

# SE EC SPRING MEETING - MINUTES

Online Video Conference – May 28th, 2020

## 1. Welcome, Quorum

### EC members' attendance:

- Gaba Waage ("GW")
- Eddy van Straelen ("EvS")
- Mette Nissen – Jakobsen ("MNJ")
- Petra Arends ("PA")
- Kristian Pälviä ("KP")
- Ami Baran ("AB")
- John Austin ("JA")

CD: Elda Ghilardi ("EG") - Tech. Director: Mike Jennings ("MJ") – DoU: Carolein Stadhouders ("CS")  
Not attending with apologies: Daniela Castellani ("DC"), Youri Alkalay ("YA")

## 2. Round Table Update General Situation in Europe

KP: SWE Travel restricts 2 hours + 50 ppl. Youth sport is allowed but not possible to travel. Adults: June 21st

MNJ: DEN travel restrictions, June 8<sup>th</sup> news: 20-50 ppl. 13-14<sup>th</sup> June start of the league

PA: NED getting back to normality, outdoors practice allowed. Worst case scenario September 1<sup>st</sup>. Travelling seems biggest issue.

EvS: BEL practice allowed max 20 ppl. Keeping distance. Games: more news on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Might start in July.

MJ: GBR practicing in July probably. Waiting for indications. Soccer in June.

JA: IRL phase 1 tennis and golf only sport allowed. Probably end of August.

EG: Italy is back to practice

AB: back to normal. Beginning of June games.

GW: SPA everything cancelled. Maybe regional games.

FRA everything cancelled but they could go back.

CZE May 25<sup>th</sup> 300 people, no restrictions in travelling. June 6<sup>th</sup> season starts.

## 3. Minutes

- EC Meetings Minutes from Video Conference on April 16 approved

#### 4. President and immediate issues:

- Online activities summary:

GW – Activities are doing well

AB – We will be using different formats and have other "products" for the Member Federations.

- Outcome from videoconference with WBSC and ASOIF

International Olympic Committee is conducting through ASOIF a Governance evaluation of international, regional and member federations. There are 20 questions based on mainly legislative issues and June 30<sup>th</sup> is the deadline. AB will be responsible for it.

**Action Item: AB will answer the evaluation, using EVS for the financial matters and will send to the EC prior to submitting the document if it is possible to save it in Pdf.**

- SE tournaments 2020 – U15 WECh and Masters

#### U15WECH:

U15 is cancelled based on the KNBSB decision

GW: The 2020 Organizers have the right to organize the U15 WECh in 2022.

**Action Item: GW will contact federations if they would like to have their own independent U15 Tournament . It is crucial as we do not want to lose a generation of girls so we can give them something to look forward to.**

#### MASTERS:

Spanish Federation have cancelled the competition in 2020. We respect the NFs statement. MNJ- Question that arises is can we find another host or shall we cancel? We need the event to be of good quality.

AB - We have 2 options: Rome or Croatia  
Might be best to organize one week before.  
Funds to organize could be a problem

#### Opinions on this issue:

GW: optimistic because CZE is in good conditions. Flight tickets are extremely high. Teams are self-funded.

EvS: some European governments advice to be inside of the borders. People might not be able to travel.

KP: today is May 28<sup>th</sup>, 3 months back from now situation was so different. We have no idea about the scenario in 3 months. There could be a second wave.

**Action Item: MNJ and AB will bring a final proposal for a June 20 decision.**

- Qualifiers at U23 MWC and U12 mix WC 2021 – situation and solution

### **U23:**

AB: only 3 teams are interested in the U23 WC in Argentina, CZE GBR ISR. Other teams are interested but would not go to Argentina. There are 2 spots for Europe.

Proposal is that the U23 Qualifier will be either before or after U16-U18 in 2021.

***Action Item: GW and AB will look into the venue and timetable and a proposal will be prepared.***

### **U12 mix**

AB: 2 countries RUS SBR, 3 or 4 said they are interested.

GW: WC in August 8 teams, 1 spot of Europe.

Proposal is that the U12 Mix European Qualifier should be in April/May

***Action Item: GW and AB will look into the venue and timetable and a proposal will be prepared.***

- SE calendar 2021–2023

ALL the organizers for 2020 want to organize in 2021. All competitions are allocated.

Calendar will be published most likely in July/August.

Bids for Qualifiers will be made prior to the congress for U12 Mix 2021 and all the ECh's for 2022.

2022 WECh is qualifier for 3 spots of world games in 2023.

***Action Item: GW will ask to both FIBS and Spain for the dates.***

### Discussion st to differences between postponed and cancelled tournaments

Question – Do we have completely new entries or keep them as is?

- If Teams drop the groups would change.
- Postponed means the same competitions, with same construction.
- If entries change dramatically we should cancel and make a new draw.

***Action Item: 2 Phases – PHASE 1 : AB will ask NF's if they are still in (we need to know the official dates for Championships) PHSAE 2: depends on answers of phase 1.***

***GW will approach FIBS for the WECh June or September.***

#### 4. SE topics for 2020

- Finalize all documents ready for 2021 – legislative and competition

CS: Umpires have had 2 working on webinars. Will have another on June 4. Also planning online training sessions. Working with WBSC and regional DoUs on a review of the rules.

MJ: legislative documents are ready, AB shall approve. Working on all documents.

EvS: financial regulations need to be adapted too.

- Target group for eligibility players – update

PA: the participants received their questionnaire, half sent them back. After receiving all, PA will see how to move forward. Recommendations will be ready by September for WBSC Europe board.

#### 5. Financial – budget situation

EvS: loss over 25k. We have not received expenses for Baseball5 from WBSC.

GW: WBSC budget will be revised. Pessimistic. June 11<sup>th</sup> WBSC board meeting.

#### 6. Final round table:

GW: We will set a date for an Autumn (November) meeting in person.

EG: available if help is needed for email signatures.