



## WBSC EUROPE MEETING – Sofia, April 6, 2019

### Attendance

Didier Seminet Co President; (“DS”)

Kruno Karin Secretary General ; (“KK”)

Petr Ditrich Vice President; (“PD”)

Marco Mannucci, Vice President ; (“MM”)

Roderick Balk Vice President; (“RB”)

Legal Counsel; Lars Sundin; (“LS”) Ami Baran, ; (“AB”)

Francois Collet; (“FC”), Kristina Uroic; (“KU”)

Gabriel Waage, Co President; (“GW”)

Eddy Van Straelen, Treasurer; (“EvS”)

Youri Alkalay, Vice President; (“YA”)

Mette N Jakobsen Vice President; (“MJ”)

Kristian Palvia, Vice President ; (“KP”)

### 1. Welcome Opening by Co Presidents:

- Co Presidents thank all for being at this meeting and welcome WBSC President Riccardo Fraccari and Executive Director Michael Schmidt.

### 2. WBSC President Update:

- WBSC Europe needs to move more in the direction of unifying.
- The main reason behind the decision of not including Baseball-Softball in Paris 2024 was the issue of athlete's quota.
- Need to maintain our Olympic status of baseball-softball although it won't be part of the 2024 sports program.
- Possibility that Baseball5 will be in the Youth Olympic Games.
- Baseball5 World Cup will take place in Mexico.
- WBSC Congress will take place in November in Osaka, Japan.
- Changes to the WBSC Statutes such as changing from Divisions to Commissions

### 3. WBSC Europe co-presidents updates

#### GW

- all NF's received information of structure and status of WBSC Europe
- Baseball5 event in Eilat, Israel demonstrates possibility of being part of Multi event games.
- Working Plan draft distributed and we will start on this immediately.

#### DS

- Reports on Paris 2024 and insists on moving forward and keep working on the development of the game.

### Principles of running WBSC Europe Board Meeting

All agreed public minutes prepared by Legal Counsel. File of detailed minutes will be kept for reference.



4. Working Plan:

- AB goes over initial concepts including communication channels
- EB reviews the working plan, board structure and roles .
- Communications:  
All joint actions and general information will run through WBSC Europe, specific information related to relative sports through the Baseball and Softball divisions.
- Events:
  - Discuss interactions between baseball and softball calendars and the changes needed to ensure sustainability of events.  
Need to consult with BASE
  - Current events under the umbrella of WBSC Europe are Super 6 and Baseball5 competitions.
- General:
  - We will receive proposed changes to the working plan and roles by the end of April.
  - Legal Counsel will research the best location to register WBSC Europe. Must be part of EU to be eligible for EU funding.

5. Branding:

- Guidelines for the use of WBSC Europe and Softball Europe/Baseball Europe divisions are being presented and approved.
- **Action Item:** create a dedicated graphic design for European events.
- Website will be under the umbrella of WBSC which is currently developing sub-sections for continents on its website. Estimated time of delivery is July 2019.
- Wbsceurop.eu is already owned, however we also have wbsceurope.org. AB will communicate this with KK.

6. Legislative:

- **Action Item:** AB will send to MS the final version of the Statutes that was approved during the Congress in Athens for WBSC approval.
- **Working Group will** work on preparing By-Laws and other documents for the 2020 and 2021 Congress.
- **Action Item:** Preparing analysis when ESF and CEB will be dissolved
- MS - WBSC is working on statutes for continental associations and will require minimum standards for continental constitutions. MS will send draft to Legal Counsel.
- Need to look into the transfer of 'rights' from ESF and CEB to WBSC Europe.



7. Finance:

- In 2020 we will invoice through the WBSC Europe.
- KK will inform CEB Federations, EvS will inform the ESF Federations.
- 50K from the WBSC. GW will prepare a draft idea for expenditure. Possibly common projects.
- 25K for each "division" is the other possibility.

8. Administration:

- The 2020 Congress will take place during the second week-end of February in Vilnius, Lithuania. Membership will now run through WBSC Europe instead of CEB and ESF.
- For the Congress we will have one package, one agenda.
- **Action Item:** KK will send an email to all NF's about using the WBSC Europe logo from now on.

9. WBSC Europe events

- RB reports on the inaugural edition of Super 6.
- Survey of NF's says that event should take place every 2 years.
- Promotion and marketing of the event will be organized with BASE.
- **Action Item:** RB will prepare a proposal for the next WBSC Europe meeting.
- A working group is set up with Youri, Roderick and Petr to discuss the format and organization of the first European Baseball5 Open.

Next meeting

September 28<sup>th</sup> in Vilnius



**Action items and Next Steps:**

- April – AB to send to MS approved WBSC Europe Statutes.
- End of May – comments and changes if needed to working plan by appointees
- May- August Working Group preparation of the By Laws and other documents
- August- September - all WBSC Europe By laws and other documents sent to WBSC Europe EB for review
- September 28- WBSC Europe meeting and approval of By Laws etc.
- October 1 : send statutes, by laws and other documents to WBSC approval
- November communication of documents to NFs
- February 11, 2020: WBSC Europe Congress

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- **Marketing** : create a dedicated graphic design for European events
  - **Legal Working Group will** work on preparing By-Laws and other documents for the 2020 and 2021 Congress.
  - **Legal:** Preparing analysis when ESF and CEB will be dissolved and need to look into the transfer of 'rights' from ESF and CEB to WBSC Europe.
  - KK will send an email to all NF's about using the WBSC Europe logo from now on.