

WBSC Europe Baseball Commission video meeting

August 14th 2023

Attendance

Petr Ditrich, Vice President Baseball; ("PD")

František Bunta ("FB")

Jorge Miqueleiz; ("JM")

Darja Grimšič; ("DG")

Also present:

Kruno Karin, President WBSC Europe; ("KK")

Ami Baran, Secretary General WBSC Europe; ("AB")

Kristina Uroić; ("KU"), Corporative Activities Director

1. Minutes approval

The minutes from the June 15th meeting were approved.

2. WBSC Europe Executive Board meeting in London report

PD:

I sent the minutes to the Commission members, so they can be informed what is happening.

I am very pleased by the contract with the Little League International.

3. Competitions 2023 evaluation

PD:

We have a good season, the most of the competitions are over. There is only European Championship in September left. I am happy with all the organizers.

FB:

- All the tournaments were organized very well. I like to thank all the umpires, TCs and staff.
- We had a field check up with the people from the MLB for the EC in CZE. They will send me the part of the report and I will send it to the clubs who are involved with the tournament organization.
- I will hopefully have all the tournaments' reports by the end of August. We will have all the violations that happened at the tournaments and this will be sent to Eddy, so he can send it out to the federations/clubs.

KK:

We have sold the rights for the European Championship in CZE. The games will be "pay per view".

PD:

We have Malta issue. They misinterpreted the rules and has withdrawn from the club competition too late. They would like to have the Subscription fee back.

Proposal: I propose to grant this request.

Decision:

The proposal was approved.

Aciton Item: František will send the report from the tournaments and violation by end of August

4. EC Qualifier U18 issue and consequences

PD:

We had a violation of the rules at the EC U18 Q in Switzerland. Lithuanian team had a 19 year old player under the false name. They showed the different passport at the TC meeting. Juergen Elsishans was a TD at the tournament and he called the police. Because of the GDPR, the police couldn't give the information to the WBSC Europe officials. The next day, Virmidas left the tournament with 7 players.

AB:

The case will go to the Integrity commission and they will give the recommendation to the Board. The case is pretty straightforward. This situation puts EC Baseball5 in jeopardy, because the Federation could be suspended. The Commission usually has 60 days, but I will ask them if they can do it in 14 days.

5. Baseball Commission composition

PD:

Marco Mannucci resigned from the Baseball Commission and I would like to propose Jan Kuipers from the Netherlands to fill in the spot. He is a long time TC for the WBSC Europe and serves in a Technical Commission in the WBSC.
He will be invited for the meeting in Brno.

6. Baseball Athlete representative election

PD:

We have 2 nominees, one from the CZE and one from ESP. As we have Czech members in the Board, the CZE nominee will withdraw in favor of the Spanish candidate.

JM:

I highly recommend Jorge Balboa. He will be a good member of the Board.

7. European Champions League

KK:

We will start in 2024. We were looking for the most practical system, and the teams chose Wednesdays for the single game. There will be 2 groups with 4 teams. Federations will be in charge which teams they will send to the league. We will have to be strict with the playing criteria like the lights at the stadium, the stands etc... the Field needs to be approved.

PD:

We would like to announce European Champions League during the Brno meeting, but we will talk to the Federations first.

8. Winter League

PD:

The Winter League subscriptions are over. We are looking forward to good Event.

KK:

WBSC Europe will supply the balls for the Winter League. They will be shipped from Karlovac.

Action Item:

Kruno Karin will ship the balls in time for the Winter League

9. Clinics

PD:

We will have the umpire clinic in Amsterdam from 16-19 September. We are waiting for the final confirmation.

We are planning for one more in February in Toulouse.

Next meeting will be in Brno.

Date of the arrival 28th September.

Meeting 30th September – the details will be sent at the later day

Date of the departure: 2nd October.