

ESF EC Pre Congress Meeting Minutes Paris,
France
February, 8, 2018 21:30

EC members' attendance:

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

Communications Director: Helena Novotna

Guests: Michael Schmidt ("MS"), Craig Cress ("CC"), Mike Jennings ("MJ")

1. WELCOME AND PROCESS

GW called the meeting to order. He noted that a quorum of EC members was present.

- GW reports on WBSC SD meeting in Rome, very positive, Regional Federations' role specified

MS update ;

- Softball championships can be a good product
- Target of the board: make it more marketable, more profitable.
- WBSC wants to invest into the whole product of softball, but it has to turn into profitable product.
- WBSC will have its own OTT platform; estimation 3-400 000 people subscribed in 3 years;
- Closed format should support regional federations – teams have to attend the regional championship to qualify
- Changes in calendar because of the Olympics
- World Games – men's softball, possibly women's baseball
- Intercontinental Cup – instead of Elite 8 (this year in Prague), hopefully next on in 2020
- U16 girls World Cup in discussions
- TC system the same as the ESF, starting this year on the cost of the WBSC
- Cutting the page system hopefully soon (not marketable)

GW we have to figure out how to reschedule European Championships

- Proposal ; Deal with WBSC / Teammate / ESF about the balls for 2019 / 2020
 - EC Decision; Approved by unanimity
- Super 6 Situation
 - Unclear situation
 - **PA** no Sunday means a lost in income at least 10k. Need to be discussed.

2. REPORTS AND MINUTES

- The EC approved unanimously the EC Meetings Minutes from Vienna (November 2017)

- **FINANCIAL**

- NFs not in good standing
Lithuania, Slovenia not in good standing

TECHNICAL & COMPETITIONS 2016-2017

- Calendar 2018
 - 2019 Czechs is withdrawing the U16 WECh
- Final approval TR / CR / AR changes if necessary
- TCs and UICs pre-list for 2018
 - All events are covered, not always a sufficient number of staff
 - Scorers – one from outside of the organization

- **DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

- No update

- **LEGAL COMMISSION**

- WBSC Europe Statutes
 - WBSC is ok with us establishing the WBSC Europe, but we should wait with the approval of the Statutes
 - **MS** WBSC supports the direction of establishing the WBSC Europe, but don't rush yourselves with the Statutes, WBSC wants to review it with their legal commission

- **MARKETING**

- No Update

- **MEDIA & PR**

- No Update

- **COMMITTEES**

- Appointment of Chairperson and Secretaries for Committees (Financial, Tech.&Comp., Marketing, Development)

Financial **EvS**

Technical and Competition **GW, MJ, DC, PA**

Marketing **JA, HN**

Development **AB, KP**

- **PROGRAM OF THE CONGRESS**

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The president opens the meeting
Expresses how happy he was with the Congress

1. FINANCIAL

Proposal; change date for withdrawal of teams [not March 1]

Action: MJ to prepare proposal for 2019

2. LEGISLATIVE

Nothing to report

3. COMPETITIONS AND TECHNICAL

- Competitions 2018
- Final Candidates
- EC availabilities for Events
 - SPMECh JA
 - MECh AB
 - U19WECh GW
 - U22WECh PA
 - CSPESC EvS
 - EMRYT DC
 - WEPC YA
 - WEC KP
 - WECWC MN
 - MESC AB

- Inspections

MJ has allocated all inspections to TC's

- **DoU**

Carolien Standhouders is the approved Director of Umpires and Liaison to WBSC UIC

UIC assignments: Hans Hornstra

UIC Umpire Development: Raoul Machalet

4. DEVELOPMENT

No Update

5. MARKETING/MEDIA

No Update

6. AOB

Next EC Meeting in Sophia, Bulgaria Sunday 29.4.2018 – Schedule to be sent with change of dates possible arrivals on 26th/27th and departure on 30th.