



WBSC EUROPE MEETING – Vilnius, September 28, 2019

Attendance

Didier Seminet Co President; (“DS”)

Kruno Karin Secretary General ; (“KK”)

Petr Ditrich Vice President; (“PD”)

Marco Mannucci, Vice President ; (“MM”)

Roderick Balk Vice President; (“RB”)

Legal Counsel; Lars Sundin; (“LS”) Ami Baran, ; (“AB”)

Francois Collet; (“FC”), Kristina Uroic; (“KU”)

Guests: WBSC Treasurer Angelo Vicini

Gabriel Waage , Co President; (“GW”)

Eddy Van Straelen, Treasurer; (“EvS”)

Youri Alkalay, Vice President; (“YA”)

Kristian Palvia, Vice President ; (“KP”)

Rainer Husty Chair of Marketing ;(RH)

Apologies: _Mette N Jakobsen Vice President ; (“MJ”)

1. Welcome , quorum and opening by Co Presidents:

- WBSC Treasurer Angelo Vicini thanks WBSC Europe for inviting him to the meeting and reaffirms the support of WBSC in the development of WBSC Europe.
- The Board congratulates KP for his nomination as Europe/Africa representative to the Little League Board of Directors.
- DS updates on work done on Friday with the Lithuanian Baseball & Softball Federations. WBSC co-presidents GW and DS attended meetings that were organized with the Vice-Minister for Sports and the Mayor of Utena to discuss the growth of Baseball-Softball in Lithuania, support of the Federations, improvement of facilities and competitions that could be organized in the future.

Minutes

Addition to the minutes of last meeting: " LC , Francois and Kristina attend all meetings of WBSC Europe." Minutes of the Sofia meeting are approved.

2. WBSC Europe Projects

Baseball5 (YA)

- Baseball5 Group and WBSC will meet to discuss more on developing the discipline.
- Notification has been sent out to Member Federations by WBSC of the upcoming birth of the Baseball5 World Cups (Senior & U-15) in 2020.
- Two bids have been received to organize the first European Baseball5 Championships Senior, Vilnius in Lithuania and Eilat in Israel. YA and PD describe the pros and cons of both bids.
- **Decision:** Vilnius will be recommended as the organizer of the first European Senior Baseball5 Championship and will be voted at WBSC Europe Congress (February 8-9), and the final date will be confirmed.
- The Championships will be the Qualifier for the World Cup. Notice should be sent out ASAP
- Trial Run will be held in Vilnius in January 2020.
- Balkan Championships will be held



Super6 (RB)

- A survey of the National Federations – Super 6 to be organized every two years.
- **Decision:** Super 6 will be held every two years.
- RB proposes the candidacy of the German Baseball & Softball Federation as the next organizer in Regensburg for September 2020.
- **Decision:** Approved.

Action Item: PD will prepare a bidding procedure for all events

Cooperation with partner organizations (KP)

- Update on cooperation with Little League and Pony League.
- Past agreements with ESF and CEB are outdated.
- New agreements to be signed by the end of the year.

3. Points for discussion

WBSC Europe Budget - current situation, 50K and next steps- (EvS)

- 1st amount was granted by the WBSC (of the \$50,000)
- WBSC Treasurer explains the procedure to benefit from the total amount of the 50k\$ grant approved by the WBSC Board. (for 2019)
 - Short report on what is planned (project or several projects)
 - 50% to be paid
 - After 3 months evaluation how the grant was spent and how the progress is going.
 - 25K BD and 25K SD both reports to the WBSC
- EvS reports on financial activity and processes of WBSC Europe.
- Next year WBSC Europe shall collect all fees from Member Federations.

WBSC Europe Statutes and By Laws (LC)

- Update on the Statutes and By Laws for WBSC Europe. WBSC's remarks on the statutes have been taken into consideration.
- Discussion on the procedures and structure.
 - RB – the elections should be only for the WBSC Europe Board and not in the Divisions.
 - KP- WBSC Europe is different and we are a bottom up organization unlike WBSC with a high number of employees. This the right way to work this is the direction set up in the proposed statutes.



Decision: Approved (8-1) that the proposed documents and the following process for composition and elections/ratifications of WBSC Europe Executive Board and Baseball-Softball Divisions:

- **Divisions:** Full election of the following President, Vice-President, Secretary General, Treasurer, 5 Directors, 1 male athlete & 1 female athlete
- **WBSC Europe Board:** Ratification of the following President, 1st Vice-President as the elected Presidents of the Divisions who will agree who shall start the first term as President of WBSC Europe and rotate after two years with the 1st Vice-President
- Positions up for elections: ONLY those elected in the Divisions may run for the elected positions on the WBSC Europe Board.
Secretary General, Treasurer, 3 Vice-Presidents Baseball, 3 Vice-Presidents Softball

WBSC Europe Working plan - final outline including commissions – (LC)

- The chairs of each section must begin to implement their responsibilities.
4. **WBSC Europe Branding** – Softball Europe and Baseball Europe (RH)
 - Update on Softball Europe and Baseball Europe branding. All material is ready and will be fully operational for 2020.
 5. **WBSC Europe office in Vienna – (GW)**
 - City of Vienna could provide WBSC Europe with headquarters.
 - The technical requirements are that WBSC Europe Statutes have to be translated into German and comply with Austrian Law.
Action Item; LC will look into this along with RH
Action Item : RH will prepare a proposal of profile in case WBSC Europe wants to hire an employee in the future.
 6. **WBSC Europe emails and website- (AB and GW)**
 - Emails are up and running.
 - WBSC Europe is waiting for news from WBSC about the sub-section of the WBSC website for continental federations.
 - RH reports on the number of visits on the OTT platform baseballsoftball.tv over the last weeks. Statistics are pretty high and confirming the success of the OTT platform.
 7. **WBSC Europe Congress 2020 – format , timeline and notifications (GW and LC)**
 - Timeline until the 2020 WBSC Europe Congress.
 - ISG and Lee County will be sponsors of the Congress. AB is discussing with them.



Action items and Next Steps:

- December 31 – LC finalize all options for WBSC Europe Statutes.
 - February 2020 – Implementation plan for working plan by appointees
 - January – March 2020 - Working Group preparation of the By Laws and other documents
 - May-July - all WBSC Europe By laws and other documents sent to WBSC Europe EB for review
 - August 2020- WBSC Europe meeting and approval of By Laws etc.
 - September 2020 : send statutes, by laws and other documents to WBSC approval
 - November communication of documents to NFs
 - February 2021: WBSC Europe Congress
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