

Minutes to the 2nd Beach Handball Commission Meeting in April 2020

Venue and date

15 April 2020, 09:00 - 11:00 & 11:30 - 13:30
Video Conference

Participants

BC

Ole R. Jørstad / Chairman
Marco Trespidi / Events & Competition
Ivan Sabovik / Officiating
George Bebetos / Promotion and Development
Jelena Rakonjac / Member

EHF Office

Martin Hausleitner / Secretary General (for the introduction)
Ivana Jelić / BU Beach Handball Manager
Tobia Pisani / BU Beach Handball Junior Event Manager (new employee from 4 May)
Andrew Barringer / Media department (partly)

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1. Welcome

1.1. Minutes of BC Meeting in February 2020

Jørstad welcomed the members of the BC and the office to the second BC meeting, which was held as a video conference via Microsoft Teams. During the opening of the meeting, EHF Secretary General Hausleitner joined the video call and shared general information about the EHF and the current situation regarding competitions and events.

The minutes of the last meeting in February 2020 were approved without any comments.

1.2. EXEC Meeting - Video Call in March 2020

Jørstad informed on the extraordinary EXEC meeting, which was arranged as a video conference in March. The focus of the meeting was the current COVID-19 situation and the impact on the EHF competitions. BC and office were requested by EXEC to clarify the situation regarding the BH events.

1.3. TD Meeting (16 April 2020)

The following beach handball relevant topics were defined in order to be discussed at the TD meeting on 16 April additional to the COVID-19 status:

- Events in 2020 under constant research and a concept of postponements will be presented to EXEC in the upcoming meeting
- EUSA Games and education courses postponed
- Digital Score Sheet cooperation postponed/cancelled
- New playing balls production by Trial will be postponed to next year
- Players' registration and transfer system is currently worked out

2. Online testing

2.1. Status update

Due to the update of the questions, the planned testing periods will be changed:

2. July: 3 – 16 July (re-test: 20 July – 2 August)

3. November: 6 – 19 November (re-test: 23 November – 6 December)

The EHF beach handball officials will be informed accordingly.

2.2. Questions revision

Bebetsos updated the referee questions in cooperation with Panos Antoniou and Ioannis Meimaridis and is currently working on new rule questions. The first part is ready to be implemented into the system. The current referee questions will be deleted and the new questions will be included to the system from scratch within the next two months. Trespidi reviewed the current delegate questions directly in the EHF online testing system.

3. Media matters

3.1. Media campaign 2020 update

Barringer joined the video call for the media matters part and reported on the status of the media campaign for the BH season in 2020 and beyond. The idea is to focus on stories behind the people involved, or have been involved in beach handball in the past. The name of the campaign is “Humans of Beach Handball” and started with a live interview with Hugo Madera from Spain. The live interviews are done by the mobile reporter Marcio Menino. The first episode reached around 300 views, which is a good start for the campaign. As a next step posts for social media and the EHF website will be created, to tell the story again through Instagram and Facebook and written stories. The next live interview episode is scheduled for Thursday, 16 April with the Danish goalkeeper Ditte Vind.

4. ebt

4.1. ebt season - Status tournaments and teams

The current number of registered tournaments is 24. In the last weeks 5 ebt tournaments in POL, CRO, 2x NED and DEN have been cancelled due to the current restrictions. The current number of registered teams is 81 teams (37 women, 44 men). Compared to the same period last year with 40 tournaments and 96 teams registered, the number of teams and tournaments decreased.

Facing the current challenges, it is expected to have very few ebt tournaments organised this season. In order to consider the ebt season 19/20 valid for the ebt Finals in 2021, a certain number of tournaments need to be played until the end of the season. In case this number is not reached the ebt Finals for the current ebt season may not be played. The evaluation of the situation will be done in the next months to see the development on a European level.

4.2. ebt Finals 2020 - Status update

In cooperation with the organiser the deposit made by the teams for the accommodation was saved immediately in March and can be transferred back to the teams in case of a cancellation.

The recommendation from BC is to cancel the event this year and to inform the teams immediately after the EXEC meeting. According to the current global situation and the restrictions in place no alternative date can be fixed this summer. A possible solution is the postponement of the ebt Finals 2020 to the next year, also based on the final status of the current ebt season (see *point 4.1.*). This decision will be taken at the next BC meeting in August and forwarded to the EXEC for confirmation. The nomination letter for referees and delegates was sent out in March and everyone confirmed their presence based on the current date. The nominated officials need to be informed accordingly.

