

MINUTES OF THE 61ST COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, 27TH APRIL 2021 AT 18.00HRS (BST) / 19.00HRS (CET)
HELD IN VIDEO CONFERENCE

Present:

EDBF Executive	Claudio Schermi	CS	EDBF President	ITA
Committee:	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	Full Member's Representative	GBR

EDBF Council	Antonio De Lucia	ADL	Medical Commission	ITA
Representatives:	Saed Abdalla	SA	C&T Commission	GER
	Alexeii Morgun	AM	Youth Commission	UKR
	Neil Pickles	NP	Member Representative	GBR
	Thomas Arbeiter	TA	Member Representative	GER
	Ilaria Romania (joined 18.30)	IR	Member Representative	ITA
	Lillia Baravics	LB	Member Representative	HUN

Non-Voting:	Mike Thomas	MT	IDBF President	GBR
	Andre Prziwarzinski		Interpreter for Ute Becker-Frenzel	GER
	Katerina Kovalenka	KK	UDBF	UKR

<u>Item</u>		<u>Action</u>
1.00	<u>Welcome Address / Roll Call</u>	
1.01	CS welcomed everyone to the meeting with a special welcome to Katerina Kovalenko, President of the Organising Committee for Kyiv 2021.	
1.02	Apologies were received from Paola Pochesci and Michaela Scacchetti.	
2.00	<u>Confirmation of Agenda</u>	
2.01	The agenda was approved as presented.	
3.00	<u>Acceptance of Minutes of the Previous EDBF Council Meeting</u>	
3.01	The minutes of the 60 th EDBF Council Meeting held on 9 th March 2021 were accepted in full.	
3.02	Minute 7.01 – BCS Commission request from Meri Gibson - UBF confirmed that following	UBF

discussions with CS they have agreed that as the EDBF do not have a BCS Commission that any matters associated with BCS in Europe will be dealt with by Yvonne Meyers (GER) who currently sits within the Women's Commission. UBF to liaise with Paola Pochesci, Commission Chair.

4.00 EDBF Accounts 2020

4.01 The EDBF Accounts 2020 as presented by MD were approved in full and can now be submitted to Arild Nordskar from Norway for audit in readiness for Congress.

Vote:

For: 11 (Ilaria Romania not present)

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

The EDBF President did not vote.

5.00 ENC & ECCC in Kiev 2021

4.01 VM confirmed that they now have signed agreements in place to guarantee all Government grants and sponsorship for the event; except for a cancellation due to a Force Majeure.

4.02 A meeting was held on 24/04/21 between CS, ADL, SA and the UDBF Organising committee to discuss the COVID-19 safety plan required for the event. It was noted that athletes and officials must feel safe and secure if they are going to attend the event.

4.03 VM confirmed that to make the event financially viable they need a minimum of 1,000 athletes. He confirmed that Ukraine have 800 people who want to participate.

4.04 Discussion took place on travel restrictions, current dragon boat training issues and people's perception on the current COVID-19 pandemic within the different nations within Europe. It was noted that some countries may not be able to travel due to their own nation's travel restriction, however an educated decision should be made for those countries which can travel. It is likely the COVID-19 pandemic is going to be around for a while so we need to learn how to do our sport whilst the pandemic is still here.

4.05 VM advised that a decision needs to be made now as time is required to adequately organise the event.

4.06 It was agreed to confirm the ENC and ECCC in Kyiv in 2021 on the condition that entry fees and deposit/hotel confirmations are postponed to a much later date to see how the pandemic develops. It was also agreed in the event that the event had to be cancelled due to a Force Majeure there would be no penalties for the EDBF and entry fees would be refunded.

Vote:

For: 12

Against: 0

	<p>Abstain: 0 The EDBF President did not vote.</p>	
4.07	A detailed budget for the event is to be provided by the UDBF as soon as possible.	VM
4.08	The COVID-19 safety plan is to be issued along with Bulletin no. 2 before the next Council Meeting.	ALL
4.09	It was requested that Ukraine submit their entries on the online registration system as soon as possible to give others confidence in the event.	VM
4.10	VM thanked everyone for their support and asked everyone to try and attend the event even with just a small boat. He also requested that if a nation was only sending a club team that the nation gives them permission to represent their country as well.	
6.00	<u>EDBF Congress Online & Live</u>	
6.02	<p>It was agreed to hold the EDBF Congress scheduled for Monday, 23rd July 2021 at 09.00hrs online as well as live in Kyiv following a proposal by the EDBF Executive Committee.</p> <p>Vote: For: 12 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 The EDBF President did not vote.</p>	
7.00	<u>Albania EDBF Membership</u>	
7.01	<p>It was agreed to welcome Albania as a new EDBF member following a proposal from the EDBF Executive Committee.</p> <p>Vote: For: 12 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 The EDBF President did not vote.</p>	
7.02	JD to write to the Albanian Dragon Boat Federation to confirm their acceptance into EDBF.	JD
8.00	<u>Any Other Business</u>	
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9.00	<u>Date, Time and Place of the Next Meeting</u>	
9.01	Tuesday, 25 th May 2021 at 18.00hrs (BST) / 19.00hrs (CET)	

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: 7th May 2021