

**MINUTES OF THE 59TH EDBF COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, 26TH JANUARY 2021 AT 18.00HRS (BST) / 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	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
	Andrew Menzies	AM	Member's Representative	GBR

<b>EDBF Council</b>	Paola Pochesci	PP	Women's Commission (Co-opted)	ITA
<b>Representatives:</b>	Antonio De Lucia	ADL	Medical Commission	ITA
	Michaela Scacchetti	MS	M&M Commission	ITA
	Alexey Morgun	AM	Youth Commission (Co-opted)	UKR
	Saed Abdalla	SA	C&T Commission	GER
	Gianni Romani	GR	Member Representative	ITA
	Neil Pickles	NP	Member Representative	GBR
	Thomas Arbeiter	TA	Member Representative	GER

<b>Non-Voting:</b>	Mike Thomas	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
	Gitta Weberi (joined 18:25)	GW	-	GER

<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 58th EDBF Council Meeting held on 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2020 were approved in full.

#### **4.00 Feedback on EDBF Forum 2020**

- 4.01 CS confirmed that the Forum had been viewed 429 times on YouTube with a total watch time of 194 hours. During the actual Forum there was a maximum of 72 people watching at any one time with an average of 60 people watching throughout the conference. Achieving these numbers on something new was a good achievement for the EDBF. The President reported that there had been good compliments and positive feedback from the EDBF Members and the President of Honour congratulated the President for his personal success in making the Forum happen, when the majority of the Council were apprehensive about the format of the forum and whether or not it would be successful.
- 4.02 CS confirmed that the event generated a revenue for the EDBF of around €10,000 against an expenditure of €5,000.
- 4.03 Some feedback items to note for future similar events:
- The Forum looked professional and it was greatly enhanced by having presentations from GAISF President, Raffaella Chiulli, AIMS President, Stephen Fox and FIMS President Professor Fabio Pigozzi. The first time either speaker had made a presentation at Continental level.
  - The Forum duration was circa 3.5 hours which was longer than planned, due to an overrun. For future events a suggested time of 2.5 hours would be better. This might hold people's attention better.
  - The event did not have any live interaction between the paddlers and the Council members. It was not a face to face forum and any feedback would have been technically difficult and time consuming, thus the reason for no live discussions.

#### **5.00 Report from RAPS and World Master Games Meeting in Russia**

- 5.01 CS advised he was given an opportunity in late December 2020 to go to Moscow in Russia and meet with Vitaly Smirnov and Alexander Sergeev of the Russian Association of Paddle Sports (RAPS). There is still a problem of governance of dragon boating in Russia with the Russian Canoe Association, which means that RAPS cannot organise any international events. CS told RAPS that he would raise this issue with the IDBF President, as this was an issue for the IDBF.
- 5.02 CS found out that the dragon boat element of the World Master Games (WMG) 2021, in Moscow in May 2022, is being organised by the ICF. As the World Master Games is an associate member of GAISF, then WMG should recognise that the IDBF as the international governing body. Due to the organisation being run by the ICF the Russian dragon boat teams were not being allowed to enter. CS told RAPS that he would raise these issues with the IDBF President, on behalf of the EDBF.
- 5.03 In reply to CS report, MT advised that this was the subject of a formal complaint the IDBF had made to GAISF in 2019 where the ICF were taking over all multi-sport games. Unfortunately GAISF has not dealt with the IDBF's complaint. Due to COVID-19 there has not been an opportunity to raise the issue again in person as all formal

meetings/conferences have been cancelled. MMH stated that AIMS were also at fault and have done nothing either, despite the matter having been raised many times.

**6.00 Kiev 2021 – ENC/ECCC Update**

6.01 Bulletin no. 1 has now been issued which contained a request to complete a provisional intention to race form in Kiev. As at today, responses have only been received from 7 nations. See attached responses summary.

6.02 It was agreed that it was too early to make any decision on whether the event needed to be cancelled or not as there were too many unknowns regarding training, travel and personal financial positions. VM advised that a final decision on the event would need to be made by mid-April 2021. It was noted that this is also a difficult time for the organisers, the UDBF. Thanks were given for their understanding in the current pandemic.

6.03 It was agreed that to move forward feedback was needed from our members on the current COVID-19 situation in each country. A suggestion was made to run some regular zoom meetings with EDBF Members representatives, as this would show an engagement with the membership. Plus a brief newsletter should be produced to keep everyone informed.

CS/SA

6.04 CS confirmed there is a signed contract in place between EDBF and UDBF for running the ENC/ECCC Championships.

6.05 AM advised that 3 nations had requested their deposit refund – Hungary, Germany and Ireland. Refunds will be made, but there have been issues with the bank requesting further information which have taken time to resolve.

6.06 ADL advised that we should put in place a COVID-19 Manager for the ENC/ECCC 2021 and that a COVID plan should be produced which is issued to all teams prior to going to Kiev.

CS/VM/  
ADL/SA

**7.00 Any Other Business.**

7.01 PJ advised that the Hungarian Dragon Boat Federation would like to pay the full membership rate for 2021 and therefore asked MD to issue an invoice in the full amount. PJ was thanked for his support.

MD

7.02 AM enquired if there was any further information required by the EDBF to allow payment of the grant to Lithuania to purchase boats. CS/MD to review the documents they have received.

CS/MD

7.03 UBF suggested that any photos that are posted on the EDBF facebook account must follow the correct COVID-19 protocols – masks and showing the correct social distance between persons.

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

- 8.01 | EDBF Council Meeting - Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021 – 18.00hrs (BST) / 19.00hrs (CET) via Zoom Meeting.
- 8.02 | EDBF Executive Meeting - Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021 – 18.00hrs (BST) / 19.00hrs (CET) via Zoom Meeting.

Attachments:

- EDBF ENC/ECCC 2021 Provisional Intentions to Race Summary.

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: 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021