

SE EC Pre Congress Meeting

February 11, 2022, 9 a.m.
Austria Trend Hotel, Ljubljana

EC members' attendance:

Gabriel Waage "GW"
Ami Baran "AB"
Youri Alkalay "YA"
Mette Nissen Jakobsen "MNJ"
Kristian Palvia "KP"
Daniela Castellani "DC"
Petra Arends "PA"

Guests:

Mike Jennings "MJ"
Cornelia Chwojka "CCh"
Elda Ghilardi "EG"
Craig Cress "CCr"

Notes by EG

1. Welcome, Quorum

Welcome all, thanks for being here, welcome Craig for being here

2. Minutes

- Approval of the EC Meetings Minutes from Board Meeting on November 18

APPROVED

3. Action Items from last meetings

4. President and immediate issues

- WBSC situation
a) WBSC Congress, Softball rules 2022 - 2025

CCr: we still need to work on it but we will push the game to be faster. Online rule book.

MJ/CoC: book in the bag, online is better.

CCr: could be printed.

GW: better to be printed

- WBSC Europe situation
- a) Outcome from WBSC Europe BM

GW: Last meeting before the elections on Saturday. Discussed past and canceled super6, because of host withdrawal.

YA: discussed about baseball5 and the U-17 ECh.

GW: during the congress will be present a panel regarding LA28. As you know, we are not in the 28 sports. Update on USA Softball?

CCr: USA softball had difficulties, like all sports in the past 2 years. More board meeting, monthly online. Representation of athletes in the board. Qualifiers are not scheduled yet for WBSC World Cups, just 3 months window. Europe did a better job on that. Great job. We are trying to balance our work. As for LA28, timing is longer than expected but USA and WBSC is collaborating. 3 sports were removed (boxing, weight lifting, and modern pentathlon). Large number of athletes. Working on social media, views on college world series were great, we are trying to keep it active, global, and on the front line.

GW: thanks for the update.

5. Softball Europe Window

- Softball window – program and SE Calendar 2022 – 2024

GW goes through the presentation. Discussions on changes of Regulations.

Decision – go to SE Window for indicative vote about proposals

6. Final words of President

- Future of SE

GW: 2017 elected as ESF leaders. Did not imagine ESF would not exist anymore by the end of the term. Looking at the future, the merging is the way. We will keep our sport strong. Thank you for your contribution, for working for our sport.