

ESF EC Spring Meeting
Online Video Conference, April 1, 2020
Minutes

1. Welcome, Quorum

EC members' attendance:

Gaba Waage ("GW")
Eddy van Straelen ("EvS")
Mette Nissen – Jakobsen ("MN")
Petra Arends ("PA")
Kristian Pälviä ("KP")
Ami Baran ("AB")
Daniela Castellani ("DC")
Youri Alkalay ("YA")

CD: Eida Ghilardi ("EG")

Tech. Director: Mike Jennings ("MJ") – DoU: Carolein Stadhouders ("CS")

WBSC Executive Director – Michael Schmidt ("MS")

Not attending with apologies: John Austin (JA)

2. **Minutes**

- EC Meetings Minutes from Pre and Post Congress in Vilnius – Approved
- Congress Minutes - Approved

President and immediate issues

- Update General situation in Europe
Each person gave a short idea of what is happening in their specific countries as to possible start dates for their national competitions.
BUL - everything is delayed till mid-May hopefully mid-June back to normality.
SWE - May15th, some sports are still on. practice are on.
DEN - closed until April 15th. Hopefully start time June 1st.
NED - Lockdown until 28th April. Possible June 1 start.
ITA - Situation is very difficult. May might be the end of lockdown. FIBS could start 15th June with main leagues.
BEL - lockdown until 18th April. Sports might start again on 1st June.
GBR- lockdown until 18th April. May possibily but more likely June restart sports.
ISR - lockdown for 6 weeks. Sports could start back in 1st June or 1st July. He expects to play from July to November, Will play for "playing"
CZE – lockdown until 11th May . Sports back on 1st June, more likely on 1st July.

- Update from WBSC videoconference (was held on March 31)
 - MS gave an update on what the WBSC is trying to do as much as possible in 2020 but realistically a lot will need to be changed and moving forward 2021.*
- GW: *WBSC cancelled some competitions, but wants to play everything that is possible, even at the end of the year.*
- MS:
 1. *less optimistic about the situation*
 2. *waiting for more and updated data*
 3. *Concern about 2020 competitions (no organizers for 2021)*
 4. *2021: 3 major events (WS/MS World Cup and Olympics), and WBSC could move some in 2022.*
 5. *WBSC Mens World Championship should be in NZL but they would probably have a lockdown for 1 year.*
 6. *2 new events for 2021: U23 men & women softball. Could not be a good idea to play.*
- SE tournaments 2020 – *See table below*
 - Discussion on what to keep and what to cancel. *Major points:*
 1. *Why keep Men's SC if we are cancelling Women's Cups*
 2. *NED Clubs and France clubs men asked to not cancel – PA not request from NF.*
 3. *Each NF will decide if a new candidate will play in 2021 Cups or the ones from the last season. Defending champion is the one of 2019*
 4. *priority goes to National Teams and qualifying events.*
 5. *We will offer to Organizers of this year to do it again for 2021.*
 6. *See below decisions on postponement and cancellation. GW will ask.*
 7. *Official announcement will go out by Friday and then communication to the umpires by CS and MJ*
 8. *June 15 last date to finalize and also withdrawal date with no penalty.*

3. Financial

- Budget situation

Competitions

Competition Proposals – unanimous decision

Competition	Venue	Date	Proposed venue	Proposed date	Proposed cancel and vote
WECh	Friuli	7-13.6	Friuli	20-26.9	8-0-0
MECh	Ledinice	22-27.6	Ledenice	28.9-3.10	8-0-0
U15 WECh	Enschede	13-18.7	Enschede	New date later	8-0-0
U16/18 MECh	Sezimovo	6-11.7			YES 8-0-0
MSPECh	Colorno	16-20.6			YES 8-0-0
CSPECh	Sofia	20-25.7			YES 8-0-0
EMRYT	Collechio	12-15.8			YES 8-0-0
WEPC	Friuli	17-22.8			YES 8-0-0
WEC	Dupnitsa	17-22.8			YES 8-0-0
WECWC	Saronno	17-22.8			YES 8-0-0
MESC	Prague	24-29.8			YES 7-1-0
Masters	Sant Boi	28-31.10	Leave it	Leave it	

New emails for the EC members and officials - will be using these emails now.

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