

MINUTES OF THE 56TH EDBF COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, 13TH OCTOBER 2020 AT 18.00HRS (BST) / 19.00HRS (CET)
HELD IN VIDEO CONFERENCE

Present:

EDBF Executive	Claudio Schermi	CS	EDBF President	ITA
	Peter Jarosi (left at 19.33hrs)	PJ	EDBF Vice President	HUN
	Valerii Morgun	VM	EDBF Vice President	UKR
	Anna Socratous	AS	EDBF Co-opted Vice President	CYP
	Maura Dezi	MD	EDBF Treasurer	ITA
	Julie Doyle	JD	EDBF Secretary General	IRL

EDBF Council	Saed Abdalla	SA	C&T Commission	GER
Representatives:	Paola Pochesci	AS	Women's Commission (Co-opted)	ITA
	Antonio De Lucia	ADL	Medical Commission	ITA
	Michaela Scacchetti (left at 19.22hrs)	MS	M&M Commission	ITA
	Alexey Morgun	AM	Youth Commission (Co-opted)	UKR
	Neil Pickles	NP	Member Representative	GBR

Non-Voting:	Mike Thomas (left at 19.22hrs)	MT	IDBF President	GBR
	Mike MacKeddie-Haslam	MMH	EDBF President of Honour	GBR
	Alan van Caubergh	AvC	EDBF Honorary President	NLD
	Réka Szabina Török	RST	Translator for Peter Jarosi	HUN

<u>Item</u>	<u>Action</u>
1.00	<u>Welcome Address / Roll Call</u>
1.01	CS welcomed everyone to the meeting.
1.02	Apologies were received from Andrew Menzies and Ute Becker-Frenzel.
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 55th EDBF Council Meeting held on 22nd September 2020 to be approved at the next Council Meeting.
4.00	<u>Financial Support Request – Lithuania, Serbia, Albania</u>
4.01	In the Executive Meeting held on 2 nd March 2020 it was agreed that whoever is granted financial support has to be in membership of the EDBF in 2020. Also a cap per nation should be agreed.

- 4.02 MD confirmed the 2020 Development Fund Budget as €12,200 and that the current overall EDBF cash balance was circa €61,500 with a £20,000 ring fenced contingency.
- 4.03 It was noted that transparency behind each nations request was an important factor and that we should only support those nations who really need the money, as we are spending our member's money.
- 4.04 It was agreed:
- a) No nation should receive more than 50% of their total outlay.
 - b) If a nation went out of business, the equivalent of one boat must be returned to the EDBF.
 - c) The nation needs to be in membership of the EDBF.
 - d) The funding payment should be paid direct to the boat manufacturer or seller in order to avoid a situation where the nation does not pay the transport bill and the boats are impounded.
- Final details to be agreed by the Finance Committee, Peter Jarosi and Mike Haslam.
- 4.05 It was agreed that for best practice the President would abstain from voting and would only cast their vote if there is a tie.
- 4.06 Proposal 1 – As Albania is currently not in membership of the EDBF, a decision on funding to Albania will be postponed.
Vote:
For: 10
Against: 0
Abstain: 1
- 4.07 JD to write to Albania advising them of this decision. JD
- 4.08 Proposal 2 – Award a grant of €5,000 each to Lithuania (purchasing 8 boats) and Serbia (purchasing 4 boats).
Vote:
For: 8
Against: 0
Abstain: 3
- 5.00 Any Other Business.**
- 5.01 ADL stated that in the future it would be important to not only support new nations, but also key player nations. E.g. improving youth development in an established nation.
- 5.02 ADL also requested information on which nations had been able to run their National Championships this year with COVID-19 hampering the return to dragon boating.
- GER – No National Championships as different restrictions in different areas.

GBR – No National Championships, as only back in dragon boats in the last 2 – 3 weeks since March 2020.

CYP – Will be running National Championships on 1st November.

UKR – Ran smaller Championships (1000 person limit) over last month.

ITA – Ran National Championships 2 weeks ago with individuals wearing face protection and only 16 in a boat. Numbers now increasing and lots of restrictions coming back into play.

IRE – No events have been run in 2020.

5.03 COVID-19 numbers throughout Europe are on the increase again and each country has different Government guidelines so it is very difficult to write any protocols for Europe.

6.00 Date, Time and Place of the Next Meeting.

6.01 Tuesday, 10th November 2020 – 18.00hrs (BST) / 19.00hrs (CET) via Zoom Meeting.

Minutes produced by Julie Doyle.

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

Signed by:



Claudio Schermi
President
European Dragon Boat Federation

Dated: 27th October 2020