

# WBSC EUROPE MEETING

February, 10 2022

Pre-Congress Meeting Minutes

Ljubljana, Slovenia

## Attendance

Gabriel Waage, Co-President; ("GW")  
Kruno Karin Secretary General; ("KK")  
Marco Manucci, Vice President ; ("MM")  
Mette N Jakobsen Vice President ; ("MJ")  
Roderick Balk Vice President; ("RB")  
Petr Ditrich Vice President; ("PD")  
Kristian Palvia, Vice President ; ("KP")  
Youri Alkalay Vice President; ("YA")

Legal Counsel; Lars Sundin; ("LS")  
François Collet ("FC")  
Elda Ghilardi ("EG")  
WBSC President Riccardo Fraccari ("RF")  
WBSC CEO Michael Schmidt ("MS")  
WBSC - Europe Liaison Francesca Fabretto ("FF")

Absent with apologies: Didier Seminet Co President; ("DS"), Eddy Van Straelen Treasurer; ("EvS") Ami Baran; ("AB") Kristina Uroic ("KU")

## **1 . Welcome Quorum and Co–Presidents opening**

**GW:** welcome, unity, reach our goals. Last meeting of this executive. Important moment for WBSC Europe. Didier is not with us as he is at the Olympics.

Welcome to WBSC President and Executive Director.

**RF:** LA28 panel is a good idea. Important to reassure the Members regarding the Olympics. We need unity. Team sport. Happy about unity, Europe will lead other continents. We need to modernize baseball and softball. We need to have shorter length. Media depth is pushing on social media. Launching the WBSC Baseball World Champions League. Invitational tournament at first. Launch in 2023. Olympic Virtual Games, baseball was very good. Paris will have baseball e-games again. Konami is interested in partnering up. Launching the softball game before the WBSC Congress.

**GW:** Great news. Softball will work to be there too. E-games is a great tool. Our first goal is to put people on the field. Very happy about the LA28 panel and the look on the future. Constitution approved in Rome was very good. I believe Europe will lead other continent to unite.

## 2 . Minutes approval

- WBSC Europe Minutes of December 8 (LS + AB)

**APPROVED.**

## 3 . WBSC Europe Congress 2022

- Timeline of WBSC Europe Congress (AB + KK + GW)

CHANGES in slides:

- Recognizing instead of acceptance – page 14
- Bid for 2023 **WBSC Europe** Congress – page 46
- Delete CZE – page 47
- Page 54
- Page 58 – add 3 minutes
- Page 70 - center
  - o Responsibilities and arrangement of WBSC Europe Congress

**GW:** Ami Baran cannot be Legal Counselor so Lars will be alone. Do you have recommendations?

**PD:** CZE legal – Vladimír Richter.

**GW:** Kika will support.

**KK:** Electronic voting could not work because of members at large.

**LS:** We will have President Candidates to speak for 3 minutes before the voting.

**GW:** Good to have a chance for candidates to present themselves.

- Bid for 2023 WBSC Europe Congress (KK) – Serbia

**PD:** Kosovo might be a problem

**APPROVED.**

## 4 . WBSC Europe Events

- a. Super 6 – Spain withdrawn, proposal to cancel for 2022 (KK)

**KK:** WBSC Europe offered financial help. Spain withdrew anyway. We need to give motivation to top 6 teams in the European Championship. If do not find an organizer over the night, we have to cancel.

**GW:** not a good news. Super6 is our flagship, we need to have a stability. We need a great event. It will be organized in 2026.

**Super6 is canceled**

- b. BB5 (YA)

**YA:** November – end for the U-17 B5ECh. Dates and venues will be confirmed by the end of this month.

**RF:** WBSC B5 WC might be at the end of November. Announcement will be in max 2 months.

**KK:** media festival in CRO in September. Media Festival in June for sports in Zagreb. Urban sport in the street and need personality for the panels.

## 5 . AOB

**MS:** Hybrid baseball great opportunity. Korea 10k people a week playing. Registration fee. One person or team (two people). Revenue share is good.

**GW:** last words for this board. It has not always been easy since 2017, but our vision and mission have been clear from the beginning. Great job over these years. Ideas in sports part were good, good tournaments. We did our task. Thanks to all of you, Directory, Officials, WBSC.