

# **EDBF CONGRESS – AGENDA**

**Saturday 25th August 2012 at 10:00 a.m.**

## **1) Introductions:**

- a) representatives from each country present at the meeting introduced themselves-
- b) **Member Nations Represented:** Nick Pinnock (UKDBA & EDBF Committee Co-ordinator), Andrea Robbia (Italy), Karmen Klar (Slovenia), Shaun Scott (Scotland), Andrew Blower (Wales), Martin Knight (England), Sonia Rochereau (France), Daniel Nadelcu (Romania), Tom Hickson (UKDBA).
- c) **Nations not present but who are members** – Apologies were received from the representatives from Finland, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Sweden & Switzerland.

## **2) Constitution:**

- a) **How this affects structure:** Nick Pinnock spoke of the recently accepted EDBF Constitution and how this is an important document which will be used to run EDBF and it will strengthen the standing of EDBF with international organisations. It will also aid EDBF in its search for funding, as the Constitution is a legal document which outlines EDBF's governance.

## **3) Election of EDBF Council:**

- a) Nick Pinnock said that one of the most important parts of EDBF Constitution is the formation of the EDBF Council.
- b) **Election of first EDBF Council:** The first Council will be elected for one year, after which the Council will be voted on for a 4-year period. As there are 7 positions available and only 6 nominees, Nick Pinnock asked for a vote to elect all nominated persons on to the EDBF Council. The vote was unanimously in favour of this action.
- c) Election of nominated EDBF Council members was for the following positions: President – Nick Pinnock; 4 Vice-Presidents – Andrea Robbia, Tom Hickson, Daniel Nadelcu & Martin Knight; Secretary General – Andrew Blower; Treasurer – to remain vacant, Tom Hickson will carry out these duties for the interim.

## **4) Membership Requirements:**

- a) Nick Pinnock stated that it is recognised that not all nations will find it easy to attain NGB status in their country, but if the necessary documents are submitted to EDBF they can be granted EDBF membership, which will aid their application for NGB status.
- b) **Constitution & policies:** Nick Pinnock outlined the requirements for a Constitution and policies for all member associations. A template for a Constitution will be forwarded to each national representative, along with templates for Anti-drug policy, Anti-doping Policy, Child Protection Policy and Equality Policy.

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- c) **Membership Fees:** Daniel Nadelcu suggested a fee based on average income, but Tom Hickson thought this was difficult to work out. An annual fee for this year of €10.00 for each nation was recommended by Nick Pinnock; the membership fee reviewed annually, the meeting voted unanimously in favour for this. A national association can also donate additional funds if they have the funds available.

### **5) European Championships**

- a) **Frequency:** Andrea Robbia and Karmen Klar both stated that the Championships should be held every year. The meeting voted on this and the vote was unanimously in favour of the motion.
- b) **Next host nation:** Tom Hickson nominated the UK to host the event again in 2013. There is a strong possibility the UK can offer free accommodation next to a venue in Chester, just 20-30 minutes from the airports at Manchester and Liverpool. The meeting was unanimously in favour of UK hosting the next European Championships.
- i) Tom Hickson also suggested that the European Championships in 2014 & 2015 should be hosted by one of the new member nations, one in France and one in Romania. The Council will work with the host nations to see which nation will host which year's event.
- ii) EDBF Council will appoint members from the Council to work with the host nations, to form an EDBF Championship Committee. The Committee will also decide on a template formula for playing schedule and organisational processes for the host nations to follow.
- iii) Andrea Robbia and Tom Hickson recommended that the date for European Championships be the last full weekend in August each year. The vote for this proposal was unanimously in favour.
- iv) Karmen Klar, recommended that there also be a mixed gender tournament at future European Championships, as well as separate men's & women's tournaments. The meeting was unanimously in favour of this proposal.

- 6) **WDBF Membership:** Nick Pinnock outlined recent progress for European and Asian federations to work together to develop world Dodgeball. There is also the possibility that there could be a representative Team USA and an association in Australia who would be willing to work with EDBF & ADF.

- 7) **Any Other Business:** Karmen Klar suggested that member nations, who participate in the European Championships, should be able to send teams to participate in both male & female tournaments within two years of their first EDBF tournament entry. Those present agreed this was a good target to set nations; it will be put to the Tournament Committee and to EDBF Council to consider this matter.

- 8) **The meeting closed at 11:50 a.m.**