

BASEBALL5 COMMISSION MEETING

November 9, 2023

Drijkinikai, Lithuania, Galia hotel, 19:30

Attendance:

Youri Alkalay (YA)
 Erik Eilering (EE)
 Arnoldas Ramanauskas (AR)
 Vladislav Beltic (VB)

Ludovic Meillier (LM) guest – WBSCE B5 Technical Committee chairman

Not attending with apologies: Elliot Fleys (EF)

Notes: YA

	Welcome, Quorum	
Speaker	Topic	Remark/Action
YA	<p>Great to see everybody in person. We had ling conversation with EF today, but he is busy with French team now.</p> <p>Good start of the B5ECh – thanks to LBA. AR please extend our gratitude to everybody involved.</p> <p>Topics for today:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Minutes from video meeting 9.10 ✓ B5ECh – impressions, things to change/improve ✓ AOB 	
	Minutes from ECh meeting	
YA	Here are minutes from meeting 9.10 – whereby/b5	Approved 4-0-0
	B5ECh – impressions, things to change/improve	
YA	Teams look happy, good technical meeting, excellent conditions, very competitive games and a lot of close scores. We did a lot of compromises but at the end the result is OK. Questions to discuss: length of the competition (was 3,4 now 5 days), system&number of teams, gaps in the regulations.	All members of B5C to emphasize in their conversations with presidents/coaches that there will be no more compromises with the terms. New regulations will be clear. LM to prepare draft for
LM AR	A lot of last moment entries/withdraws. Should amend TR. All changes make the life of the organizer difficult	
VB YA	Need to discuss the level of the officials – a lot of mistakes in the calls.	

LM	The level is growing with every day. All officials are certified and must gain experience. Mistakes are unintentional. Agree. The clinic with Tony J was very productive. Everybody show very good level at theory.	changes concerning withdraw of teams
EE	5 days look OK, especially if we stay with WBSC system/format. May be there should be limitation in number of teams in order to have more compact and stronger comp.	No changes/limitations to number of participating teams so far. Discussion during the WBSCE congress should be organized for the general principles of ECh
LM	It's better to stay with less teams – the quality will be higher and organization – easier.	
AR	Bigger number of teams is better. It's important to have as much as possible.	
VB	Larger championship is better. It's a good chance for small federations for participation on such a level. Always we could divide the teams in more groups and also use single set qualification round.	
YA	Will keep it open still. The scores in over 90% of the games are close. The discipline is young and we should provide chance to everyone. If someday we are with 20+ teams this will be success. It's also important to for the federation to report to their authorities the participation in large ECh. Let's also discuss at the congress with the federations. And let's have in mind that ECh is not the place where national teams should gain their experience. The Tour we are planning gives options for more games, etc.	
YA	The withdrawal of teams changed our preliminary intentions. Now we play with very close to WBSC system but it requires at least 1 more day which change a bit the original concept of having quick/cheap competitions. We kept the promise to allow teams to play with as much as possible countries.	
EE	Yes, but what will happen if we have 20 or more teams – too many games/fields required	
AR	Will adapt the format for more teams – we have enough options. divide to more groups	
LM	We have seen some problems which have to be addressed, for example collisions at home plate – hp has to be enlarged, so there will be room for both runner and fielder.	
EE	Agree – we should send footage to WBSC with proposal. It's dangerous.	
LM	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mWrdVxPbn1A , time 2:18:14	LM and AR to prepare proposal and present footage from hp collision.
VB	Toni J propose to have a line in batters box which to be a mark for the bunts (no bunt after it). This will clarify the calls. Now is a bit interpretation. Yes. We witnessed completely different calls from the officials. Players are confused both offence and defense. Something has to be done	LM to advise Toni J to prepare for us proposal.
	AOB	
LM	As we have already spoken – we have to develop our officials.	LM to speak to

AR EE YA	Actions: clinics, more games, convention. We have already a core of about 10 officials with knowledge and experience which are ready to help. It's time to give them chance to meet, exchange experience and get updated with all news. Agree. Blue convention in softball is good example. Agree. Good opportunity to create a family of B5 officials. Ivana could be in help – she has a lot of experience with events.	officials when is most convenient time for them. YA to check the budget possibilities and discuss with WBSCE EB
EE VB AR	There is interest of having U15 European Championship as well. May be in the years of Senior championship (odd years) Agree – this will be rise the interest in the youngsters. Good motivation – will help to recruit at schools	YA to discuss with EB
Next meeting		
YA	TBD, end of November/first week December, whereby	YA to call for a meeting with min 3 days advance
End of meeting – 22:00 CET		