



ESF EC Spring Meeting  
Sofia, April 27-28, 2019  
Minutes

**EC members' attendance:**

Gaba Waage ("GW")

Eddy van Straelen ("EvS")

Mette Nissen – Jakobsen ("MN")

Petra Arends ("PA")

Kristian Pälviä ("KP")

Ami Baran ("AB")

CD: Helena Novotna "HN"

Not attending with apologies: Youri Alkalay (YA), John Austin (JA), Daniela Castelani (DC)

*Note: we stated on Saturday 16:45 with Competitions and Technical but I have kept the order here in the minutes.*

**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 Congress Minutes
  
- GW gave a briefing from the WBSC Europe meeting in Sofia

**1. Financial**

Situation of payments: Late payments? Late withdrawals? Penalties?

- Lithuania has a debt of 105 Euros
- Malta has debt including penalties. We are waiting for the new Board.
- Greece still unpaid for Women's European Championships (1,500 euros)

**Action: EvS will apply penalty and extend deadline to June 1.**

• **Budget situation**

- *Umpires have to book flights before April 15.*
- *Situation with Jersey, Guernsey and Romania*

**Action: AB will contact Jersey and Guernsey to stay in SE through the WBSC Europe**

- *Romania issue is they are in the WBSC Europe but not with SE*

- Other financial issues

- *ESF Statues will continue to exist.*
- *Financial year will change from 2020, (1/11-2019 to 31/12-2020) this will comply with WBSC Europe financial year.*
- *Helena will be added to the Tournament officials list as media operations person.*

**Action: MJ will add this to the Regulations.**

- *Mike will participate in the WBSC TC clinic in USA at the ESF cost.*
- *Merchandise. Organizer cost 100 €. Women's Championship cost 200 €.*
- *Umpire, letter of guarantee is not working. Countries do not send in.*

**Action: EvS will send invoice out when travel is booked.**

*Question: Where is it written the 100 € contributions for organizers to Cups.*

**Action: AB will search and if not MJ will add to Competitions Regulations**

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## **2. Competitions and Technical**

- **Presentation and outcome from TC and UIC Meeting.**
  - *TC's one per field to a maximum of 3 (In the regulations)*
  - *UIC's one per field to a maximum of 2, maybe 3 or more for the largest tournaments (not in the regulations)*

**Action: MJ to add to regulations 3 UIC's. If recommendation to use more than 3, ESF will cover the cost.**

- *Improve communication between officials. Big issues meet in person.*
- *Need more feedback between TC/UiC and EC. EC should hand in feedback to the MJ.*
- *Procedure of sending Bids to MJ as soon as possible (November) in order to prepare schedule according to playing fields available.*

**Action: AB to make sure this is done.**

- *Transportation rules changes*  
**Proposal:** *from 2020 transportation responsibility is on the Teams for both Cups and Championships*  
**Decision:** *6-0-0 approved*

**Action: MJ will add to the Regulations and notification will be sent out to NF's**

- *Bat testing machines. Issue with inconsistency on the machines.*  
**Proposal:** *Bat testing Machine will only be used at Men's tournaments (Super Cup and Championship) and will use only random testing only.*  
**Decision:** *6-0-0 approved*

**Action: MJ will add to the Regulations and notification will be sent out to NF's**

- *In the PUPS note need to remove the "bone fide member" notation*

**Action: MJ will delete from the Regulations**

- Proposed to redo the format of the Candidature for hosting Tournaments.

**Action: MJ will send to AB the changes needed and then will prepare the new form and post to the Website.**

- MJ and GW send their appreciation from Carolien and the UIC group, Dennis and the scorers, Conny for scheduling and input, and Lis for her assistance.

- Proposed lightning Policy

**Action: MJ will prepare a policy, send for review and then added to the general information to TC/UIC.**

- Coin Flip – has been re drafted

- Competition situation 2019 – update
- Situation with CSPECh - update
- U18 MQ – entries and bids  
*Entries: Czech, Israel, Denmark, GB, Lithuania*  
*Bids: Israel, Denmark.*  
Decision EC: All votes for Israel (unanimously)

**Action: ESF will send a UiC and SiC**

**Entry fee: 350 €**

- Update on Final entries, Inspections, Game scheduling and streaming
- EC / TC / UIC / SIC final assignments
- European competition schedule 2020 – 2022 GW presented
  - Women: Is in order
  - Men: Add Euro Ch Men in 2022.
  - Add Euro Ch U18/U15 in 2021.
  - U23 Men: Discussion on program structure. Euro Ch? Qualifier?
  - If WC 2021, plan for Qualifier in 2020 if more than two teams enter.
  - Plan for Euro Ch in 2022.

**Action: GW and will make changes to the Calendar**

- Problems/Issues
  - Slow pitch WC in Clearwater is unclear?

**Action: MJ will continue to monitor and push for information**

- European Masters Cup – Barcelona – October 30-Nov 2, 2019  
*Entry deadline, August 1<sup>st</sup>.*  
*Ages: 35+ both Men and Women*

**Action: HN, promote on website and send out.**

**Action: MNJ and AB continue to move on preparations and promoting to NF's**

- European Teams at U18 Women's World Cup 2020  
*Decided based ESF Ranking – Italy, Netherlands and Czech Republic*

**Action: GW inform WBSC.**

### **3. Marketing and Media**

- General branding SE  
At the WBSC Europe meeting was discussed that Baseball Europe will have their logo prepared. Using the same company, the SE used.
- Clothes with SE – for TCs, UICs and ECs  
**Action: HN, MJ and EvS will continue working on the style and printing.**

### **4. Website and Newsletter**

- Update  
*Emails. Process has started to change email platform to europeansoftball.org.*  
**Action: AB will work with Kruno on this**

### **5. Development**

- Development of Umpires – Proposal by Carolien  
*Decision: Approval of Umpire Development Plan. Need financial budget.*  
**Action: AB and Carolien prepare details for actions and budget.**

### **6. Legislative**

- Update provided on the options of the statutes WBSC Europe

### **7. AOB**

- **Reminder to GW and PA WECh format – Need to prepare this for the 2020 changes.**
- Men's World Cup in Prague ESF attendance
  - *EC presence at Men's World Cup. Hotel and food paid by organizer. Flight at own expense. Preferred at end of tournament. (June 21).*
  - *Possibility of "meeting" at WECh with those attending.*
  - *WBSC Europe meeting. Sep. 28<sup>th</sup> In Vilnius.*
  - *Pre-Osaka meeting. Proposed dates, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>. In Israel.*
  - *ESF November meeting. Proposed dates, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>.*

**Action: AB will organize availability and meeting final date's and send email.**

- *ESCA Camp.*

**Action: AB will work with Petra C , Craig M and EvS to prepare possibilities**

- **Fall meeting November 29 December 1, 2019 (Venue TBD)**