

MINUTES OF THE 42ND EDBF COUNCIL MEETING Rev A
TUESDAY, 5TH MARCH 2019 AT 18.00HRS (GMT) / 19.00HRS (CET)
HELD IN VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING

Present:

EDBF Executive	Claudio Schermi	CS	EDBF President	ITA
Committee:	Peter Jarosi (left 20:40)	PJ	EDBF Vice President	HUN
	Ute Becker-Frenzel	UBF	EDBF Vice President	GER
	Kim Beckwith	KB	EDBF Vice President	KB
	Petr Klima	PK	EDBF Vice President	CZE
	Maura Dezi (joined 19:29)	MD	EDBF Treasurer	ITA
	Julie Doyle	JD	EDBF Secretary General	IRL
	Andrew Menzies	AM	Full Member's Representative	GBR

EDBF Council	Anna Socratous	AS	Women's Commission	CYP
Representatives:	Michaela Scacchetti	MS	M&M Commission	ITA
	Saed Abdalla	AS	C&T Commission	GER
	José María Carrillo	JS	Youth Commission	ESP
	Jorge Carracedo (joined 18:38)	JC	Member Representative	ESP
	Csenge Báthory-Bozó (left 20:40)	EH	Member Representative	HUN
	Lucia Lissoni (left 19:45)	LL	Member Representative	ITA

Non-Voting:	Mike Haslam	MH	EDBF President of Honour	GBR
	Alan van Caubergh	AvC	EDBF Honorary President	NLD

<u>Item</u>		<u>Action</u>
1.00	<u>Welcome Address / Roll Call</u>	
1.01	CS welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that since our last meeting he had been in contact with 3 potential sponsors and had a conference call with Decathlon regarding a product launch.	
1.02	Apologies were received from Neil Pickles and Antonio De Lucia.	
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 41st EDBF Council Meeting held on 15 th January 2019 were approved in full with the following corrections. Page 1 – Change spelling of name to Lucia Lissoni. Page 4 – Item 7.02 – Add “The IDBF did not seek any advice from the EDBF or EDBF C&T Commission”.	

3.00A Matters Arising From Previous Minutes

3.01A Item 4.04 - Arild Jordskar has confirmed that Norway will carry out the EDBF Accounts Audit for Year Ending 2018.

3.02A Item 7.02 – IDBF Grade 1 Race Officials training and exams to be carried out in Europe by only Paul Griffiths, Andries Boneschenker and Alan van Caubergh. Further discussion took place and clarification of the minute was made. AvC advised that the reasoning behind the letter was to try and open up the training and not restrict it. In the past Mike Thomas, Mike Haslam and Alan van Caubergh were the only ones conducting the training and exams and the courses were generally run along side other visits. Occasionally it was also done by Peter Tang and Jason Chen. By appointing continental trainers/examiners would reduce the need for people to travel at an expense in both time and money to carry out the courses. It was requested that CS should try and gain approval from the IDBF for anyone in Europe with a Grade 3 Race Officials Licence to be able to run a training course.

CS

3.03A Item 7.03 – CS advised that since the last meeting he went to Paris with Mike Thomas and AvC to meet FFCK and the Dragon Boat Federation in France to discuss issues relating to the IDBF WCCC in Aix-les-Bains, France in 2020. Another meeting is expected for further clarifications in Aix-les-Bains. AvC advised that the Championships is safe and there are no issues between FFCK and the IDBF. Following the meeting FFCK and Dragon Boat Attitude (the Event Organisers) have signed a contract which was necessary under French law. The exact dates of the Championships have yet to be agreed, but likely to be the end of August 2020.

4.00 EDBF Calendar 2019

ECCC Seville, Spain Update

4.01 The venue is now officially booked for the Championships and work is ongoing with meetings held every 15 days.

4.02 There is a small problem that since the EDBF Forum the local Government has changed parties which has meant a new agreement needs to be made for some financial support for the event.

4.03 72 clubs have registered, but only about 50% have paid their deposit. There is also a problem with identification of the bank transfers. It was agreed that anyone who has not paid a deposit as at 05/03/19 will now incur the late payment surcharge.

4.04 It is currently estimated that there will be 2,200+ athletes at the Championships.

4.05 Another EDBF inspection will be carried out in April by UBF and the Chief Official. Date to be confirmed between all parties.

UBF/JC

4.06 Chief Official, Andries Boneschenker needs to be officially appointed with Sue Menzies as Vice Chief Official. Approved.

SA/CS

4.07 It was noted that it is probably not good practise to keep appointing the same Chief Official for consecutive events as it does not give others experience in the role and does not help with succession planning. From 2020 Andries should be used to shadow new Chief Officials only.

