

WBSC EUROPE EB MEETING

videoconference

December 8, 2021

Attendance

Gabriel Waage, Co-President; ("GW")
Kruno Karin Secretary General; ("KK")
Eddy Van Straelen Treasurer; ("EvS")
Marco Mannucci, 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"), Ami Baran; ("AB")
Kristina Uric ("KU")
Elda Ghilardi ("EG")

WBSC CEO Michael Schmidt ("MS")
WBSC - Europe Liaison Francesca Fabretto ("FF")

Absent with apologies: Didier Seminet Co President; ("DS")

Notes by EG

1. Welcome Quorum and Co-Presidents opening

- Outcome from Extraordinary Congress in Rome

GW: Statutes online, new graphics, letter to FIBS to thanks.

YA: good congress. Let's continue our work.

MS: registration in SWI, wait until Congress to have new Board or register with existing with this leadership

GW: I would wait to have new leadership.

Action Item: wait to register WBSC Europe in SWI after Feb Congress

2. Minutes approval

- WBSC Europe Minutes of November 19 and 21 (LS + AB)

MM: money should be transferred before Dec 31, 2021.

GW: that should happen after the dissolution of CEB and ESF. But minutes could be corrected.

MM: sentence was said during the meeting. CEB/ESF should be dissolved. CEB needs an Extraordinary Congress to dissolve. Open discussion in CEB. CEB/ESF cannot transfer money by

Statutes, members should allow it.

GW: WBSC Europe is the body that run the baseball and softball from Feb now. No illegal steps should be taken. WBSC might have had the same problems.

LS: as said in Rome, we needed more info. We need to make sure money transfer from CEB/ESF is made in a legal way. 2022 tournaments need to be financed though. 2nd problem is dissolvment. CEB should decide before Christmas. Within 10 days all opinions should be with us.

AB: we might merge by Swiss law, without dissolving.

MM: discussions should run in CEB/ESF.

GW: we will be waiting for info by LS/AB.

MS: merging is possible by Swiss Law. ESF is not registered.

AB: looking for info.

GW: merging would be good, as first Constitution says. Recommend to wait for SWI layers.

KP: minutes Sunday KP not present.

Action item: GW implement sentence by MM and change the presence.

3. WBSC Europe Congress 2022

- Timeline of the steps (LS + AB)

GW: First package by Dec 12 / second package by January 12.

- Outcome from venue visit (KK)

KK: Congress will be in Ljubljana, Austria Trend Hotel, Slovenia. Great location. Info can be published.

KK: DD will be in Beijing during the Congress. Cannot be postponed.

KK: electronic voting. Token to each voter. For Combined NFs token for both. For BB/SB NFs token will block not to be confused. Problems occur for over 6 candidates and cannot vote for more than 1 candidate. It will cost 2k. Electronic vote can happen just for Presidents and not for Members at large.

RB: timing?

KK: ASAP.

RB: I do not like the electronic/paper voting. Can we find someone else?

KK: yes, but we need someone on the spot.

AB: more info in some days.

MM: 10 days for submitting other proposal. We need the voting to be certified.

PD: combined system should not happen. Three runs by By Laws.

GW: I do not like combining as well. By Laws for at large: majority of voters for first round, second round simple majority. Third round just if tie.

MS: IOC system is Lumi. Cost is 10-15k. Congress might not happen in person.

GW: Constitution allows it. EU hopefully will be open.

MS: opportunities should be the same for everyone. Hybrid version might have to be available.

GW: some countries might have problems.

KK: I will cancel this voting proposal.

PD: 5K seems a lot when we can vote in the ballots way.

KP: European handball federation just had a hybrid congress in Vienna.

GW: if hybrid voting then electronic should be needed.

Action items: proposal before Christmas.

- Documents for Congress to be sent before December 12 (GW+AB+LS)
 - Information about hotel, prices, etc (KK)

KU: hotel will send info/link to reserve in a couple of days.

GW: can you collect and put together as a document?

KU: yes.

KK: 95€ is full price rn.

PD: Congress will be organized by WBSC Europe or by Slovenian Federation?

GW: Slovenia will cover the Congress rooms. WBSC Europe will cover the accommodations.

EvS: people outside of WBSC Europe Board will be covered?

KK: no by ESF/CEB.

GW: Executives and consors will be paid by WBSC Europe and consors. ESF/CEB will pay for their people.

YA: ESF/CEB will pay for their people.

Action Item: GW/EvS/KK will decide

- Documents: Program, Credential, Nominee Form, Bid for 2023

Program:

KU: baseball window on Saturday morning not needed.

GW: right. It's registration time.

MM: we need time for ESF/CEB Extraordinary Congress. Even just 1 hours.

KK: it should be after the WBSC Europe Congress on Saturday.

- By Laws (GW+AB+LS)

LS: Based on WBSC By Laws. Took away some procedures that take extra time.

AB: simple majority is number of total voting in the moment. Absolute majority is on voting rights.

KP: 7.1.4.b. shall be looked at.

LS: let's create all scenarios and solutions.

GW: article 8. athletes from single and joined NFs.

AB: we cannot go against the statutes.

LS: the change could be made in the future in an extraordinary congress.

PD: article 10.1 – no later than one month

AB: competitions and things need to be done. Commissions need to be created asap. By Laws can be changed by board.

LS: we could add “at the later date the Board decides”.

RB: do not agree. We need to organize tournaments.

KP: how can commissions members be changed?

AB: statutes explain.

By Laws approved

Action items: LS/AB will make changes. Send to GW/KU to send to NFs.

4. Super6 2022 invitation

- Letter of invitation (GW)

RB: letter could be implemented with points regarding the rankings.

KK: entry fee to cover costs?

RB: agree but it seems late.

KK: around 1k so 12k.

PD: 2k.

EvS: Nfs should put it in the budget, it could be a problem. First time was free.

MM: agree with EvS/RB. Fee from the next Super6.

KK: not correct to take money from the members fee – Super6 is biggest 6 NFs.

GW: I would leave it to the next board. Agree that these NFs can afford entry fee.

5. WBSC Europe Affiliation Fee

- Aff Fee invoices 2022

EvS: to be sent out on January 1.

6. AOB

KK: trophies will be given to gala dinner

AB: Hall of Fame – we have nominees. We need a WBSC Europe Hall of Fame.

EvS: could be given on the Gala dinner.

FF: WBSC voting – half of European NFs voted.

MS: best wishes for the Congress. Pandemic is still here, not easy to organize. Congratulations on the By Laws, very good.

MN: no lunch break on Saturday in the program.

GW: nominees must be sent by Jan 12 – Jan 7 sent to board. Documents will be prepared.

GW: WBSC Europe will be represented by GW and KK in Finland on Saturday.