

**MINUTES OF THE 44TH EDBF COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, 28TH MAY 2019 AT 18.00HRS (GMT) / 19.00HRS (CET)**  
**HELD IN VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING**

**Present:**

<b>EDBF Executive</b>	Claudio Schermi	CS	EDBF President	ITA
<b>Committee:</b>	Peter Jarosi (18:30 - 20:15)	PJ	EDBF Vice President	HUN
	Ute Becker-Frenzel	UBF	EDBF Vice President	GER
	Maura Dezi	MD	EDBF Treasurer	ITA
	Julie Doyle	JD	EDBF Secretary General	IRL
	Andrew Menzies		Member's Representative	GBR

<b>EDBF Council</b>	Anna Socratous	AS	Women's Commission	CYP
<b>Representatives:</b>	Saed Abdalla (18:20 – 20:00)	SA	ComSpec Commission	GER
	Antonio de Lucia (joined 18:20)	ADL	Sports Medicine Commission	ITA
	José María Carrillo	JC	Junior Commission	ESP
	Neil Pickles	NP	Member Representative	GBR
	Jorge Carracedo (joined 19:00)	JC	Member Representative	ESP
	Csenge Báthory-Bozó (18:30 - 20:15)	CBB	Member Representative	HUN
	Giovanni Romani (joined 19.45)	GR	Member Representative	ITA

<b>Non-Voting:</b>	Mike Thomas (left at 20:00)	MT	IDBF President	GBR
	Mike Mackeddie-Haslam (joined 18:50)	MMH	EDBF President of Honour	GBR
	Alan van Caubergh	AvC	EDBF Honorary President	NLD

<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 and stated that the regular meetings were very important in the running of the Federation.
1.02	Apologises were received from Kim Beckwith and Michaela Scacchetti.
<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 43rd EDBF Council Meeting held on 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2019 were approved in full.

**4.00 EDBF President's Report**

4.01 CS offered the floor to Mike Thomas to update the Council on his attendance at SportAccord 2019, the 17th annual world sport and business summit conference in Australia.

4.02 MT advised that Raffaele Chiulli is the newly elected President of both GAISF and SportAccord. This is good news for our sport as Mr Chiulli is a known friend of dragon boating and a personal friend of CS. CS advised that Mr Chiulli has offered the EDBF the opportunity to go to Lucerne where he has his GAISF and Sport Accord office and present him with the EDBF Dragon Boat Special "QU YUAN" Award, awarded to the highest European Personality supporting and practising dragon boating.

CS

4.03 The IOC announced in the AIMS General Assembly that the recognition process was being revised and a new process would be rolled out in the second quarter of 2021. The IDBF would therefore be unable to make a new application to the IOC until at least 2021 and the process would delay the IDBF's application for recognition until at least 2022. All previous applications would now not be reviewed or considered.

4.04 CS advised that Mr Liu Aijie the President of the Chinese Rowing and Canoe Association is trying to put together a World Dragon Boat League with 8 commercial operators from around the world. CS met him in Rome and again in Barcelona. All the commercial organisers are linked to the IDBF, as the ICF does not run festival type events. MT said he would raise this with the CDBF to see what they have heard.

MT

**Georgia – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tbilisi International Festival**

4.05 CS visited Georgia between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> May 2019 following an invite from Georgia Dragons LLC. He was very impressed by his visit and the organisation of the festival was to a good standard. There were many crews there from UAE, the Philippines and Georgia. CS was also shown two other race venues and witnessed a coaching course for 20 – 25 people. Georgia are very enthusiastic about developing the sport there.

**Euro Cup 2019**

4.06 CS and MMH attended the first Euro Cup event in Barcelona on 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> May 2019 where there was a large entry with 19 clubs from 10 nations attending from Europe. The race course facilities at the Olympic venue were fantastic. However the Race Officials were unprepared and did not come from the Spanish National Dragon Boat Federation, standard boats were not available for training on the Friday, the medal ceremony was rather unprofessional.

4.07 CS sent 3 standard dragon boats from Italy across to the event, the EDBF covered the cost of transportation of the boats. The cost has been balanced with the Euro Cup EDBF Fee of €5/participant.

4.08 The organisers covered the cost of air tickets and accommodation for CS and MMH.

Overall we understand the event broke even, although the hire cost of the venue is €7,000/day.

4.09 The EDBF provided medals for the Premier small and standard boats and the organisers provided them for the Senior classes.

4.10 For 2020 we would state that the use of nationally qualified dragon boat race officials was compulsory at all Euro Cup events.

4.11 MMH has the results and is currently working up a proposal for the points system. See attached Euro Cup 1 – Barcelona points award. It was agreed that the best 4 results from the 5 events would be used in determining the overall winners.

