

# WBSC EUROPE MEETING

November, 19 2021
Pre-Congress Meeting Minutes
Rome, Italy

# **Attendance**

Gabriel Waage, Co-President; ("GW")
Didier Seminet Co President; ("DS"),
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") Francois Collet ("FC")

WBSC President Riccardo Fraccari WBSC CEO Michael Schmidt Francesca Fabretto

## 1. Welcome, quorum and opening

**GW** and **DS**: welcomes all and are glad that we can meet in person

#### **WBSC President RF:**

Welcome, believes this a great step for WBSC Europe.

World after covid will be different, we have to be close to our members. LA 2028 is our next goal.

WBSC is working on a permanent stay in the Olympic Programme.

LA 2028 is reviewing the sports.

WBSC proposition: 8 teams for baseball, around USA – 4 per pool / softball no problem as it is possible to play in Oklahoma. MLB is interested.

Working on Partnership with Konami and Amazon.

Modern sport.

African Games: baseball5 as there is no infrastructure.

Next B5 World Cup will be in Mexico, in Europe France and Lithuania are up next.

**DS**: B5 might be part of the European Games.





### 2. Minutes approval

• WBSC Europe Minutes September 18,2021

# **APPROVED UNANIMOUS**

#### 3. Financial

**EvS**: expenses final report will be ready for the Feb Congress.

# 4. WBSC Europe Extraordinary Congress 2021

**GW**: task group (WBSC Europe / WBSC). Finalized the proposal

**AB**: There were some issues, typos, Belarus brought these up. there will be no motions in Congress

but there will be in EC.

Secret vote at the Congress: approval constitution: Y/N If not approved: Vilnius Statutes will be the legal one.

**GW**: There will be a meeting prior to the Congress with explanations of the changes.

Questions regarding the constitution?

Article 8.5.i. involves officials? Yes

Article 23.3. ESF and CEB Shall be removed from the wording

# 5. WBSC Europe Congress 2022

**KK**: THEREARE 2 bids: Bled, Slovenia and Belgrade, Serbia (which is outside EU) 2<sup>nd</sup> week of February.

WBSC Congress: March in Taiwan. Plan B Mexico.

#### 6. WBSC Europe competitions

**GW**: Super 6. Regensburg will host the qualifier for the WBSC Classic. Other bids: Spain, Russia, and Israel.

**RB**: 2022 dates, baseball super 6 will be preparation for Classics qualifier. 2024 bid in Israel. But baseball and Softball competitions need to take place in the same complex.

Decision: Super 6 - Allocated to Barcelona, Spain, in September 2022





**YA**: B5, more categories: 2022 U-17 (to be able to play the 2023 WBSC U-18 WC). Bid from Bulgaria. There might be issues as Covid in Bulgaria is on the rise and there might be a lockdown.

Decision: U-17 B5 ECh - Allocated to Sofia, Bulgaria, in fall 2022

2023 ECh qualifier for WC.

# 7. AOB

**KK**: A production company contacted KK and he is having discussions with them about baseball and softball events. After the elections, contract will be presented.

