

**31ST EDBF ORDINARY CONGRESS**  
**Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 09.00hrs (BST) / 10.00 (CET)**  
**Held via Zoom Video Conference**

**Present:**

**EDBF Executive Committee:**

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	Representative of Full Members	GBR

**Honorary Guests (Non-Voting):**

Mike Thomas	MT	IDBF President	GBR
Mike MacKeddie-Haslam	MH	EDBF President of Honor	GBR
Alan van Caubergh	AvC	EDBF Honorary President	NED

**Voting Members:**

Rene de Block	RDB		NLD
Saulius Starolis (left 11.30)	SS		LTU
Tara Byrne (left 12.37)	TB		IRL
Niko Cuca	NC		SRB
Antonio de Lucia	ADL	Chair Sport Medicine Commission	ITA
Miquel Junca	MC		SPN
Arild Jordskar	AJ		NOR
Neil Pickles	NP		GBR
Anna Sokratous	AS	Chair Women's Commission	CYP
Vitaly Smirnov	VS		RUS
Claude Dorhac	CD		FRA
Alexeii Morgan	AM		UKR
Reka Szabina	RS		HUN
Bridget Walter	GW		SUI
Robin Magnusson	RM		SWE
Gitta Weberi (left 12.23)	GW		GER
Sajjad Gharibi (left 11.30)	SG		GEO

**Others (Non-Voting):**

Saed Abdalla	SA	Chair C&T Commission	GER
Csenge Schnaider-Báthory (left 11.30)	CSB	Interpreter Peter Jarosi	HUN
Lilla Baravics	LB	Interpreter Peter Jarosi	HUN
Michaela Scacchetti (left 11.05)	MS	Chair M&M Commission	ITA
Silka Fittschen	SF	Interpreter Ute Becker-Frenzel	GER
Elena Serdiuk	ES		UKR

Gal Indyk	GA	ISR
Leila Ataei	LA Medical Commission	CYP
Mariano Feccia	MF Medical Commission	ITA

Item	Action
<b>1.00</b>	<b><u>Welcome Address by the EDBF President.</u></b>
1.01	The meeting was formally opened at 09.05hrs by Claudio Schermi, EDBF President. CS invited the following dignitaries to say a few words: Mike Thomas, IDBF President. Mike Haslam, EDBF President of Honour. Alan van Caubergh, EDBF Honorary President.
<b>2.00</b>	<b><u>Roll Call of Members &amp; Confirmation of Authority</u></b>
2.01	A roll call of the members was made. Out of the 20 nations who had paid their 2020 annual EDBF Membership fees, 17 nations were in attendance. Not in attendance were Czech Republic, Austria and Slovakia.
<b>3.00</b>	<b><u>Appointment of Scrutineers for the Congress</u></b>
3.01	The following individuals were appointed as scrutineers for the Congress: Mike MacKeddie-Haslam (GBR) – EDBF President of Honour Alan van Caubergh (NLD) – EDBF Honorary President
<b>4.00</b>	<b><u>Confirmation of the Published Agenda</u></b>
4.01	The agenda was confirmed as published.
<b>5.00</b>	<b><u>Acceptance of the Minutes of the 30<sup>th</sup> EDBF Ordinary Congress 29<sup>st</sup> July 2019</u></b>
5.01	The minutes of the 30 <sup>th</sup> EDBF Ordinary Congress held on 29 <sup>th</sup> July 2019 were accepted in full.
<b>6.00</b>	<b><u>The EDBF President's Report</u></b>
6.01	See attached EDBF President's Report 2020.
<b>7.00</b>	<b><u>Reports from the EDBF Commissions</u></b>
7.01	<b>Competition &amp; Special Events Commission – Presented by Saed Abdalla.</b> See attached Competition & Special Events Commission's Report.
7.02	<b>Sports Medicine, Psychology &amp; Science Commission – Presented by Antonio de Lucia.</b> See attached Medicine, Psychology & Science Commission's Report.

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| 7.03  | <p><b>Marketing &amp; Media Commission – Presented by Michaela Scacchetti.</b><br/>See attached Marketing and Media Commission’s Report.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |     |
| 7.04  | <p><b>Women’s Commission – Presented by Anna Sokratous.</b><br/>See attached Women’s Commission’s Report.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |     |
| 7.05  | <p>UBF stated that she would like to see the Breast Cancer Community added to the Women’s Commission; she has a strong candidate from Germany that she would like to nominate. She would like to discuss this topic in more detail at the next Executive Committee Meeting.</p>                                                                                                              | UBF |
| 7.06  | <p><b>Junior Commission</b><br/>There was no report presented from the Youth Commission as there was no activity in the period.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |     |
| 8.00  | <p><b><u>Accounts, Financial Report and Auditor’s Report</u></b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |     |
| 8.01  | <p>See attached EDBF Financial Report for the Year 2019 produced by Maura Dezi. The financial result of the year ending 2019 was €22,000.06 profit.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |     |
| 8.02  | <p>The 2019 EDBF accounts have been audited in full by Arild Jordskar from Norway; see attached Auditor’s Report 2019. AJ advised that the Treasurer has done a good job and the accounts are now easy to follow. Going forward AJ would like to see a report behind the report e.g. List of countries who have paid membership. The suggestion was noted and will be actioned for 2020.</p> |     |
| 8.03  | <p>A query was raised on why the bank charges had doubled since 2018. The Treasurer replied that there had been more transactions in 2019 than the previous year, plus a fee of €300 was paid to close the old EDBF bank account held in the Netherlands.</p>                                                                                                                                |     |
| 8.04  | <p>A further query was raised questioning why the Board, Council and Commission’s expenses had more than doubled from the previous year. CS advised that the Council had agreed for 2019 to support all commission members, not just the chairs of the commissions to attend the 2019 Congress as the event had been strongly supported by sponsors.</p>                                     |     |
| 8.05  | <p>The Congress approved the Financial Report for the Year 2019.<br/>Vote:<br/>For: 14<br/>Against: 0<br/>Abstentions: 3</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |     |
| 9.00  | <p><b><u>Approval of Annual Fees Proposed by the Council</u></b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |     |
| 10.01 | <p>It was confirmed out of 24 nations, only 4 - Armenia, Israel, Moldova and Poland had not paid their 2020 annual membership subscriptions.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |     |

