

**MINUTES OF THE 53RD EDBF COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, 9TH JUNE 2020 AT 18.00HRS (GMT) / 19.00HRS (CET)**  
**HELD IN VIDEO CONFERENCE**

**Present:**

<b>EDBF Executive</b>	Claudio Schermi	CS	EDBF President	ITA
	Ute Becker-Frenzel	UBF	EDBF Vice President	GER
	Peter Jarosi (joined 18.40)	PJ	EDBF Vice President	HUN
	Valerii Morgun	VM	EDBF Vice President	UKR
	Maura Dezi	MD	EDBF Treasurer	ITA
	Julie Doyle	JD	EDBF Secretary General	IRL
	Andrew Menzies	AM	Member's Representative	GBR
<b>EDBF Council</b>	Saed Abdalla	SA	C&T Commission	GER
<b>Representatives:</b>	Anna Socratous	AS	Women's Commission	CYP
	Antonio De Lucia	ADL	Medical Commission	ITA
	Michaela Scacchetti (joined 19.10)	MS	M&M Commission	ITA
	Neil Pickles (left 20.00)	NP	Member Representative	GBR
	Csenge Schnaider-Báthory	CSB	Member Representative	HUN
	Gianni Romani	GR	Member Representative	ITA
<b>Non-Voting:</b>	Mike Thomas (left 20.00)	MT	IDBF President	GBR
	Mike MacKeddie-Haslam (joined 18.20 – 19.50)	MMH	EDBF President of Honour	GBR
	Alan van Caubergh	AvC	EDBF Honorary President	NLD
	Alexey Morgun	AM	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.
<b>2.00</b>	<b><u>Confirmation of Agenda</u></b>
2.01	The agenda was confirmed as published.
<b>3.00</b>	<b><u>Acceptance of the Minutes of the Previous EDBF Council Meetings</u></b>
3.01	The minutes of the EDBF Executive Meeting and 51 <sup>st</sup> Extra Ordinary Council Meeting held on 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2020 were approved in full.
3.02	The minutes of the 52 <sup>nd</sup> EDBF Council Meeting held on 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2020 were approved in full.

**4.00 Format for Championships in Kiev, Ukraine 2021**

- 4.01 The intention of this meeting was to try and come up with a proposed format of the 2021 Championships to put forward to Congress as they would make the final decision. PJ raised an objection that a ENC and ECCC should be run simultaneously at one event.
- 4.02 As requested by the EDBF Council, CS had consulted in advance of the meeting with a number of nations to see what their opinion was, these included:
- UBF and SA – C&T Commission
  - Ukraine Dragon Boat Federation / VM – Event Organiser
  - Antonio De Lucia – Italy
  - Niko Cuca - Serbia
  - Jorge Carracedo – Spain
  - Felix Meyer / Matthias Marbes - Switzerland
  - Gal Indyk - Israel
  - Saulius Starolis - Lithuania
  - Adrian Dyer- Cyprus
  - Vitalii Smirnov – Russia
- Their feedback, if received, has been noted.
- 4.03 CS confirmed that a contract had already been signed last year with the UDBF to host the ENC in 2020, as for their original bid, which was then postponed to 2021 due to COVID-19.
- 4.04 VM confirmed that the event would only get financial support from the Ukraine Government for a Nations Championships, but not for a Club Crew Championships, therefore the event would need to be just an ENC or a joint ENC and ECCC or ECCC and WNC Jnr & U24.
- 4.05 As the IDBF WNC was being held in 2021, it was considered important to run a ECCC in 2021. Our goal is to make the athletes satisfied with our proposal.
- 4.06 It was noted that if there was two Nations Championships (WNC & ENC) in one year some nations would not enter both and therefore both Championships maybe would be weakened.
- 4.07 A ECCC and ENC could not run along side each other on the same race days as a number of competitors would be racing as part of their nation's and club's team. Double rostering could not be accommodated in the race programme and athletes could possibly get too tired. Therefore ECCC would need to run over for example 3.5 days and then the ENC over for example 2.5 days or visa versa.
- 4.09 JD suggested, in order to secure the number of teams, the ENC would need to run first followed by the ECCC, otherwise coaches would not allow their paddlers to race with their clubs in case they got too tired or injured for their national teams.

- 4.10 It would be important to minimise the number of a days to run a combined Championships as the cost to the event organisers and the athletes, as well as the number of holidays required could reduce the number of entries. With a combined ENC + ECCC, at least 6 race days would be required. To date a maximum of 4 race days have been required for a European Championships. CS underlined that participants are free to choose to race only in the ENC (2 and 1/2 days), only in the ECCC (3 and 1/2 days) or in both ENC and ECCC (6 days). This because the 2 events are completely independent.
- 4.11 Some interest had been received from continental clubs to compete in ECCC. The reaction of the European clubs to allowing other continental clubs to take part in an open CCC needs to be considered. From experience we know North American clubs are strong and would therefore knock European clubs out of the medal positions. The option to make the ECCC open to other continental nations needs to be agreed at the EDBF Congress. CS proposal to submit to Congress was to allow only one European Club per Nation per racing class and category. CS
- 4.12 MT advised the IDBF had just commenced a consultation process with the junior teams who normally attended a WNC to see what their preference would be for the WNC. It was requested if the IDBF could make a decision by the EDBF Congress (19<sup>th</sup> July 2020), it would help with the European nations making an informed decision. MT
- 4.13 MMH noted that any events in 2021 are still out of our control, as it will all depend on the travel restrictions imposed, travel routines and the cost of travel.
- 4.14 The current proposed dates for the Championships are 18<sup>th</sup> August 2021 to 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021. The EDBF Congress would be held on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2021.
- 4.15 The Council were asked to vote on the following proposal:  
**Do you agree to add to the ENC 2021 in Kiev the ECCC in 6 days?**  
 Yes – 9 votes  
 No – 4 votes  
 Abstain – 1 vote
- 4.16 UBF will now prepare a draft race programme in line with the IDBF rules and regulations and EDBF amendments as published on the EDBF web page under documents. If the programme will not fit within a 6 day programme it was agreed that the President has the endorsement of the Council to make the decision to cut some race classes depending on the entry status. UBF/CS
- 4.17 PJ stated he did not consider it appropriate to organise a ENC in 2021, while there is a WNC in the same year.
- 5.00 Any Other Business.**
- 5.01 None.

**6.00** | Date, Time and Place of the Next Meeting.

6.01 | Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020 – 18.00hrs (BST) / 19.00hrs (CET) via Zoom Meeting.  
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: 12<sup>th</sup> June 2020