**5.00 EDBF Amendments to to the IDBF Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing**

5.01 See attached final proposals.

**6.00 EDBF ECCC Seville 2019 Update.**

6.01 Confirmed entries are as follows:

Standard Boats – 33 clubs from 9 countries.

Small Boats – 65 clubs from 17 countries.

Clubs from 18 different countries will be attending in total which is approximately 2000 participants.

6.02 JC confirmed 60 clubs out of the 71 clubs entered have paid their confirmed entry fee.

6.03 MD raised concern that Poland, Georgia, Armenia and Israel had not yet paid their EDBF annual membership, but had clubs entered into the ECCC and questioned whether there was a no fee, no race rule in place. MMH advised this rule was only applicable to ENC, as the EDBF would be getting money through the clubs registration fee and that it was not the fault of a specific club that their National Federation had not paid their fees. CS advised he would make contact anyway with all nations concerned.

CS

6.04 UBF advised that the first draft of the race programme was ready and that it has been sent to SA and Andries Boneschansker for checking. SA has replied all is ok except for a few minor issues. Racing times currently scheduled as follows:

Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – 14.00hrs – 18.00hrs

Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – 08.00hrs

Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – 07.30hrs – 19.00hrs

Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – 08.00hrs – 16.30hrs

6.05 It was felt that the race day on Saturday was too long with races every 5 mins. UBF to leave the programme with MMH, AM, AB and CS, EDBF President to look for a final review at maybe combining some classes, reducing the number of Finals C and D and possibly reducing the number of rounds to 2. It was noted that we should be giving value for

- money and at least offering crews 3 races but this could be flexible and not mandatory.
- 6.06 CS advised that we will be holding a Pre-Team Manager's Zoom Meeting on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 18.00hrs (BST) / 19.00hrs (CET). The main purpose of the meeting was information to the crews in advance to try to stop the numerous changes that happen at the actual Team Manager's Meeting. Teams would then be given 10 days to write to the EDBF with any potential queries.
- 6.07 Anti-doping – ADL is working with Leila Atei on the anti-doping for the event. JC requested that the full details are forwarded to him and Alfredo as soon as possible. An additional requirement from WADA is that we also make some form of education at the event. Leila to action. ADL
- 6.08 JD advised that the final accommodation requirements for the Board and Race Officials has been sent to JC and needed confirmation back that the additional 6 rooms could be accommodated in the Barcelo. The organising committee would be liable for the accommodation costs as per the agreements in the contract; the rest would be covered by the EDBF or the Race Officials themselves. JC
- 6.09 JC advised that the boats were estimated to arrive in Spain on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019.
- 6.10 The EDBF will be carrying out another technical visit to Seville on 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> June 2019. UBF/JC
- 6.11 Due to the late arrival of crews in Seville on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> July it was agreed to try and extend the training period on Wednesday to 21.00hrs and start training on Thursday morning at 06.00hrs. JD
- 7.00 Any Other Business**
- 7.01 AM suggested that each commission could do a small display at the ECCC on what they have been working on. COMMS
- 7.02 CS confirmed that the EDBF App has now been downloaded many times. All agreed to the monthly charge of €30/month to maintain the platform.
- 7.03 CS advised that the final version of the sponsorship contract between the EDBF and the Shanghai Peisheng Boat Company Ltd. has been received with an agreement to pay the EDBF €10,000 for 2019.
- 7.04 CS advised that an application has been received from Lithuania for membership to the EDBF with an invite for the EDBF to visit them as soon as possible. CS stated that in their discussions they were going to try and send a team to the ECCC in Seville. Approved as Temporary Member.
- 7.05 JD reminded everyone that the nominations for the 4no. Vice Presidents and Secretary General were due into the secretariat by 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019. The EDBF process requires a

“Seconder” which was at odds to the IDBF process and also meant that nations would need to conspire with one another. It was agreed that a nomination would be accepted and that the Congress could “second” all nominations.

7.06 AS advised she has been in contact with Israel. They currently have 6 – 7 clubs and they are in the process of setting up the Israel Dragon Boat Organisation (IDBO) and will then formally apply for membership.

7.07 Brief discussion took place on the IDBF Coaching Scheme. MT stated that it would be a positive development if a continent wanted to develop the scheme and roll it out. The IDBF had put their scheme on hold as rolling it out in different languages and maintaining a certain standard across the world is very difficult.

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

8.01 The next meeting will be held by Zoom Meeting on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019 at 18.00hrs (BST) /19.00hrs (CET).

Attachments:

- Euro Cup Points Award.
- EDBF Amendments to to the IDBF Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing.

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: 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019