4.08 MH confirmed that Dawn Demetriadou from Cyprus had passed her Grade 1 Race Officials exam in Autumn 2018, but was still awaiting the certificate from Jason Chen. Dawn can now be added to the list of potential Race Officials for Seville. It was confirmed that no Race Officials have yet been officially appointed for the event. This should be done as soon as possible in order to allow them to book their flights.

SA

4.09 MH stated that the anti-doping should be selected by the Medical Commission. A request from Leila Atai has come in to be responsible for this element at the Championships. Appointment of the agency and the EDBF contact should come under the direction of Antonio de Lucia.

4.10 It was confirmed that a check had been done against the race programme for the ECCC 2017 where there was a similar number of athletes and the race programme should work over 3 days

Euro Cup 2019

4.11 Please refer to the attached Presentation produced by Petr Klima and Claudio Schermi.

4.12 Barcelona, Prague, Seville and Belgrade have all accepted to host a Euro Cup event. Belgrade will need assistance with boats. It was agreed that they will receive support from the EDBF in terms of the coverage of transport costs. With a series of racing around Europe there will be a motivation to travel and attend the Gala Dinner at the end of the year.

4.13 PK said he would like to see a Euro Cup event in 2019 in Hungary, Germany and Great Britain.

4.14 CS advised that he will try to attend most of the Euro Cup events as the EDBF President and the Jury member and Chief Official, both at cost of the Local Org. Com. can be selected from the EDBF Council.

4.15 PJ stated that he liked the idea overall, but we should not rush into it and that it maybe too soon to try and run the Euro Cup in 2019 as national racing calendars have already been created and published for 2019. Perhaps a survey out to nations on their willingness to participate would be a good idea. The basics of the Euro Cup have already been formed by Hungary and the Czech Republic together and tested. When PJ and PK discussed the topic PJ suggested a regional form of the Euro Cup as the travelling cost causes difficulties for the teams, except for the ECCC where we can expect everyone's participation.

- 4.16 MH advised that the Euro Cup had not previously worked as there were simply insufficient clubs in Europe to participate at the time. Now the sport has grown sufficiently.
- 4.17 A motion was put forward to trial the Euro Cup in 2019. Also a presentation should be made in Seville and on social media.
 Vote:
 In Favour: 14
 Against: 0
 Abstentions: 1
- 4.18 In the next week an email is to be sent to all nations to see if anyone else would like to bid as a host city. The final program should be issued no later than the 17th March 2019. JD
- 5.00 Vice President's Portfolios**
- 5.01 UBF advised that herself and SA were ready to commence the first draft of the race programme, but needed a few questions answering. A separate meeting between UBF/SA/CS and Chief Official to be arranged. UBF
- 5.02 Protocol to be discussed at the next meeting.
- 6.00 Commissions**
- C&T Commission**
- 6.01 The following people were proposed by the Commission Chair Holder Saed Abdalla and were agreed to sit on the commission.
 - Andries Boneschenker (NLD)
 - Paul Griffiths (GBR)
 - Andrew Menzies (GBR)
 MH and AvC will act as Advisors.
- Marketing and Media Commission**
- 6.02 In the month there has been much work on the EDBF media with help from Michaela Scacchetti and Isaac Garcia-alcala Lopez.
- 6.03 The website is now up to date, if there are any mistakes please advise JD. ALL
- Women's Commission**
- 6.04 AS has been in contact with the other members of the commission to exchange ideas. The first idea to execute is to send out a questionnaire to all nations.
- Medical Commission**
- 6.05 It is planned to hold a video conference in the next few weeks.

7.00 Any Other Business

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| 7.01 | It was confirmed that Armenia, Moldova, Serbia and Slovakia will have their EDBF membership upgraded to Full Member status. Further investigation needs to be carried out for Israel as it is unclear whether they have reached the necessary requirements of forming an official federation to move from Basic Membership. To be reviewed again at the next meeting. | CS |
| 7.02 | It was confirmed that Romania and Lithuania have both been in contact recently and would like to join the EDBF. | |
| 7.03 | CS advised he has been invited to Tbilisi in Georgia at the beginning of May 2019. The cost of the trip will be covered by the hosts. | |
| 7.04 | Henning Wiekhorst from DWM Magazine has been in contact with CS and has asked if the EDBF would like to take up some space in the magazine. The cost is €800 for one year or €200/issue. All agreed it was a good idea. KB to follow up with Henning and agree terms and quantity of space. | KB |
| 7.05 | MD advised that all monies that were in the EDBF bank account in The Netherlands have now been moved to the new bank account in Italy. €300 has been left in the old account to cover closing costs. | |
| 8.00 | <u>Date, Time and Place of the Next Meeting</u> | |
| 8.01 | The next meeting will be held by Zoom Meeting on Tuesday, 16 th April 2019 at 18.00hrs (GMT) /19.00hrs (CET). | |

Attachments:

- EDBF Euro Cup Presentation

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: 15th March 2019