



**WBSC- CEB/ESF Meeting
Prague, 7 May 2018**

Attendance

WBSC

Michael Schmidt WBSC Executive Director; ("MS")

CEB

Didier Seminet CEB President; ("DS")

Kruno Karin CEB Secretary General ; ("KK")

ESF

Gabriel Waage, ESF President; ("GW")

Ami Baran, ESF; ("AB")

Guests: Francois Collet; ("FC"), Helena Novotna ; ("HN")

1. Welcome

Welcome by both Presidents, thanking MS for coming to the meeting.

2. Reasons of WBSC request to postpone WBSC Europe Statutes

- **GW** explains the situation of what happened at the Congress
- **MS** There was more time needed by the WBSC Legal Commission to view the proposed Statutes.

In 2019 at Congress WBSC Europe needs to present a clear idea, vision of what WBSC Europe is about

- **GW** - 90% of the Statutes are already what we want to have after 2021
Vote on structure and voting procedure must be done in 2020, so we can vote in 2021.
We can have everything ready for 2019, with some minor changes and clean up.

All documents need to be ready by September and approved by WBSC

DS and GW We will prepare our Mission Statement and Vision Plan



3. Super 6

- **DS** Is this our Flagship? We need to market our sport in Europe and become financially independent. Can we find a company that would create a product out of Super 6 – **DS to explore options**
- What is the future of the Super 6? If the first establishment is successful, WBSC would look into supporting if there is a future plan.

DS and GW; FC will prepare Super 6 vision and its future with the concept of how it is connected to all other Championships.

4. Baseball 5

- **MS** good explanation about what Baseball/Softball is about. Possibly not for all Federations in the current set up but it can be changed to be implemented.
- **DS** would like to have this under WBSC Europe and manage the discipline

DS and GW; Baseball 5 will be under the supervision of the WBSC Europe. We will also implement the Development Joint Commission in WBSC Europe.

5. OTT Platform – Can WBSC OTT integrate/cooperate with WBSC Europe OTT

- **MS** WBSC OTT should start this year, target is to have 300 games streamed a year. Exploring the market in 2018, possible packages and changes in 2019. Not sure how and if to implement other platforms
- **DS** will look for a company to sell the product.

6. WBSC Europe Website

- **MS** suggest to wait with a creation of the WBSC Europe website, might be done through WBSC
- **FC and HN** to create a simple page “we exist” when the Statutes are approved and create Social media guidelines

7. Olympic Qualifier

MS

- Softball: July – September 2019 (start looking for organizer in July) the Dutch want to host it
- Baseball: impossible to play in January or February and the decision will be announced after one more meeting.



8. CEB ESF Congress 2019

- **GW** EC decided Athens will be the next venue.
We will have our EC Meeting in Athens in November

Action items and Next Steps:

Statutes Timeline:

- **June 4** - Resend the Statutes to MS along with the WBSC Legal Comments and WBSC Europe Legal replies.
 - **July/August** - Receive answers from WBSC and set date for meeting to finalize between Legal groups.
 - **When finalized send to NF's with documentation for 2019 Congress**
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- **By September** GW prepare WBSC Europe Mission Statement & Vision Plan
 - **DS** to explore options of a company for the Super 6
 - **By September** FC prepare Super 6 vision and its future with the concept of how it is connected to all other Championships.
 - Joint work on Baseball 5 under WBSC Europe.
 - **DS** will look for a company to sell the product for OTT.
 - **FC and HN** to create a simple page “we exist” when the Statutes are approved and create Social media guidelines

NEXT MEETING – Meeting time to be decided.

