

SE EC - MINUTES

Online Video Conference – November 19, 2020

1. Welcome, Quorum

EC members' attendance:

Gaba Waage ("GW")
Eddy van Straelen ("EvS")
Youri Alkalay ("YA")
Mette Nissen – Jakobsen ("MN")
Petra Arends ("PA")
Kristian Pälviä ("KP")
Ami Baran ("AB")
John Austin ("JA")
CD: Elda Ghilardi ("EG") - Tech. Director: Mike Jennings ("MJ")
Not attending with apologies:, Daniela Castellani ("DC")

2. Minutes of the EC Meetings Minutes from Video Conference on June 29,2020:

APPROVED 8-0-0

3. Action items from last meeting

June 29 meeting action items accomplished

4. President and immediate issues:

- Member Federation Presidents online Update meeting

GW had online meetings in groups with the MF Presidents and responsible people from the MF. There were 23 countries in these meetings. 10 were not for several reasons and a follow up will be done with them

- WBSC Europe Update

2023 European Games: working on Baseball, Softball and Baseball5 for 2023 European games in Poland.

A few obstacles –

- European Olympic President passed away in June and new elections coming up
- Many events were postponed because of Coronavirus
- Poland and especially in Krakow the sports are not as popular as in other countries.
- 2027 European Games will be in London and there might be better chances there. .

Congress 2021: Has been postponed to November 2021 and was agreed upon by all Federations.

- **We will possibly have a 3 day Congress** as it will include elections and other issues.
- **The next Congress after that will be February 2023**

Discussion on the fiscal and technical issue of having the Congress in November 2021 and how notifications and financial information will be completed and worked out.
Possible need for changes.

Action item: AB, EvS and MJ will go through Statutes and regulations.

- WBSC Update

New structure of World Cup

- Looking at going back to a 4 year cycle.
- Qualification will be in stages where the 1st stage will be the Continental stage. The 2nd will be an intercontinental stage and there is some ambiguity as to the third stage. Proposal will be that the Top-8 play world cup.
- No guarantee that a Continent will have a representative.
- Reasons given were financial difficulties to do every two years and qualifiers, easier to find Hosts
- European Championships will stay in a 2-years cycle.
- December 9th there will be a WBSC Softball meeting and possibly a decision will come out of that meeting.

Slowpitch and WBSC

- The WBSC is moving in the direction of promoting Slowpitch , more than they did in the past.

Congress

- The WBSC Congress has been moved to March 2022.

5. SE competition 2021, SE calendar 2021-2023

- SE calendar 2021-2023; Evaluation of received bids;
 - **2021 U12 mixed:** no bid, still open.
 - **2022 U15 Women's European Championship:** Will not be in Enschede. PA stated that the Netherlands will still hold this Championships and will find another host and send a letter of guarantee.
 - **2022 U23 Men's European Championship:** bid from CZE. Possible dates agreed : July 4 to July 9.
 - **2023 U22 WECh:** no bid, still open;
 - **2023 U18 WECh:** no bid, still open;
 - **2023 U16/U18 MECh:** bid from CZE
 - Possible dates agreed : **July 3 to July 8.**
 - **2023 Coed Slowpitch European Championship:** no bid, still open;

Action Item: GW to publish NEW calendar.

- Conditions for U23 Men's qualifier;

GW asks for opinions about Specific event qualifiers , should teams have to be there to qualify or should it be open ?

- All agreed that - just teams that will commit to go to the World Cup if they qualify;
- All agreed that a letter of intent from the Federation be provided on their commitment to going if they qualify.

Action item: AB will prepare letter and contact NFs.

- Request by Denmark regarding player eligibility.

Somali player waiting for Danish passport, approved for 2020, **approved for 2021** too.

6. Finance

- Budget 2020 and 2021

EvS- Need more info from the WBSC Europe meeting. Minutes were not yet provided.

- Development funding is on hold because WBSC Development Commission is now asking for the Development Plan which was not made clear in the WBSC Europe meeting with Michael Schmidt.

Action Item: AB will send more details to WBSC on Monday.

- Fees for 2021

EvS: payment for affiliation fees should be paid to WBSC Europe, SE regulation might have to change.

7. Other issues

- **WBSCEurope website**

- WBSCEurope.org has been transferred to WBSCE.
- Paul Macaluso will be working with AB and EG on Website issues.
- Our emails will be under WBSCE and Gmail.

Action Item : AB will send emails to everyone explaining the specifics of how to register your email

Action Item: MJ will check with Carolien Stadhouders if she wants to keep the WBSCE email.

- **Softball Ireland proposal**

JA: Been in contact with Softball Ireland who would like to propose a change in the regulations to increase the roster to 20 players due to the possibilities of isolation/quarantine/Coronavirus virus.

Action Item: AB: will receive the proper proposal and send out for a EC vote/Discussion.

- **Sustainability in TR**

MJ: sustainability changes in our TR.

- Preferable not to use single use bottles.
- These are Suggestions, not mandatory in the regulations.
- Might be a branded gift for Umpires and TCs;

Action Item: AB will send out the relevant changes (additions to regarding sustainability) for an EC email vote

- **Nomination for TCs**

MJ: good nominations of TCs are welcome, many events, many TCs needed.

- **Round table – no other points**