

MINUTES OF THE 54TH EDBF COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, 14TH JULY 2020 AT 19.00HRS (GMT) / 20.00HRS (CET)
HELD IN VIDEO CONFERENCE

Present:

EDBF Executive	Claudio Schermi	CS	EDBF President	ITA
	Ute Becker-Frenzel	UBF	EDBF Vice President	GER
	Peter Jarosi	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
EDBF Council Representatives:	Saed Abdalla	SA	C&T Commission	GER
	Anna Socratous	AS	Women's Commission	CYP
	Antonio De Lucia	ADL	Medical Commission	ITA
	Neil Pickles	NP	Member Representative	GBR
	Csenge Schnaider-Báthory	CSB	Member Representative	HUN
	Ilaria Romani	IR	Member Representative	ITA
Non-Voting:	Mike Thomas	MT	IDBF President	GBR
	Mike MacKeddie-Haslam	MMH	EDBF President of Honour	GBR
	Alan van Caubergh	AvC	EDBF Honorary President	NLD
	Alexeii Morgun	AM	Translator for Valerii Morgun	UKR
	Lilla Baravics	LB	Translator for Peter Jarosi	HUN
	Réka Szabina Török	RST	Guest	HUN

<u>Item</u>	<u>Action</u>
1.00 <u>Welcome Address / Roll Call</u>	
1.01 CS welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
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 53rd EDBF Council Meeting held on 9 th June 2020 were approved with the following amendments: - Item 4.01 – Add “PJ raised an objection that a ENC and ECCC should be run simultaneously at one event”. - Item 4.02 – Change “Zoran Vukobranovic” to “Niko Cuca”. - Item 4.14 – Change “The current proposed dates for the Championships are 18 th August 2021 to 23 rd August 2021 to “The current proposed dates for the Championships are 18 th	

August 2021 to 22nd August 2021. The EDBF Congress would be held on Monday, 23rd August 2021”.

- Insert new item 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”.

4.00 Financial Report – Audit from Arild Jordskar, Norway

4.01 See attached Financial Audit Report from Arild Jordskar on behalf of Norway. A profit of €22,000.06 was made in 2019.

4.02 CS thanked MD for producing the accounts on time and to a high standard. MD confirmed that the EDBF accounts were now set up on an electronic accounting system which had been requested in last years audit.

4.03 CS stated that he was disappointed that there had been 2 votes against the EDBF Financial Report for 2019 in the last Council Meeting. The Treasurer had received no questions or requests for clarifications on the accounts and the Audit Report was very positive from Norway. It was unclear why two individual members of the Council, Peter Jarosi and the Hungarian Representative voted this way and he hoped it was not for political reasons as the EDBF Executive and Council were not the right places to play politics. PJ was satisfied with the accounts presentation and of the President’s speech and confirmed that they would now vote in favour. The Financial Audit Report was now approved unanimously by Council.

4.04 JD advised that at last year’s Congress it was agreed that we would amend the EDBF Statutes to allow for a professional auditor to be employed in the future. For the 2020 accounts as there has been such little income and account movement, it was agreed to ask a nation to audit again and then change the statutes ready for the 2021 accounts.

CS/MD

4.05 Regards deposits paid to the UDBF for the ENC 2020, it was agreed that each federation could request a refund or the deposit could be left with the UDBF until 2021. The event has not been cancelled only postponed and for this reason it will be up to the Organising Committee to reply according.

5.00 EDBF Membership Fees 2021

5.01 It was confirmed that as at today’s date the following nations had not paid their 2020 annual membership even though invoices have been sent plus two reminder emails – Spain, Armenia, Moldova, Israel, Georgia and Poland. It was noted that the late or non-payers were always the same nations each year.

5.02 It was agreed that the membership fees for 2021 should remain at the 2020 rates:
 - Basic Member - €150.00
 - Full Member - €250.00

5.03 Two membership proposals would be taken forward to Congress:

- Give a 50% discount in 2021; only if a nation had paid their fees in full in 2020.
- Let the membership pay their standard fees, but offer them a saving in another way.