- 10.02 Discussion took place on the membership fee and how each nation has a responsibility to pay. For the EDBF this is likely to be the only revenue for 2020 as the ECCC had been postponed to 2021. AvC stated that with COVID-19 some countries may have financial difficulties and we need to make a decision to keep them all in the EDBF family.
- 10.03 It was agreed to keep the EDBF Annual Membership Fees for 2021 at the same rates as used in 2020.  
 Full EDBF Membership Fee - €250.00/year.  
 Basic EDBF Membership Fee - €150.00/year.  
 Vote:  
 For: 17  
 Against: 0  
 Abstain: 0
- 10.04 A second vote was carried out to offer a 50% discount to the agreed membership fee for 2021, only applicable to a nation that had paid their 2020 membership fee.  
 Vote:  
 For: 12  
 Against: 5  
 Abstain: 0
- 10.05 A third vote was carried out to leave the membership fee at the agreed rate, as per item 10.04 and let the Council decide which nations should be offered extra support with their membership in 2021.  
 Vote:  
 For: 17  
 Against: 0  
 Abstain: 0
- 10.00 Budget for the Next Period**
- 10.01 See attached EDBF Budget Report for the next period. The Budget was approved.  
 Vote:  
 For: 16 (Georgia now left the meeting)  
 Against: 0  
 Abstain: 0
- 11.00 Appointment of Full Member to be Responsible for Auditing the 2020 Accounts**
- 11.01 Arild Jordskar from Norway was thanked for his work on auditing the 2019 Accounts.
- 11.02 Serbia agreed to audit the accounts for 2020.
- 12.00 EDBF Championship Regattas**
- 12.01 **14<sup>th</sup> EDBF ENC 2021 & 19<sup>th</sup> EDBF ECCC 2021**

- See presentation from the UDBF. The event dates are confirmed as 18/08/21 to 22/08/21. It was noted that racing may need to commence on 17/08/21 depending on the level of entries.
- 12.02 It was noted that the IDBF will run a WNC in 2021 in Hong Kong, however it was agreed to run a ENC in conjunction with a ECCC in Kiev in 2021.  
Vote:  
For: 13 (Georgia and Lithuania now left the meeting)  
Against: 1  
Abstain: 1
- 12.02 **15<sup>th</sup> EDBF ENC 2022 – Ravenna, Italy**  
No further presentations currently available. ADL advised that an EDBF Euro Cup event would be held in Ravenna in 2021 as a test run for the following year.
- 12.03 **20<sup>th</sup> EDBF ECCC 2023 - Barcelona, Spain.**  
Although the ECCC 2023 were re-scheduled to Barcelona, Spain, it would not be wise to make a decision to confirm it yet. Following the resignation of Jorge Carracedo Cervantes and others from the AEDB, a new structure needs to be re-established first. Also the IDBF last year agreed to host the WNC in Seville, Spain in 2023 and it would not be sensible to host two championships in one country within a matter of weeks. The Congress decided to appoint the EDBF President to work in conjunction with the IDBF President to see further developments with AEDB.
- 12.04 **16<sup>th</sup> EDBF ENC 2024**  
See bid presentation from Serbia to host the Championships at Ada Ciganlija Lake, in Belgrade, Serbia. CS, AvC, MHH and UBF have already visited the venue and approved it worthy of such an event.
- 14.00 Any Other Business**
- 14.01 EDBF Forum, Gala Dinner, Awards Ceremony 2020 and European Indoor Championships are currently scheduled for 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020 in Parma, Italy. It was agreed that the EDBF Council at their next meeting on 22nd September 2020 would decide if this event would stay in the calendar or have to be postponed to 2021 due to COVID-19. The Council should continue with as much preparation as possible, but without expense.
- 14.02 Resignation letters and acceptances have been received from:  
- Jorge Carracedo Cervantes (Spain) - EDBF Vice President  
- José María Carrillo (Spain) - Chair of EDBF Youth Commission  
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. Anyone with any proposals for co-options to this positions should be sent to the Secretary General. The Council will then make the decision.

**15.00** | **Confirmation of Date & Place of Next Meeting**

15.01 | The next EDBF Congress was confirmed for Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2021 at 09.00hrs in Kiev, Ukraine.

**15.00** | **Closing Address**

15.01 | The meeting was closed at 12.55hrs (BST).

**Attachments:**

- EDBF President's Congress Report 2020.
- Competition & Special Events Commission's Report.
- Sports Medicine, Psychology & Science Commission's Report.
- Marketing and Media Commission's Report.
- Womens Commission's Report.
- EDBF Financial Report for the Year 2019
- Audit Report from Arild Jordskar.
- EDBF Budget Report.
- Presentation – 14<sup>th</sup> EDBF ENC 2021 & 19<sup>th</sup> EDBF ECCC 2021 – Kiev, Ukraine
- Presentation - 16<sup>th</sup> EDBF ENC 2024 – Belgrade, Serbia

Minutes produced by Julie Doyle – EDBF Secretary General (IRL)

Signed by:



Claudio Schermi  
President  
European Dragon Boat Federation

Dated:

26<sup>th</sup> August 2020