



ESF EC Spring Meeting  
Sofia, April 28-29,2018  
Minutes

**EC members' attendance:**

Gaba Waage ("GW")

Youri Alkalay ("YA")

Eddy van Straelen ("EvS")

Mette Nissen – Jakobsen ("MN")

Petra Arends ("PA")

Kristian Pälviä ("KP")

Ami Baran ("AB")

CD: Helena Novotna "HN"

**Welcome, Quorum and Process**

- "GW" called the meeting to order. He noted that a quorum of EC members was present.
  - The EC approved unanimously the EC Meetings Minutes from Pre and Post Congress
  - The EC approved unanimously the EC Meetings Minutes from the Congress to be presented to the next Congress in 2019.
- MN - Review of outstanding action items

**Action:** YA – to prepare list of received and shipped equipment

**1. President on April 29**

- GW explained the outcome of the WBSC meeting in Paris.
- New Competition structure:

Sezimovo Usti (U15+U18 men) moved to 2020

Keep the U16 WECh in Croatia in 2019

WECh 2019 Ostrava – to organize the tournament two weeks earlier

Add U18 qualifier in 2019 close to U16

Kunovice 2020 – offer them to host either U15 in 2020 or U22 in 2021

**EC Decision: 7-0-0 approved**

**Action:** GW to prepare final schedule and explanation

- WBSC Europe situation: Meeting in Prague on May 7 – we will see what it is brought to the table. We will continue with the platform that was decided between CEB and ESF.
- Super 6 update – schedule is ready as also is the OTT platform for streaming.

## 2. **Financial**

EvS update – no real problems.

- Lithuania has a debt of 2880 Euros [ Fee of 2017 plus penalty and EChM plus U22]

**Action:** EvS to notify Lithuania.

**Action:** HN to delete Enjoy it! From website. The Debt will be written off

**Action:** GW to check out with Tecnovap.

## 3. **Competitions and Technical**

- **Final entries** – update and review. There will be 18 teams for EMRYT which points to the full success of this event and our development program.

**Action:** EvS to create contacts sheet and send to HN

**Action:** GW to inform MJ to ask FIBS for more umpires for EMRYT

- Malta has requested to be allowed to play in the U19WECh after they had withdrawn

### **Proposal:**

Allow the request of Malta

**EC Decision: 6-0-0 Approved**

**Action:** MJ to send announcement to Malta and adjust the schedule

**Action:** HN to create a graph of participation

- **Inspections** – situation  
Slovakia U22WECh – Conny inspected, they are doing the best they can, and more teams than expected have entered  
Riccione CSPESC – MJ – MJ has suggested to return for a second inspection.

*(new information: after the EC meeting MJ found out that they proposed a less good quality hotel - solution has to be found soon)*

- **Game scheduling**  
All done, Malta must be added to U19
- **Streaming**  
MECh – last 2 days 50/50, Playo.tv  
U22WECh – local tv streaming  
U19WECh – we have not received an answer  
Super 6 – all games, full cost on the ESF, Playo.tv

ICCup – all games, full cost on Czech Softball Association, Playo.tv  
Team Europe – 50/50, Playo.tv  
Total cost 10.000 euros

**Proposal :**

HN will try to live-stream as many games as possible on one camera [ tablet] costs will be a tablet and internet **630 euros**

**EC Decision: 6-0-0 Approved [ EvS to be notified immediately]**

- **Slowpitch Balls**

We will keep .52COR @300lbs

**Action: GW to ask Teammate, or MJ to solve the situation**

- **Problems/Issues**

Request from Denmark – a player has a hearing problem, she needs to have a communication device in her ear

**Proposal :**

To allow the request

**EC Decision: 6-0-0 Approved [ GW to notify MJ]**

**Action: AB to notify Denmark on the decision.**

TC Matters

- **EC / TC / UIC / SIC final assignments**

JA won't be able to attend the MSPECh, GW will go instead

#### **4. Marketing and Media**

- Exclusive collection – clothing for 2018 season only

**Action: HN will send proposal about T-shirts to EC and a decision will be made by email**

**Action: HN to order 500 #lovesoftball stickers to sell at tournaments**

Extra stickers – 50 to Sweden (June 15), 50 Denmark

- EMRYT new design for t-shirts

**Action: HN will send to YA for production**

- Game App proposal Virtex Arena – not pursue for now
- EBSM proposal – EC decided against this.

**Action: AB to notify JA who will notify EBSM**

- Softball Europe App

**Action: JA to look more into it to see what extra work it would really be for us, include AB and HN in the discussions**

- E-shop – samples presented and discussed

**Action:** MN, HN, YA look into it on Sunday

- Budget from Teammate – clothing for ECs, TCs, UiCs – next year

#### 5. **Development**

- No update

#### 6. **Legislative**

- GDPR

**Action:** Colum Lavery, AB and MN will prepare license forms with additions needed by GDPR

EvS to send requests for changes in the licenses form to MN

MN, EvS, Colum Lavery to add licenses number in the form

Deadline for this May 6th

#### 7. **AOB**

- **Team Europe**

September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 15:30, Havlickuv Brod, Staff: Jens Terkelsen, Jaroslav Korcak

Each country of the MECh has to have at least one player on Team Europe

**Action:** HN to coordinate with GW on promotion

**Action:** HN to come up with a possible different name for the event

- **WECh format** – discussion was held. Taking into consideration the comments from the Congress TC meeting. Petra suggested possible have mandatory clinics for the developing countries.

**Action:** PA to have a final proposal by September.

AB to send to Federations reminder to hand in their recommendations from the TC meeting.

- Request from Italy not to change this season the Page system  
We keep the page system for 2018

**Proposal:**

Accept the request

**EC Decision: 7-0-0 Approved**

**Action:** Conny Chwojka to change schedules

- **2019 Congress bids**

Greece

Lithuania

Discussion on the two bids

**Decision: Greece**

- **Fall meeting November 9-11**