

WBSC Europe Executive Board pre congress meeting
Belgrade, Crowne Plaza Hotel
February 9th 2023 at 17:50 hrs

Attendance

Krunoslav Karin, President ("KK")
Gabriel Waage, Vice President Softball; ("GW")
Mette N Jakobsen, Member at Large SB; ("MJ")
Kristian Pälviä, Member at Large SB; ("KP")
Youri Alkalay, Member at Large SB; ("YA")
("VN")
Martina Lackner-Keil, Athlete representative SB ("ML") Juergen Elsishans, Member at Large, BB; ("JE")
Ami Baran, Secretary General; ("AB")
Eddy Van Straelen, Treasurer; ("EvS")
Peter Ditrach, Vice President Baseball; ("PD")
François Collet, Member at Large BB; ("FC")
Virmidas Neverauskas, Member at Large, BB;

Legal Counsel: Lars Sundin; ("LS")

Secretariat: Kristina Uroic; ("KU"), Communications Director Elda Ghilardi; ("EG")

Guests: WBSC President Riccardo Fraccari; ("RF"), WBSC Executive Director Michael Schmidt; ("MS"),
WBSC Executive Vice President Softball Craig Cress; ("CC")

1. Welcome Quorum and Opening

KK welcomed everyone to the Congress in Belgrade.

2. Minutes approval

- The WBSC Europe minutes of meeting of November 2022 were unanimously approved

3. Financial

EvS:

- I have sent the overview. We had a loss in 2022.
We have around 120.000,00 Eur from ESF and around 24.000,00 Eur (19.000,00 in real) from CEB after the merge.
We have an approval from the Auditor.
- As for the Budget 2023, Kruno had a remark that we will have money coming from Marketing, so the updated Budget 2023 will be zero. The new Budget will be sent out tonight and it will be explained at the Congress.
CEB lost about 100.000.00 Eur

KP:

- We need to do the 2-3 year Budget to keep track the amounts.

Presentations from the companies – travel for WBSC Europe

- Marco Mazzi (Tre Emme): we can offer direct approach – with email and telephone, WBSC Europe people would have a direct contact with the agency, but will not pay themselves - the amount would be charged to WBSC Europe. Secretary General and the Treasurer would have the insight at any time. Some tickets would be for free; it depends on the amounts.
- Sandro Romanić (3 Fun Steps Consulting): We offer Accommodations, Travel and Transport, Visual Identity. It would be the direct approach with our personnel Ana Todorčić and Nikola Milanović.

4. VP Softball and Baseball updates (and Baseball5)

YA:

- Baseball5 European Championship will be held in Lithuania. The Entry Forms should be sent to the Federations.

GW:

- We have the updated calendar with the organizers. We are working to have all the organizers till the end of February.

- The Contract with FIBS for EMRYT in Collecchio will be signed at the Congress
- We received Bids for 2026 already – Slow pitch tournament

PD:

- We have the whole schedule and the organizers for the Congress.
- We have 2 new organizers for the Federation Cup Qualifiers: Rybnik and Budapest.

Bids received for 2 organizers for Federations Cup Qualifiers

Proposal:

The Bids for Federation Cup Qualifiers in Rybnik (POL) and Budapest (HUN)

Decision:

The proposal is approved by the Executive Board as follows:

11 yes

0 against

1 abstention

KK:

- We have a request from the WBSC to move the dates for U18 Qualifier in Ireland because of the World Softball Cup which is happening in the same dates and place as U18 Baseball Qualifier. We will talk to Ireland again to try to move the dates.

The decision regarding the second group of the U18 Qualifier will be postponed after the matter. We have received two Bids: Sweden and Switzerland.

Youth Programs

KP:

Introduced the agreements between WBSC Europe and Pony League, and Little League, respectively, to the Executive board. The full agreements will be sent out the coming week to the Executive for approval. Plan is to have the Pony League agreement signed in Prague during the PONY Tournament, and to have the Little League agreement signed in London during the MLB Europe series and board meeting.

5. Legal Commission updates

LS:

- Statute changes: Baseball5 will be the discipline and will have its own Vice President and the Commission.

6. Program of the Congress

AB:

- We have the Program all set up. We will have e-sport presentation by WBSC and Baseball5 presentation as well.
- The agendas for the Baseball Window and Softball Window are in place.

KK:

- Russia issue: They will be present at the Congress. We don't know how will the Federations react. It could happen that some of the Federations go out of the room.

AB:

- There will be the ratification of the exclusion of Russia and Belarus from the tournaments 2023.

Meeting adjourned