

## SE EC - MINUTES

July 4, 2021

Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Italy

### **EC members' attendance:**

Gabriel Waage (GW)

Ami Baran (AB)

Petra Arends (PA)

Mette Nisse Jakobsen (MNJ)

Daniela Castellani (DC)

TD: Mike Jennings (MJ)

CD: Elda Ghilardi (EG)

Guest: Andrea Marcon (AM)

Not attending with apologies: Youri Alkalay ("YA"), Kristian Pälviä ("KP"), John Austin ("JA"), Eddy van Straelen ("EvS")

Notes: Elda Ghilardi (EG)

### **1. Welcome, Quorum**

GW: Glad we are here finally in person

- Congratulations to Italy for making the Olympics
- Good to be back on the field, hard times but it was worth it.
- Sad but we had to cancel Coed Slowpitch European Championship, too early in the season.

To AM: The rules changed many times, sorry for the difficulties in organizing.

GW: important to all sports. 2032 might be Brisbane, Australia, good for softball, we aim to be back to the Olympic program permanently.

## 2. President and immediate issues

- WBSCEurope update – situation

GW:

- WBSCEurope meeting was called but was cancelled. Website and statutes needed to be discussed. There is a miscommunication with Baseball Europe, but we hope to resolve the issue quickly.

AM:

- The changes to the Statutes which were to be discussed after the Congress in Vilnius did not occur
- A few Federations think that we need to two commissions and not two divisions.

AB:

- The Statutes were voted on in Vilnius and there was a proposal to have a meeting in Lausanne to discuss a few changes.
- Reminder that WBSCEurope copied the WBSCEurope statutes exactly as they are. The WBSCEurope still has two Divisions and elections in those Divisions. Maybe they will change the Statutes.
- WBSCEurope meetings have been run well and in full cooperation between the two co presidents.
- It was unclear that we needed the website up for the competitions.
- Today the Website was up and running and it happened once things were cleared up .

AM:

- Baseball and Softball is completely different. Different rules for organization, TC, television, etc.
- Not clear who is responsible from the Baseball side. Softball has all under control for their events and work.

AB:

- Structure was in place and things were being discussed such as media and TCs.
- Covid hit and WBSCEurope canceled all tournaments.

PA:

- WBSCEurope is not functioning; COVID seems just like an excuse.

AB:

- Softball Europe was active during COVID. After the elections, the new structure will be working. This will take time.

AM:

- Baseball without Softball is not possible. We need a board that works, not political games.
- Baseball is not doing much to promote, communicate like the Softball part.

AM:

- FIBS is ready to make available resources

## 2. Minutes

Approval of the EC Meetings Minutes from Video Conference on April 16

**APPROVED 8-0-0**

## 3. Cont. President Issues

- Congress in November 19 – 21, 2021
- WBSC update

GW: U18 in Lima is scheduled for December.

- Slowpitch will move forward in two years. MJ is the engine behind the movement.
- LA campaign for the Olympics.
- WBSC is working on a new structure and statutes.

## 4. SE Competitions 2021

- Qualified teams for WBSC World Cups – approval

ITA qualified for the Women's World Games, CZE and DEN qualified for WBSC Men's Softball World Cup.

**Action item: GW will send approval to WBSC**

- Using of WBSC Data Management System including Scoring system
- a) Problems, responsibilities

No guidelines, problems arised.

Problems with round robin, games not determined before the start of the day.

**Action item: EG and DD will create the work chart and send it to GW and he will send to each responsible (schedule).**

- CSPESC - update

Nine teams. Good tournament is expected.

- Confirmation of all remaining fast pitch Cups 2021

Confirmed.

**Action item: EG will confirm by Tuesday.**

- **MASTERS 2021**

We need to push it, extend the entries.

MNJ: Nacho had some issues:

- *officials: do they need to be from SE?*

Umps should be assigned by SE + Nacho's umpires. Teams could pay a contribution for what they save.

250€ to SE+100€ to organizers.

There could be retired ump.

**Decision : SE will provide 6, provided by UiC. Raoul needs to be instructed to reach out to retired ump.**

**The rest will be provided by Nacho.**

- *fields:*

Short field for Men's and Women's. Not possible for Men's.

- *contributions:*

SE is sending balls, medals, TC. Nacho provides UiC and SiC.

**Action item: MNJ will reply to Nacho.**

## 5. SE Calendar 2022 – 2024

- SE Calendar 2022 – 2024

U-15 Women's moved to Enschede to Rosmalen.

**Action item: PA will check with NED**

Four cups still need to be assigned.

- Bids for ECHs (2022 – 2024) and Cups (2022)
  1. Bid documents

ECh 2022-23-24. Cups 2022.

Call for the bids before September.

**Action item: EG and MJ can arrange a new document.**

2. Timing to call
- **Action item: EG will call the bids around September.**

## 6. Media

- Corporate Identity – SE documents

GW: New documents, new brand.  
Hopefully Baseball will do the same.

- WBSCEurope website, SE section

### **Action item:**

**Documents: EG will coordinate with Mike by September**

**News: EG will talk to Mr. Macaluso to have a plug-in to move all news**

**Ranking: GW will talk to Mr. Schmidt**

**Player market: DC and EG will have contact with Baseball Jobs over sea**

## 7. Development

- WBSCEurope Material support – equipment

CRO: material is stuck at the custom because it comes from SMR.

FIN: new President, new equipment. Working with Olympic Committee to create women's softball and men's baseball.

SLO: received some equipment.

- ESCA camp:

## 8. Other issues

- PA: another format for Women's Softball was necessary. More communication would have been good. Board did not discuss about it.
- EG: new format was not possible for numbers. Teams were informed.
- GW: Connie raised the questions; GW had a call with her. Three teams from top8 were out. 2021 was a special year, with free cancellation up to 30 days.

GW: good to have a meeting in person.  
Next meeting: TBD