

Softball Europe Window

Ljubljana, February 11, 2022

EC members' attendance:

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

Technical and Competitions Director: Mike Jennings ("MJ") and Connie Chwojka
Communications Director: Elda Ghilardi ("EG")

Apologies: John Austin ("JA")

Guest: Craig Cress ("CCr")

1. Opening - Gabriel Waage, SE President

"GW": Welcomes all for attending. Thanks the Executive Board Members and our special friend Mr. Craig Cress.

2. Welcome – Craig Cress, WBSC Softball Executive Vice-President

"CCr": Thanks SE for again inviting him to the Congress. Closing of a chapter. Changes might be difficult but necessary.

"GW": We appreciate our Friendship. Great connections with USA Softball.

3. Roll Call

AUSTRIA, BULGARIA, CROATIA, CZECH REPUBLIC, DENMARK, FRANCE, GERMANY, GREAT BRITAIN, GREECE, IRELAND, ISRAEL, ITALY, LITHUANIA, MALTA, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, POLAND, RUSSIA, SLOVENIA, SLOVAKIA, SPAIN, SWITZERLAND, SWEDEN, TURKEY, UKRAINE.

Affiliated Federations absent: BELGIUM, FINLAND, GEORGIA, GUERNSEY, HUNGARY, KOSOVO MOLDOVO, ROMANIA, SAN MARINO, SERBIA, ,

4. SE Financial Statement 2020 – 2021 - Eddy van Straelen, SE Treasurer (GW Steps in for EvS)

GW: financial documents have been sent to NFs. 2022 we will still work as we have been in 2021. . 2023 will see a change. No comments received. No comments in the room.

5. SE Development Activity Report - Ami Baran, SE Secretary General

"AB": We tried as much as we could to assist federations through the Covid pandemic. Covid slowed down our development, and we published all the development in the report shared in Rome.

6. SE Media Activity Report - Elda Ghilardi, SE Communications Director

"EG": I have dealt for the past year working on the WBSC Europe website and other data, streaming, social media during the activities, and live shows.

Questions:

- Will there be help for organizers for streaming? Rules for streaming?
The new Board will most likely deal with this question. Rules are on the website.
- Possible to monetize the numbers we have?
We are in contact with a new company.

7. SE Competitions Report - Mike Jennings, SE Technical and Competitions Director

"MJ": Thanking the Organizers for the events of 2021.

TC run the tournaments and the Media Officers are a part of the events crew. Our EC are always present at the almost all the events.

Questions:

- My.wbsc.org was not working properly in inserting rosters & not ready for slowpitch

8. Competitions 2022 situation:

1. Final allocation of the events
2. Final Entries

"CCh": Presented the 2022 calendar including entries.

Presentation of events by hosts: WECh and U-22.

9. Changes of Competitions Regulations:

1. Presented the Proposed changes by EC SE
2. Proposed by NFs (Ukraine, Denmark)

UKR: change of regulations.

1. Propose to remove the X for 16 years old in the Women's senior, championships, cups and U22 since we now have an U15 tournament.

Indicative voting from present Federations: 10-4-4

2. Propose that the Top8 teams in the European Championships must have played in one of the junior championships in the previous 2 years.

Proposed new format: if top8 do not have youth program, they will move into the lower bracket.

U-22 is also youth

Two years should be replaced by two editions

Indicative voting from present Federations: 2-8-7

DEN: change of regulations

1. MESC – reduce the number of teams per country to a maximum of four.

Indicative voting from present Federations: 0-7-8

2. Change the Calendars and have set dates for our Championships as we do for our Cups.

Indicative voting from present Federations: 3-6-8

All the proposals and the indicative results will be discussed in the Softball Commission for a final decision.

10. Competitions 2022 – 2029 situation

GW: There is a gap until 2025 and the Softball Commission will work on alternatives in Women's and Men's events.

11. Softball Europe Future in the new structure of WBSC Europe

GW: Great opportunity to unite with baseball. Start of a long journey. Good opportunity to vote.

Thank You

Gabriel Waage
President

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Ami Baran
Secretary General

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