

WBSC Europe Baseball Commission video meeting

September 6th 2022

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")
Ludo Peeters, Chairman of the Baseball Technical Commission; ("LP")
Secretariat: Kristina Uroić; ("KU")

1. Approval of the Videoconference July 12th

The Minutes are approved.

2. Competition 2022

LP:

- Points out that this year was a very big issue regarding cancellation of umpires and TCs for the tournaments.
- Overview was made with the list of Federations who haven't send the umpires to the tournaments.
- Umpire Commission member, Christian Posny made a request to have the umpires in the single rooms like TCs from next year and that the umpires umpire only one game per day. This would increase the cost for the organizers, so it will not be easy to implement.
- The shirts for the officials need to be made for the next season.
- There is a plan to meet with Mike Jennings from softball to talk about Technical aspect of the tournaments, so we can improve our tournaments.
- Ukraine clubs didn't participate at the tournaments, but all the national teams have participated at every tournament.

3. Future Competitions

European Pro League

KK:

- This will be the part of the World baseball champions league. The inauguration of this league will be this year in Mexico. Baseball Club Parma will be the participant from Europe. There will be League in 4 continents from next year. The plan is to replace our Champions Cup with this League. The tournament will be sponsored and the teams will not have any expenses.
WBSC wants to have 3 Italian, 2 Dutch, 1 Czech, 1 German team and one team from 5h country.

PD:

- We need to have this League under our competitions and not to let WBSC to have it separately from European competitions.
It needs to be implemented somehow with our tournaments and the Competition Rules.

KK: **Proposal:**

- Proposes to let PD and me to talk to the WBSC.

Decision: Approved – PD & KK will talk to WBSC regarding the European Pro League

KK:

- Proposes to put the Pro League in the calendar and remove the Champions Cup. The Federations cup (or European cup) will stay, as well as Federations Cup Qualifiers.

National Teams' Competitions 2023

PD:

- Regarding the Russian teams, I don't believe they will be allowed to participate next year.

LP:

- There are 2 different dates in the proposals because of the officials.

LP & FB will have the final proposal of the tournaments and dates by the end of this week.

Competition rules

PD:

- We will have a new Competition Rules

AB:

- Mike Jennings will work with Ludo Peeters to compare the documents and to make the adjustments to the Rules.

LP:

- We will need more people to work on it.

AB:

- I can ask softball commission to see the baseball Competition Rules from the fresh opinion.

4. Financial Situation

PD:

- I talked to Rene and it seems that CEB is almost without the money. There is a problem with the invoicing.

KK:

- We will know by the end of the year what our Financial Situation is.

5. Winter League

The general letter will be done by JM and KU.

Next meeting – September 27th – 5 pm.