commission

9.04 The following people were proposed by the Commission Chair Holder José Maria Carrillo and were agreed to sit on the commission.

- Matt Richardson (GBR)
- Amita Bequiri (ITA)
- Maria Salud García (SPN)

Sports Medicine, Psychology and Science Commission

9.05 The following people were re-proposed by the Commission Chair Holder Antonio De Lucia and were agreed to sit on the commission.

- Dr. Andre Hillebrecht (GER)
- Dr. Dusko Spasovski (SRB)
- Dr. Mariano Feccia (ITA)

ADL requested that the Council consider, by exception, an extra position for his commission, due the large area of interest and for this position he asked to consider the nomination of Ms Leila Ataie (IRAN) for her commitment to the EDBF. The Council approved.

- Ms Leila Ataie (IRAN) 4th Commission Member

9.06 ADL advised his commission has a meeting organised for February 2019 in Rome.

10.00 Feedback on 13th EDBF ENC 2018

10.01 CS firstly thanked UBF and her team for running the ENC 2018.

10.02 See attached Report on 13th EDBF ENC 2018 produced by UBF.

10.03 UBF made the following proposals:

- The Chief Official should be appointed early on in the process.
- Any changes to the Age Classes should be referred to the C&T Commission.
- If a team does not have a crew list they should not be allowed to race.
- There should be some form of penalty to try to stop crews withdrawing at a late stage which causes unnecessary amendments to the race programme.
- Information on how the Nation's Cup is awarded should be published on the website.
- Information should not be duplicated in the Bulletins.

CS confirmed that UBF advice will be considered and discussed in next meetings

SA

10.04 UBF said there had been an issue with the GBR hotel where the water supplies were switched off. This is still unresolved. CS asked UBF to keep the EDBF informed and that he expected that this situation would be solved as soon as possible.

UBF/CS

11.00 ECCC Seville 2019

11.01 No further update given.

12.00 EDBF Calendar and Euro Cup

12.01 To be discussed at the next Zoom Meeting in January 2019.

13.00 EDBF ENC 2020 & ECCC 2021 Update

13.01 **EDBF ENC 2020 – Kiev, Ukraine** – See attached presentation.

13.02 CS advised he had visited Kiev in November 2018 to review the race site and confirmed the facilities looked fine and the management in place to run the event looked good. Whilst there CS met with the Minister of Sport and that he had now received a letter from the Ukraine Government which confirmed they would support the event in 2020.

13.03 The only problem with awarding the event to Ukraine was the situation of the wind of war between Ukraine and Russia, the control of which was out of anyones hands. Kiev is located circa 1000Km from the area where the current fighting was taking place.

13.04 The Ukraine DBF is organising the WCCC for the ICF in 2019 and it is a candidate for the ECU ECCC for 2023.

- 13.05 **EDBF ENC 2020/ECCC 2021 - Barcelona, Spain** – A presentation was given by Luis Muñoz.
- 13.06 A vote was taken to decide which venue was preferred.
Kiev, Ukraine 2020 – 7
Barcelona, Spain 2020 – 5
Abstentions – 3
- 13.07 It was confirmed that the EDBF ENC 2020 would be held in Kiev, Ukraine, but written into the contract that the Ukraine DBF had to withdraw their bid for the ECA ENC in 2023 and subject to final inspection during the ICF races in September 2019, to be considered as a test event.
- 13.08 It was confirmed that the EDBF ECCC 2021 would be held in Barcelona, Spain, plus they would act as a back up venue for the EDBF ENC 2020.
- 14.00 Any Other Business**
- 14.01 CS advised that the new EDBF website would be going live on 03/12/18.
- 14.02 It was confirmed that Georgia (Canoe Federation) had been given Temporary Membership of the EDBF.
- 15.00 Date, Time and Place of the Next Meeting**
- 15.01 The next meeting will be held by Zoom Meeting. Date and time to be confirmed.

Attachments:

- EDBF Treasurer's Report dated 27/11/18.
- EDBF ENC 2020 – Kiev, Ukraine Presentation

Minutes produced by Julie Doyle (IRL)

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

Signed by:



Claudio Schermi
President
European Dragon Boat Federation

Dated: 3rd January 2019