

# SE EC SUMMER MEETING - MINUTES

Online Video Conference – June 29th, 2020

## 1. Welcome, Quorum

### EC members' attendance:

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

CD: Elda Ghilardi ("EG") - Tech. Director: Mike Jennings ("MJ")

Not attending with apologies: Youri Alkalay ("YA"), DoU: Carolein Stadhouders ("CS")

## 2. Minutes of the EC Meetings Minutes from Video Conference on May 28:

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## 3. Action items from last meeting

- } AB will answer the evaluation, using EVS for the financial matters and will send to the EC prior to submitting the document if it is possible to save it in Pdf.
- } GW will contact federations if they would like to have their own independent U15 Tournament. It is crucial as we do not want to lose a generation of girls so we can give them something to look forward to.
- } Masters - MNJ and AB will bring a final proposal for a June 20 decision.
- } GW will ask to both FIBS and Spain for the dates.
- #U23 EQ and U12 Mix EQ - GW and AB will look into the venue and timetable and a proposal will be prepared.
- #2 Phases – PHASE 1: AB will ask NF's if they are still in (we need to know the official dates for Championships) PHASE 2: depends on answers of phase 1.
- #2022 WECh dates - GW will approach FIBS for the WECh June or September.

#### 4. President and immediate issues:

- Online activities summary – Mike Candrea interview

AB: Will get back online as soon as we can with the different formats. Trying to get Lisa Fernandez and /or Jennie Finch.

- Outcome from videoconference with WBSC Board Video conference

GW: different presentations given but not much info/decisions.

GW requested three requests from Beng Cho:

1: more info prior to meetings

2: Financials in advance

3: U18 World Cup for the European teams. South America in November could not be a good idea because of COVID19, it would be better if they moved it to next March. This request will be put on the table next WBSC meeting.

DC: it will be difficult to travel around the world for both SB U18 and BB U15.

- GB Penalty:

GB U16 team withdraw last year U16 and received a penalty – not allowed to play in 2020.

Now the Championships are in 2022 and there is a request to pass on the penalty and allow to play in 2022?

**Proposal: To allow them to play and forgo the penalty**

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- Masters 2020

AB: Petra confirmed that Zagreb is ready to host the Masters.

Per the Statutes only MF's in good standing can play.

**Action Item: GW will inform Spain before the official announcement.**

The deadline for registrations is September 15. Fees will need to be paid after.

MJ: There will be local scorers okay, 1 TC, and we will need to check about umpires.

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- U15 WECh and Masters

PA: Notification went out for U15 Cup in Kutno, Poland but the EC did not receive prior notice. We should make sure implementation of process of notification to the EC prior to publication of certain issues. What is the situation about only 6 entries?

DC: NFs were put in a difficult situation because they are in the same level as all the other teams.

GW: Apologies for not notifying in the proper way with no intention of doing this the wrong way. LL offered the facility and other financial conditions since they have cancelled tournaments. For safety just 6 spots were allowed but it is possible for 14 teams if that is an issue. Agree that the EC should have been informed.

PA: Since there are still risks because of corona virus we should discuss.

All agree that we can move forward on this Cup with a few stipulations in the notice:

**Action Item: MJ**

- 1. Add notice of personal responsibility an choice of participating (also for the Masters)**
- 2. Add notification of possible "second wave" cancellation.**  
**We will provide only one TC .**

- SE calendar 2021 – 2023

GW: explanation of changes

Comments:

MJ: For new TCs, please let know if there are new proposals.

CSESC should start a day before.

AB: reminder of the decision from last meeting about postponed and cancelled tournaments , we will keep same groups unless dramatic changes which in that case we will make a new draw.

GW:

- Cups were canceled.
- Entries stay as they are in Championships
- Deadline 2021 tournaments is December 31 2020, and financial on March 2021.

GW: We will publish the new calendar ASAP so that NFs have time to organize.

We should add a note with the financial guarantee and potential change.

**PROPOSALS:**

- Publish the new calendar;
- Clear declaration for entries and dates;
- Call for organizers of 2021 and 2022 in October 2020.

**All three Proposals: APPROVED 7-0-0**

- Congress 2021

Request from Baseball Europe to postpone the congress to November 2021 instead of March 2021.

GW and AB went through the PROS and CONS

PA: not sure why they want this change.

JA: November is too close to March what would happen to 2022 Congress?

MJ: TCs need to preview the season in detail and will need a meeting.

GW will meet with Didier Seminet in Paris tomorrow and have a discussion about this.

- WBSC Governance

AB: The document was sent as requested to the EC and now we need to send to WBSC.

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## 5. Other issues

- Director of Umpires

Discussion about current and future plans for Umpire development.

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- slowpitch community and WBSC

GW: Received a flyer that Slowpitch European Championship will be played in Riccione. FIBS was not aware.

Point of notice : teams shall be free to go to every tournament they want but they will not be covered for insurance.

**Action Item: GW through EG will notify to all MF's that is not our touranmnets.**

- Round table

GW: next meeting could be in person.

JA: Ireland is going to be back to the field.

EvS: would not want to fly.

DC: please inform FIBS about the 2021 congress as soon as a decision is taken since FIBS is the host.

MJ: working on the financial aspect of slowpitch World Cup.