5. YAC 16 EURO 2020

5.1. Status update

FIGH sent a letter to the EHF Office in March requesting to change the date of the YAC 16 EURO to end of September. The following date was then confirmed by FIGH: 24 to 27 September 2020. The final venue can only be confirmed by FIGH after a decision will be reached concerning the World Championship, which was originally planned to take place in the week before the YAC event in

Pescara. The BC recommended to postpone the event to September and to combine it with the Champions Cup, which is planned to take place in Sicily on the first weekend of October. The YAC 16 EURO is a qualification tournament for the U17 World Championship in Nazare next year. In case the YAC EURO will be cancelled this year an alternative solution needs to be found for next year. The final confirmation of the event in 2020, after having clarified the conditions (participants, place, global situation, etc.) is planned for 15 June 2020.

5.2. EHF Officials Nominations

The nomination letter for referees and delegates was sent out in March and everyone confirmed their presence based on the current date. An update need to be sent to the nominated persons.

6. European Championships 2020

6.1. Status update

The plan to change the date of the Championships, which are the qualification tournaments to the EURO 2021 is the most difficult topic. Besides the current global situation the uncertainty of the general handball calendar for the next season makes a postponement of the tournaments impossible. Any later date might interfere with the potential start of the indoor season and with two different venues involved the situation gets even more complicated. According to the current analysis of the feasibility to execute the qualification, the BC recommended to cancel the two events this year. Possible alternatives for 2021 will be defined in the next months.

6.2. EHF Officials Nominations

There was no nomination letter sent out to the referees and delegates yet.

7. EHF Champions Cup (ChC) 2020

7.1. Status and timeline

There is no update on the Champions Cup and no workshop took place yet. The event is planned to take place in Palermo, Sicily from 1 to 4 October. In case the event can take place, the BC agreed to accept teams, who qualify through national championships, or in case the championship cannot be played this summer, to accept also participants from NFs that had national BH championships in the past. The final decision regarding the event need to be taken latest beginning of July 2020. A possible solution to cancel the event this year and to find an agreement with FIGH for hosting a third edition in 2021 according to the contract will be discussed in the next months.

The following NFs had national championships recently: AZE, BUL, CRO, DEN, ESP, EST, GEO, GBR, GER, GRE, HUN, ITA, LTU, MDA, MLT, MNE, NED, NOR, POL, POR, ROU, RUS, SLO, SUI, SVK, SWE, UKR (= 27 NFs).

7.2. Regulation update

The regulations will be updated in respect of players playing in two different championships (countries) in one season, which is not allowed. The control of this rule is done by the NFs. The NFs are responsible to check before submitting the official squad list to the EHF Office. The regulations will be updated before sending the invitation to register to the teams.

8. EHF BH education courses 2020

8.1. Status update

The Camelot tournament was postponed to 2021 and will take place in the city of Tilburg/NED. Consequently the education courses will also be postponed to 2021 and will take place from 25 to 31 May 2021. The registered candidates need to confirm their participation in 2021 until 29 May 2020.

8.2. Future perspective and planning

A second course for the additional candidates registered for the referees' and delegates' course this year will be defined in due time.

A concept for the coaches' education and a level 3 course for the future will be presented by Trespidi at the next BC Meeting in August.

8.3. Lecturer nomination

Marcio Magliano, the coach of the Brazilian women's national team, was approached to join the coaches' course as lecturer and confirmed his presence for 2020. Magliano will be informed by the EHF Office about the postponement of the course and will be invited to join the course in 2021.

9. EUSA Games 2020

9.1. Status update

EUSA Games were postponed to 14 – 27 July 2021. The dates for the beach handball competitions are not defined yet. EHF Office placed a request to EUSA already to have BH in the last weekend of the event period. The proposal of BC is to have the competition on the following dates: 24 – 27 July 2021.

10. EURO 2021

10.1. Status BID documents

The bid documents are on a good way and will be finalized next week. Input was received from the different EHF departments and from Bebetos.

10.2. Timetable for further procedure

The documents will be sent out to the NFs after the EXEC meeting and the plan is to award the event at the next EXEC meeting in June.

10.3. Additional compensation for EHF Officials

Based on the input from BC a motion to the EXEC will be forwarded in April in order to have an additional compensation for BH referees and delegates for the EURO events (YAC and senior) in the future. The motion foresees to have an additional payment of EUR 50 per person per match day. This additional compensation needs to be covered by the respective EURO organiser. In case of a positive feedback from EXEC this change will be implemented in the bid documents for the BH EUROs 2021.

