

EDBF Congressional Meeting

7:30 p.m. 24th August 2013 at Cheshire County Sports Club, Chester, England

- 1) Present: Nick Pinnock (President & UKDBA), Tom Hickson (Vice President & UKDBA), Andrea Robbia (Vice President & Italy), Daniel Nadelcu (Vice President & Romania), England (Brett Koenig), Scotland (Shaun Scott), Ireland (Sean Douglas), Northern Ireland (Ian Fallis), Sweden (Markus Persson), Austria (Daniel Malik), France (Vincent Renaud), Wales (Richard Carr) & arrived 19:54 Karmen Klar (Slovenia); other persons accompanied the national representatives.
- 2) Committee members: Nick Pinnock president, Tom Hickson, Daniel Nadelcu Andrea Robbia, and Martin Knight:
 - a) Martin Knight stepped down as Vice President. Nomination for VP, Bernard Thompson (NIDBA). Seconded Nick Pinnock, no objections. Carried unanimously.
 - b) Treasurer vacant, and currently not needed.
 - c) Secretary General vacant. No nominations, left vacant for now.
- 3) Membership: current requirements: constitution plus €10/year, covering costs only no leeway however. Rep from Ireland said that we should pre-emptively increase price to €20 to allow €10 per country to go into a fund for future development. Vote. No objections, Carried unanimously.
- 4) Tournaments:
 - a) Proposals to continue with euros every year or an alternative of every 2 years, with years between hold a European open.
 - i) England-better to keep every year, then set a separate tournament to invite USA/Canada/world. One (1) team represent each nation, specific reference to USA.
 - ii) Euro championships continue each year. Then do second Open tournament a few days earlier/later as tester. Stays the same at moment vote: France abstains carried by 10 votes to nil; Euros stays each year.
 - b) Who is to hold the next championships:
 - i) for 2014 France & Romania both under consideration but both nations felt they were not yet ready to host a large event. Austria suggested, benefits, already had large scale tournament experience, Vienna is a nice city, and very central for all nations. Motion carried unanimously.
 - ii) Rep. Of Ireland wished to be considered for hosting 2015: carried unanimously
 - c) Should Championships continue on last weekend in August. Vote in favour was unanimous.
 - d) Sweden: said it would have been nice to play everyone round robin. Time constraints make it difficult. Is it not possible to increase number of days? This can be considered or alternatively, run more than one tournament over the Championship, e.g. Men, Women & Mixed. These matters will be considered for next Euros.
 - e) Regional championships: 6 nations tournament so far. Where possible should we have regional championships? Austria: is it feasible? Is it better to hold a club level Europe tournament? Proposed once a year to have a clubs 'champions league' . Motion carried 9-1, Ireland abstained .
- 5) Rules: What main rules do we like and don't like?
 - a) Court is flexible for choice of back line and wall.
 - b) Scotland: like the representation of all the Europe rules from all nations.
 - c) Wales: is 5 games too short for Play-offs? This will be considered after play-offs tomorrow. Propose 'Best of 7 Periods' for Semi-finals & Finals.
 - d) Sweden said PINCHING is not allowed because of damage to balls but it is not written into the rules, rule will be amended.
 - e) Continue with rules proposed: In Favour by 10 votes to 1. Motion carried.
 - f) Same size balls or smaller balls for women's Dodgeball? Wales: smaller balls makes mixed games difficult and most girls are used to it. Italy: girls prefer smaller for accuracy and power. Vote: reduce women's size ball by 250mm. Vote deferred and will be given by email.
- 6) World Dodgeball: representative associations & federations across the world to be members of WDBF, currently EDBF has 13 nations and Asian Dodgeball Federation has 5 members.
 - a) WDBF looking for a non UK member on EDBF council to liaise with members of other committees, Andrea Robbia volunteered to fulfil this position as an EDBF representative on WDBF Council.
 - b) Tom Hickson said Dodgeball can grow Dodgeball across 4 continents and develop the sport on scale to bid for Olympic recognition in approx. 11 years.
- 7) AOB:
 - a) After presentations evening Scotland have arranged free entry into nightclub. (Roseys) for all teams to socialise after all official events.
 - b) Romania suggested a Referee Committee? A rep from each European nation to join.
 - c) Also provide referees from ALL countries to each European tournaments or train referees on practice days prior to the event.

- d) Everyone should bring at least one referee to each Euro tournament.
 - e) A neutral person from each nations brings a nominated person to referee who can be a player if non-players not available.
 - f) Every country should have a head referee possibly 2 refs. Sweden said some nations could not be involved, as not enough people played Dodgeball in their country. Ireland suggested more developed nations bring 3-4 referees to enable neutral referees on all courts.
 - g) Vote deferred
- 8) Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.