

**MINUTES OF THE EDBF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**FRIDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER 2019 AT 14.30HRS**  
**HELD IN BARCELO HOTEL, MILAN, ITALY**

**Present:**

<b>EDBF Executive Committee:</b>	Claudio Schermi	CS	EDBF President	ITA
	Peter Jarosi	PJ	EDBF Vice President	HUN
	Ute Becker-Frenzel	UBF	EDBF Vice President	GER
	Kim Beckwith (joined at 15.15hrs)	KB	EDBF Vice President	NLD
	Valerii Morgun	VM	EDBF Vice President (Elect)	UKR
	Maura Dezi	MD	EDBF Treasurer	ITA
	Julie Doyle	JD	EDBF Secretary General	IRL

**Non-Voting:**

Alan van Caubergh	AvC	EDBF Honorary President	NLD
Lilla Baravics	EH	Translator for Peter Jarosi	HUN
Elena Serdiuk	ES	Translator for Valerii Morgun	UKR

<u>Item</u>	<u>Action</u>
<b>1.00</b>	<b><u>Welcome Address / Roll Call</u></b>
1.01	CS welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated that we had now attracted some important stake holders to the EDBF Forum in terms of money, sponsorship and acknowledgement of the sport of dragon boating. We therefore all need to act as Ambassadors of the dragon boat sport in Europe. We involve thousands of people and can be very attractive for tourism sponsors. We therefore need to give one positive message and have one voice to the participants at the Congress. We need to follow new roads to get funding for our sport and in turn deliver good quality events.
1.02	CS confirmed 42 people would be attending the Council Dinner this evening.
1.03	Apologises received from Petr Klima, Jorge Carracedo and Andrew Menzies.
<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 Minutes of the Previous EDBF Executive Committee Meeting</u></b>
3.01	The minutes of the EDBF Executive Committee Meeting held on 12th November 2019 were approved in full with the following amendment: Item 8.02 – Add “CS advised that KB was to handover her portfolios to the President before 31/12/19”.
<b>4.00</b>	<b><u>Bids and New Projects: To be Presented to Council</u></b>
4.01	<b>Euro Cup 2020</b>

4.01a	The events and dates for Euro Cup 2020 need to be agreed as soon as possible to allow for the appropriate marketing and organisation.	CS
4.01b	It was agreed that the EDBF would accept the festival rules rather than the IDBF/EDBF Rules as this would allow more interesting festivals to apply for Euro Cup status.	
4.02	<b>Forum, Gala Dinner and Awards Ceremony 2020</b>	
4.02a	CS advised he had received a strong bid to hold the 2020 Fourm and Gala Dinner in Parma, Italy. The bid also came with financial support from the Tourism Board, Emilia Romagna. It is important that organisation of next year's event starts now.	
4.02b	All National Federations are to be asked to submit a proposal to host the EDBF Forum and Gala Dinner for 2021. It is important we negotiate hard for what we need.	CS/JD
4.03	<b>1<sup>st</sup> EDBF European Indoor Dragon Boat Championships 2020</b>	
4.03a	To be run on the same weekend as the Forum – Saturday, Forum and Sunday, Indoor Championships. To be funded by the Tourism Board, Emilia Romagna.	
4.03b	Discussion took place on the type of Indoor Championships: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Indoor Kayakpro ergometer competition. It was agreed for 2020 as a first edition. It will be considered also for future EDBF Projects.</li> <li>- Indoor tug-a-dragon competition – 6 people verses 6 people facing each other in 1 boat.</li> <li>- Indoor tug-a-dragon competition – 2 dragon boats connected via a bungee cord.</li> </ul>	
4.03c	The cost of running a Kayakpro ergometer competition would cost in the region of €50,000 as the paddle machines would need to be brought in especially for the event. Whereas an indoor tug-a-dragon competition would be easier and cheaper to organise as the equipment was more readily available.	
4.03d	PJ offered to organise a winter international indoor tug-a-dragon competition – 6 people verses 6 people.	PJ
4.03e	PJ suggested for the future that in year 1 we have one city; year 2 – two cities, year 3 – 3 cities and then year 4 change all locations. The competitions could be run regionally in Europe to keep costs down for the competitors.	
4.04	<b>EDBF Nations Championships 2022</b>	
4.04a	Only one bid has been received from Ravenna, Italy for the ENC 2022.	
5.00	<b><u>Development Funds: Support to EDBF members and support to the constitutions of new National Federations where Federations do not exist.</u></b>	

5.01 In principle it was agreed to support new National Federations in buying new dragon boats or new projects with some financial assistance from the EDBF. Each application would be looked at on a case by case scenario and the final details or how the scheme would operate would need to be reviewed.

**6.00 Any Other Business**

6.01 The Chief Official for ENC 2020 needs to be appointed as soon as possible.

AvC/SA

**7.00 Date, Time and Place of the Next Meeting**

7.01 The next meeting will be held by Zoom Meeting in January 2020; date to be confirmed.

Minutes produced by Julie Doyle (IRL)

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

Signed by:

Dated: 27th December 2019

Claudio Schermi  
President  
European Dragon Boat Federation

