



ESF EC Meeting Minutes
Athens, 9-11 November 2018

EC members' attendance:

Mette Nissen – Jakobsen ("MN")	Gaba Waage ("GW")
Petra Arends ("PA")	Eddy van Straelen ("EvS")
Ami Baran ("AB")	John Austin ("JA")
Youri Alkalay ("YA")	Krisitian Palvia ("KP")

Apologies:

Danielle Castelani ("DC")	Helena Novotna ("HN")
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1. Welcome and Quorum

- GW called the meeting to order. He noted that a quorum of EC members was present.
- The EC approved unanimously the EC Meetings Minutes from Hoofddorp (September 2018)

2. President

- General update
As of now we will not be receiving funding for development from WBSC
No time set yet for the Olympic Qualifier
- Southeast Europe meeting.

Action: GW to inform WBSC that he and possibly other EC will attend this meeting

3. VP Operations

- Review of outstanding action items from task form

Action: MN to update and distribute

4. Secretary General

WBSC Europe, time line, principles:

Structure and Statutes of WBSC Europe after the comments and remarks of WBSC Legal Commission

We received comments from Michael Schmidt.

Will send out the statues as they are for both Softball and Baseball for election at the Congress.

Softball will have Congress first in 2019. Baseball first in 2020. Softball will be first in 2021.

Establish WBSC Europe Statutes in Athens

Action: AB will send to all EC the WBSC statues for election at the Congress.

5. Financial

- Riccione situation was handled and finalized
- We need to clarify the financial obligations of the NF's in our forms
- Result of our financial situation better than budgeted, mainly because of more income from more team entry fee and more PUPs.
- Affiliation fees should go to WBSC Europe.

- Amount for streaming should be considered as the two main events are covered fully by the organizer. Leave the amount as it is but expenses expected to be lower.

Membership and Good standing issues

- Malta has financial outstanding
- Lithuania still owes 105 Euros

Action: Legal Commission to prepare document clarifying the legal obligation of the NF's when signing for teams.

Action ; EVS sends email to Malta and Lithuania about debt

Request from Carolein:

- Travel for umpire exchange from Europe no longer to be paid by ESF.
- Send Umpire clinician a day before the competitions for clinic.

General Financial points:

- We will need a long term plan for sustainability and find resources for income.

6. Competitions and Technical Report

- Proposal : Bat testing machine issues. GW proposes to stop using the machine and only use lists. Only use the machine at Super Cup, Men's European Championship and Slowpitch.

Decision: 8-0-0 passed

- **Competitions 2016-2017**

- WECh structure review to be proposed for 2020 – PA
- Review bids/candidatures for ESF 2019/2020 Competitions including World Cups

Proposal : Depending on decision from WBSC meeting next week on the World Cups, GW proposes using European ranking as qualifier for Men's U18 World Championship and Women's U18 World Championship, if no organizer enters for these tournaments.

Decision: 8-0-0 passed

- **Motions by BSF – drawing, page**

Decision: 8-0-0 in favour of keeping the Drawing. (8 votes for keeping the drawing)

Action: AB to prepare EC recommendation for the Competition and Technical meeting at Congress.

- **Format of ECh – decision since 2020**

Decision: 8-0-0 ESF board is in favour of the change made in 2018 for the playoffs. The Page system is too complicated to understand. GW will bring this subject to the Technical meeting at the Congress with the board's recommendation.

- **Proposal: Use European ranking – yes or not due to WBSC ranking**

Decision: 8-0-0 Use European ranking

- **TC Matters**
 - TCs, UICs and SIC's List 2019
Issues on TC's and the regulations.
Need to change the policeman attitude and allow the tournaments to run more smoothly.
Implement new objectives for TC's.
 - Add to Regulations powers of EC as to overrule when considerations are relevant.
 - TC training with Mike (at the Convention...?) (how to handle a tournament) The objectives of a tournament.
 - Issue with scoring system. Continue as is for 2019. Consider implementation of WBSC system for 2020.

Action: Legal Commission to add to the regulations powers and responsibilities of the EC and the power of overruling decisions based on specific considerations that may arise.

Action: MJ to prepare for Convention TC training format on how to handle a tournament.

7. **Development**

- Development Plan update
- Equipment possibilities
- Euro League women - we are trying to implement the mens euroleague [other than the Baltic] and also the battle of the Islands
- Coaches clinics poland, norway planned, sweden and switzerland
- Coaches Courses – Turkey part 1 already completed part 2 in december
Planning others.
- ESCA – next steps , going to NFCA to finalize agreement and registrations for coaches to begin
- Clinics during tournaments are going well and all are satisfied. We will try and be more efficient for this year.

8. **Website and Newsletter**

9. **Marketing/Merchandise/Media**

- Clothes for ECs, TCs and UICs

Action: GW asks sends contact and budget from Teammate to Mette

- Johns proposal on ESF App

Action: JA continuing the work on the app with the stakeholders.

10. **Legislative**

- Update
Motions/proposals/changes statutes and regulations

By Federations

Proposals – None

By Executive Council and/or Committees

- WBSC Europe Statutes
Await meeting with WBSC, Michael Schmidt

- **2019 General ESF/CEB Congress preparation** (general information)

Action: Program will be sent out by Congress Committee by mid December

General Organisation (timeline of sending out all information to Members)

Date: 1-3.2.2018

Program:

- Arrival of the EC on Thursday, and Pre Congress meeting 31.1.2019
- Pre-Congress Meetings of Committees on Friday 1.2.2019 (Tech &Comp, Financial, Development, Marketing and Media)

Post-congress meeting on Sunday morning (do not leave before 12:00) **After 14:00**

- Agenda
- VPs reports
- Hall of Fame Committee [one from Italy]
- Invitations: TCs, UICs, WBSC, Guests speakers

*Invites: Mike Jennings
Carolein Stadhouders
Petra Cizmici
Andre Van Overbeek
Patrice Bienfait
Tommy Velasquez
Craig Cress
Japanese president
Utsugi*

Additions will be made later and notification to EVS.

Action; AB will send out invitations

Joint CEB ESF invitation will go out to Fraccari signed by both Presidents.