6.00 Commission's Reports for Congress

6.01 JD confirmed that the following reports would be circulated tomorrow in readiness for Congress on 19th July 2020.

- Treasurer's Financial Report 2019, Audit Report & Budget 2020.
- Reports from the EDBF Commission Chair Holders:
 - Competition & Special Events Commission (Saed Abdalla)
 - Sports Medicine, Psychology & Science Commission (Antonio De Lucia)
 - Women's Commission (Anna Socratous)

6.02 Reports from the Marketing & Media Commission and the Youth Commission are still awaited.

7.00 ECCC Seville 2019 Report

7.01 See attached ECCC Seville 2019 Report.

7.02 MMH reported about the situation between AEDB and Peisheng Boats. In summary it was advised that the AEDB had ordered 30 (15 standard & 15 small) Peisheng/BuK dragon boats from Peisheng in China for the ECCC 2019, plus a further 8 standard boats for business purposes under a contractual agreement which required 70% payment by July 2019 and the balance in August 2019. For several reasons a considerable outstanding debt had not been paid to date. Although the situation has nothing to do with the EDBF, Peisheng are a good sponsor, CS and MMH are therefore trying to get the situation resolved amicably. There are a number of reasons the AEDB do not currently have the money to pay for the boats.

7.03 The AEDB have now agreed to handover the boats to the EDBF for disposal on behalf of Peisheng. The AEDB are currently storing the boats in Murcia and can help with transport to new owners. The Council advised they were happy for CS and MMH to follow through with Peisheng.

8.00 Resignations Received From EDBF Officers

8.01 Resignation letters, already copied to the EDBF Council members, have been received from:

- Jorge Carracedo Cervantes (Spain) - EDBF Vice President
- José María Carrillo (Spain) - Chair of EDBF Youth Commission

8.02 Due to personal reasons and work commitments both Jorge and José María are unable to dedicate the necessary time needed to be part of the EDBF Council. The resignations were accepted.

- 8.03 According to the rules, the Council may co-opt individuals to fill the vacancies.
- 8.04 CS stated that he had received some interest for these positions:
 - Alexei Morgun - Chair of the EDBF Youth Commission.
 - Antonio de Lucia - EDBF Vice President.
 In this case it would be necessary to replace ADL as Chair Holder of the Medical Commission. Dusko Spasovski could be the right person to be co-opted in as new Chair of the Medical Commission.
- 8.05 Although ADL is a good candidate, it was felt that the Vice President's should be gender balanced and therefore a female would be more suitable.
- 8.06 VM suggested Anna Sokratous as a candidate for Vice President.
- 8.07 It was agreed that as there was no rush, we would ask Congress's support for the Council to make the decision. JD would notify all member federations of the resignations and ask for proposals for the empty positions to be submitted to the secretariat. The Council would then make a decision at the next meeting. JD
- 9.00 EDBF Events Update**
- 9.01 Forum, Gala Dinner, Awards Ceremony & European Indoor Championships 2020 – 4th – 6th December 2020. Congress would be asked whether they feel comfortable attending this event in 2020 or would they rather it was postponed to 2021. CS
- 9.02 Kiev 2021 – Congress will decide if they want to keep it just as a ENC or make it a combined ENC & ECCC.
- 9.03 ENC, Ravenna 2022 – To proceed as planned.
- 9.04 Barcelona 2023 – With the lack of a proper committee running the AEDB and the lack of payment of boats to Peisheng from the ECCC 2019, the situation needs to be monitored closely. Concern was again raised that one national federation could not run an IDBF WNC and a EDBF ECCC within the same country within a matter of weeks. We need to proceed with caution and a decision would be made at a later date.
- 9.05 Bids for 2024 – The Serbian Dragon Boat Federation have indicated that they would like to bid to host an event in Belgrade.
- 10.00 Any Other Business.**
- 10.01 CS confirmed that the majority of our members did not want the ECCC in 2021 to be open to non-European nations. This will no longer be taken forward to Congress.
- 10.02 Due to the zoom Congress we will not be able to run discreet voting as we will not be able

to check that the correct person has voted. It was agreed that nations would be asked to raise their hands to vote.

11.00 Date, Time and Place of the Next Meeting.

11.01 Tuesday, 22nd September 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: 6th August 2020