



**CEB/ESF Meeting WBSC EUROPE
Hoofddorp, Netherlands 23 September 2018**

Attendance

CEB

Didier Seminet President; ("DS")
Kruno Karin Secretary General ; ("KK")
Petr Ditrich 1st Vice President; ("PD")
Jürgen Elsishans 2nd Vice President; ("JE")
Rainer Husty 3rd Vice President; ("RH")
Marco Mannucci ,Member at Large;("MM")
Roderick Balk Member at Large; ("RB")
Oleg Boyko Member at Large; ("OB")

Legal Counsel CEB; Lars Sundin; ("LS")
Francois Collet; ("FC"), Kristina Uroic; ("KU")

ESF

Gabriel Waage ,President; ("GW")
Ami Baran, Secretary General;("AB")
Eddy Van Straelen, Treasurer; ("EvS")
Youri Alkalay, 1st Vice President;("YA")
Petra Arends, Vice President;("PA")
John Austin, Vice President; ("JA")
Mette Nissen Jakobsen;("MJ")
Kristian Palvia, Vice President;("KP")

1. Welcome

Welcome by both Presidents, thanking all for being at this meeting. The importance of us moving forward and expressing satisfaction that we are a united front and especially meeting at the inaugural Super 6 event which was a success in their view.

2. Current status of WBSC Europe and situation with new Statutes

- Review by AB and LS on the status
Waiting for the WBSC legal commission full comments but in the meantime we have received a copy of the "template" that the WBSC would like to have for all Regional Confederations. Our draft is being used as the common template.
- We will need all the WBSC legal commission comments by October 20 as the main documents for the 2019 Congress must be out by November 3 [other documents from CEB will be sent out later per their Statutes]



3. Role and Vision of WBSC Europe – presentation

- Based on the May 7 meeting GW was to prepare a presentation on the vision of WBSC Europe. All members of this meeting were provided beforehand with the presentation. [attached again to this email]
- Review of the presentation; [some points were brought up ad added]

Foundation Basis of WBSC Europe ✓

Objectives

- added increase in the quality of the players and teams in Europe
- added increasing the revenue possibilities for baseball and softball in Europe

Common Fields ✓

Separate Fields ✓

Basic Concepts ✓

WBSC Europe proposed board and structure

- PA brought up indication of what was discussed in KNBSB Board that we might need to rethink the names of the proposed board with specific request of Italy and Netherlands representatives on the Board and their baseball and//or softball affiliation.
- DS and GW expressed that these names were already the names proposed for the 2018 Congress and greed upon. Possible at another meeting to discuss future aspects to this.
- Discussions on the “after 2021” structure will be held between the Presidents and the respective boards and find the correct format for WBSC Europe.

Process

- DS mentioned that the date of the 2019 Congress is a problem but CEB will accept and hopefully the future date will be per the agreement from a few years ago.
- GW and LS assured that the new statutes have this already in and the agreed time of the Congress for the future is from the 2nd weekend in February and the Board can change it in special circumstances.

Additional Issues

- Need to decide on the timeline if and when the ESF and CEB dissolve.

Finance ✓

Timeline ✓

If there were any additions from anyone feel free to send to AB to be added.



4. Super 6

- DS expressed satisfaction on the success of the event. There is need to market this event [we have BASE who will be the company to do this] and decisions will need to be made on the future program. Thanked all those involved especially RB and PA.
- GW also expressed his satisfaction and believes that this event can be and incredible event that will help spread the word of baseball and softball throughout Europe.
- RH expressed his gratitude, as the head in the marketing aspect of the event to the social media people from both CEB and ESF who did a great job in promotion and ongoing feed to all he spectators. RH will provide though them all the information the outreach in social media and live streaming.
- YA mentioned the importance of the promotion of this event and creating other possibilities for expansion by pre tournaments and other ideas.
- PD expressed that we can do a few things better for the future and mentioned we needed to be more clear on the signed agreement and it would have been the perfect media photo op with an all-round Teams picture.

The Super 6 Commission [which was already informally established] will formally exist with RB, PA, RH [marketing], EvS [financial consideration] with FC who will facilitate the group and based on this prepare the Super 6 vision and its future with the concept of how it is connected to all other Championships. The social media persons Helena Novotna ("HN") and Johannes Godler ("JG") will be part of this team.

Deadline for the draft of this should be by November 20, 2019

- RH will submit to the respective Boards a Marketing report from the Super 6
- RB and PA will submit to the respective Boards a summary on any aspects of the Super 6 for future use.



5. Baseball 5

- **DS** would like to make sure we take this opportunity seriously and we will continue to have WBSC Europe manage the discipline.

Action items and Next Steps:

Statutes Timeline:

- Mid October : receive approval on WBSC Europe statutes by WBSC
- Mid - End October - meeting to finalize between Legal groups and approval by the respective CEB and ESF Boards (email)
- November 3, 2018 communication of documents to NFs
- February 2, 2019: CEB & ESF Congresses + WBSC Europe approval

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- **AB and MJ** prepare final WBSC Europe Mission Statement & Vision Plan for presentation by DS and GW at 2019 Congress [based on the agreed presentation from this meeting] By October 28.
 - **FC** to facilitate the Super 6 Commission [names in the document] and prepare Super 6 vision and its future with the concept of how it is connected to all other Championships. By November 20.
 - **RH** to prepare Marketing report of Super 6. By October 15
 - **RB and PA** will submit to the respective Boards a summary on any aspects of the Super 6 for future use.

NEXT MEETING – Meeting time to be decided.