11. Publications

11.1. Educational short video clips

The first 10 education videos have been completed by Zapardiel. The videos were uploaded to the EHF cloud and will be published online on the new website. The NFs will be informed accordingly. According to the initial plan there is video material available for further 10 short videos. The price for the next video package is EUR 2,900. BC agreed to continue with the production of the additional 10 video clips.

12. IHF matters

12.1. Worldwide planned activities (including EHF events)

2020 IHF Beach Handball Global Tour 1 in Wroclaw/POL, 12 - 14 June (cancelled)

2020 IHF Beach Handball Global Tour 2 in Düsseldorf/GER, 26 – 28 June (cancelled)

2020 IHF World Championships in Pescara/ITA, 30 June - 5 July (postponed)

2020 Championships in GEO & GRE, 3 - 5 July (cancellation tbc)

2020 YAC 16 BH EURO in Silvi Marina/ITA, 8 - 11 July (postponement tbc)

2020 EUSA Games in Belgrade/SRB, 13 - 15 July (postponed to 2021)

2020 IHF Beach Handball Global Tour 3 in Valencia/ESP, 13 – 15 August (cancelled)
2020 IHF Beach Handball Global Tour 4 in Pattaya/THA, 6 – 8 November (cancelled)
2021 YAC 17 & Senior BH EUROS
2021 IHF World Championships Youth (U17) in Nazare/POR, 22 – 27 June
2021 EUSA Games in Belgrade/SRB, 14 – 27 July
2021 EUSA Championships in Malaga/EUSA (tbc)
2022 World Games in Birmingham (Alabama)/USA, 7 - 17 July
2022 YAC 16 BH EURO
2022 Youth Olympic Games in Dakar/Senegal

Part 2

Long term activities

13. Events & Competition

13.1. Age categories YAC – Future concept

The BC proposed to change to the youth category under 19 for the EURO in 2021, in case the U17 World Championship will stay in 2021. The initial idea was to have the same age category for 2021 and to give the qualified teams a preparation event before the WCh. As the date of the U17 WCh end of June is not practical, the BC will request a change of the age category to the EXEC in due time. In case the Youth World Championship will be moved to 2022, the U17 EURO is needed as a qualification event in 2021. A consequence of this possible change is that the U16 EURO planned this year will not be a qualification event anymore.

14. Officiating

14.1. Referee and delegate education videos – Update

Sabovik reported that the University of Las Palmas is currently not working and other projects are already in line. Therefore, the production of the education videos is postponed and Sabovik will follow up on this topic in the next months.

15. Promotion and Development

15.1. BH Event production guide & ceremony concept - Project update

The respective documents have been prepared by Bebetos and forwarded for the implementation in the bid documents for the EURO 2021.

15.2. Draw concept for EUROS

Based on the request from BC a future draw concept for BH EUROS was presented by Bebetos. The BC members made a few remarks and further adaptations will be done. After an internal check it will be included in the bid documents for 2021.

16. Additional Member

16.1. Registration of players - Timeline & next steps

Rakonjac explained the concept for the registration of beach handball players and licensing of clubs. The future plan regarding the transfer system was presented and discussed as well. Trespidi requested to exclude the ebt Finals from this plan or to adapt the current regulations until 2022, as the ebt season regulations follow different rules currently. Bebetos supported this request. No common conclusion was found on the presented document and the topic will be discussed again at the next BC coordination call in May. Trespidi and Bebetos were requested to prepare a proposal for a new ebt concept in order to adapt the ebt season regulations for the season 2022/23 onwards. The proposal will be presented at the BC meeting in August.

17. Miscellaneous

17.1. Re-Branding & new BH logo system

The new CI guidelines and BH logo concept were presented and without any further comments unanimously accepted.

Jørstad thanked the participants for their contributions and closed the meeting.

For the minutes: Ivana Jelić
Vienna, 20 April 2020

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Assignment of tasks

2. Online testing

Revision and update of referee questions

Bebetsos

Information of officials about change of online testing period

Jelić

5. ebt

Concept for BH workshop (future topics)

Bebetsos/Jelić

Concept for new club competitions

Bebetsos/Trespidi

6. European Championships 2020

Update for qualification system for EURO 2021

BC members

8. EHF BH education courses

Education plan for coaches & Level 3 course curriculum

Trespidi

9. EUSA Games 2021

Follow up on the dates for BH in 2021

Rakonjac

10. EURO 2021

Finalization of the bid documents

Bebetsos/Jelić

11. Publications

Completion of the next educational short video clips

Zapardiel

14. Officiating

Referee and delegate education videos

Sabovik

16. Additional Member

Finalization of concept for registration of BH players and club licencing

Rakonjac