

**MINUTES OF THE 50TH EDBF COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, 24TH MARCH 2020 AT 18.00HRS (GMT) / 19.00HRS (CET)**  
**HELD IN VIDEO CONFERENCE**

**Present:**

<b>EDBF Executive Committee:</b>	Claudio Schermi	CS	EDBF President	ITA
	Ute Becker-Frenzel	UBF	EDBF Vice President	GER
	Peter Jarosi (part)	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	Member's Representative	GBR
<b>EDBF Council Representatives:</b>	Saed Abdalla	SA	C&T Commission	GER
	Anna Socratous	AS	Women's Commission	CYP
	Antonio de Lucia	ADL	Medical Commission	ITA
	Neil Pickles	NP	Member Representative	GBR
<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	NED
	Alexey Morgun	AM	Translator for Valerii Morgun	UKR
	Elena Serdiuk (joined 18.40)	ES	Guest	UKR
	Ilaria Romani	IR	Translator for Maura Dezi	ITA

<u>Item</u>	<u>Action</u>
<b>1.00 <u>Welcome Address / Roll Call</u></b>	
1.01 CS welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
<b>2.00 <u>Confirmation of Agenda</u></b>	
2.01 The agenda was confirmed as published. Items 4 and 8 will be discussed jointly.	
<b>3.00 <u>Acceptance of the Minutes of the Previous EDBF Council Meetings</u></b>	
3.01 The minutes of the 49th EDBF Council Meeting held on 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2020 were approved in full.	
<b>4.00 <u>Coronavirus Outbreak Update</u></b>	
4.01 This morning CS held a meeting with VM and the Organising Committee of the ENC 2020. This rapidly changing pandemic has spread worldwide and it is very difficult to anticipate what is going to happen in the future. However we must be clear that the EDBF and the IDBF are one voice. Today the Olympic Games were postponed to 2021.	

- 4.02 CS advised that contracts have already been signed and money has been guaranteed by the Ukraine Government, which may not be available in 2021.
- 4.03 There was discussion of a possible postponement to September or October 2020, however a large number of countries hold their national Championships then. JD had received responses back from the following nations with their Championship dates.
- Germany – 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020 & 26<sup>th</sup> September 2020
  - Ireland – 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020
  - Great Britain – 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> September 2020
  - France – 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020
- 4.04 It was also felt that a large number of people would no longer have the finances available to attend or the time off work due to the current lockdowns in many European countries. Also air travel limitations would be a big factor.
- 4.05 MMH advised that nothing was in our control as it would be up to the various Governments to make the rules. The science is saying that it will take approx. 5 months before there could be any real improvement and no medicine would be available until the end of 2020 at the earliest. Therefore a short-term postponement was not the option.
- 4.06 It was stressed that the athletes just want the message that the event in July 2020 is cancelled. Whether it is cancelled or postponed to a later date can be decided in time.
- 4.07 It was agreed that a holding statement should be issued ASAP, which would give the Council more time to review all possible scenarios.
- 4.08 CS to call an Extra Ordinary Joint Executive and Council Meeting for a final decision on Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.
- 5.00 AEDB Report from Seville 2019**
- 5.01 No report presented and no attendance by the AEDB.
- 5.02 The EDBF Council requested that JD prepare a strong letter to Jorge Carracedo stating that his non-attendance and lack of report was very disappointing and disrespectful considering his position as EDBF Vice President. There are also issues with payment for boats for the ECCC 2019 which need resolving, all causing concern over whether the ECCC should be run in Barcelona in 2021.
- 6.00 Accounts Report 2019**
- 6.01 See attached Accounts Report 2019.
- 6.02 CS stated that he would like the Accounts approved by the Council by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020. They then can be sent for audit with Norway in readiness for the 2020 Congress.

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- 6.03 MD advised that the result of 2019 was that the EDBF made a profit of circa €22,000.
- 6.04 Cash in the bank stands at €66,962.
- 7.00 Budget 2020**
- 7.01 The Budget 2020 to be further reviewed in light of the current situation.
- 8.00 ENC 2020 Update**
- 8.01 See item 4.00.
- 9.00 Financial Support for Albania/Serbia/Lithuania**
- 9.01 It was agreed to postpone this item to a future meeting due to the current uncertain times and the effect on the EDBF finances.
- 9.02 CS advised that Albania had already purchased boats and expect our support.
- 9.03 It was recommended that the second hand boats from the ECCC 2019 were purchased.
- 10.00 Commission Actions**
- 10.01 Sports and Medical Commission are holding a meeting with all the commission members to discuss the current situation. The results of which will be advised to the Council at the next meeting. ADL
- 11.00 Any Other Business**
- 11.01 CS confirmed the Euro Cup would be suspended for 2020.
- 12.00 Date, Time and Place of the Next Meeting.**
- 12.01 Tuesday, 31st March 2020 by Zoom Meeting - 18.00hrs (BST) / 19.00hrs (CET).

Attachments:

EDBF Financial Report 2019 – Income Statement / Budget 2020 / Balance Sheet  
EDBF Treasurer Report 2019  
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: 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020