

Minutes to the 1st Beach Handball Commission Meeting in February 2020

Date/Time	27 February 2020 / 13:00 – 16:00 28 February 2020 / 09:00 – 18:00
Venue	Hilton Garden Inn Hotel, Vienna / AUT
Participants	
<i>BC</i>	Ole R. Jørstad / Chairman Marco Trespidi / Events & Competition Ivan Sabovik / Officiating George Bebetos / Promotion and Development Jelena Rakonjac / Member
<i>EHF Office</i>	Ivana Jelić / BU Beach Handball Manager Andrew Barringer / Media department (partly) Markus Glaser / Chief Sports Officer (in the opening part)

Part 1 Daily Business
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1. Welcome

1.1. Minutes of BC Meeting August 2019

Jørstad welcomed the members of the BC and the office to the first BC meeting in 2020. The minutes of the last meeting in August 2019 were approved without any comments.

1.2. EXEC Meetings November 2019 & January 2020

Jørstad continued to inform on the latest EXEC meetings in Cologne in November 2019 and in Stockholm in January 2020. At both meetings the focus was on the long-term strategic plan for beach handball (BH), which was presented in Stockholm. Key elements discussed by the EXEC members were the involvement of the National Federations and more regulations on club level (transfer system, legal parameters, and player's registrations).

1.3. 15th EHF Conference of Presidents in January 2020

Jørstad mentioned the presentation of the new EHF Master Plan and re-branding of the EHF. The new BH logo and the overall EHF Master Plan were presented by Rowland in the scope of the Commission meetings as well.

1.4. TD Meeting on 27 February

The following BH related topics were discussed at the TD Meeting:

- *Technology support*: Continuation of the cooperation with SportVision and the evaluation of the Digital Score Sheet (DSS) for beach handball in the future
- *Challenge for coaches*: Report on the experience at the first test in Catania and the next implementation at the YAC 16 EURO in summer.
- *EHF Beach Handball education course*: Additional courses for beach handball delegates and referees in 2020 and a new programme for the level 2 coaches' course will be implemented.

2. EHF eLearning project

2.1. Updated timeline & task distribution

Input was received only from Zapardiel last year. Due the lack of resource in the BH office this project was postponed to autumn 2020. The first priority is to update the questions in the online testing system as soon as possible. Additionally up-to-date teaching material (pictures, videos and presentations) for referees and delegates education is needed and will be prepared for the courses this year and used for the eLearning.

3. Online testing

3.1. Status update

The re-test of the first testing phase in 2020 is on-going until 1 March 2020.

The status of the number of active delegates is 57 and the number of active referees is 83.

The next planned testing periods are:

2. May: 1 – 14 May (re-test: 18 – 31 May)
3. October: 2 – 15 October (re-test: 19 October – 1 November)

3.2. Questions revision

Trespidi will be reviewing the current questions in the online testing system with support of Bebetosos. In case the review is not completed until the next testing period in May, it was agreed to skip the second test. The questions will be checked and included to the system from scratch.

4. Media matters

4.1. Media campaign 2020

Barringer explained the new idea for a media campaign for the 2020 BH season and beyond, focusing on stories behind the people involved, or have been involved in beach handball. A tentative name for the campaign, “Spirit of the Beach”, was suggested. A plan, involving which stories and players to focus on was discussed, as well as the format, content and distribution of the campaign across the EHF's digital channels. The BC supported the idea behind the campaign and an update on the details will be presented at the next BC meeting in April.

4.2. Media work BH events

A communication plan for the 2020 season was also presented, outlining the tournaments falling both inside and outside the EHF's remit. Barringer presented a brief content plan, detailing timescales and ideas for editorial, video and social media to be used during these events. It was also discussed which media personnel will attend the events on behalf of the EHF.

5. ebt

5.1. ebt season - Status tournaments and teams

The current number of registered tournaments is 23, with 4 tournaments pending. Two indoor BH tournaments (NED & CZE) were already played. And in total 72 teams (32 women, 40 men) have been registered so far.

This is an increase in tournaments and team registrations in comparison to the last ebt season (2018/19), were in the same period 20 tournaments and 54 team (24 women, 30 men) were registered. Due to the lack of resources in the BH Office no nominations for ebt tournaments with more than 250 have been made yet.

5.2. ebt Finals 2020 – Status registrations and organisation

In total 14 men and 12 women qualified teams registered for the ebt Finals in Larnaka (CYP). Substitute from different nations were contacted and a confirmation is required. The registration deadline ended on the 6 March.

The workshop and site inspection were done in December, after which the venue and the hotels were changed by the local organiser. The changes were confirmed as the new venue is a better solution with permanent courts with tribunes, which was used for the ebt tournament and other beach events. Furthermore most of the hotels are close to the new venue and the needed infrastructure is already available. There are not sufficient rooms for the officials' meetings in the EHF hotel on the weekend available. The local organiser will take care of this issue and present different options.

5.3. ebt – Future concept and ideas

According to the long term BH strategy document and the request from EXEC to involve NFs, an evaluation of the current system for the future needs to be developed. Therefore a concept for a workshop will be prepared until the April meeting to be presented to BC by Bebetos and the EHF Office. It was noted that the implementation of the licensing system is the first step.

6. YAC 16 BH EURO 2020

6.1. Preparation second workshop

Due to other obligations of the main responsible persons, the second workshop was postponed to Rome on 10 March. The ITA federation received the organiser's contract for their review this week. The ITA federation informed Trespidi about the need to have new hotels for the teams. This issue will be dealt with at the workshop/video conference. A EURO manual including all EHF procedures needs to be set-up for the YAC 16 EURO by Bebetos and the EHF Office.

6.2. Group distribution & playing systems

A total number of 17 women and 19 men teams were registered for the YAC 16 BH EURO in Italy. The teams will be drawn to four groups and the playing schedule will be finalized before the second workshop.

6.3. EHF Officials Nominations

The presented EHF Officials nominations (referees and delegates) for the EURO were confirmed and will be sent out by the EHF Office.

6.4. Qualitative analysis

It was proposed to nominate EHF Delegate Alex Gehrler to complete the qualitative analysis and confirmed by the BC.

7. European Championships BH 2020

7.1. Workshops

Both workshops and site-inspections took place in December. In Greece the conditions are very good and the venue is the same as at the ebt Finals in the past. The venue in Georgia is in a bad status and all infrastructure need to be refurbished before the event. Regular feedback will be requested from the GEO federation on the construction work in Batumi. A shuttle system is needed at both venues.

7.2. Group distribution & playing systems

In total 12 women and 14 men teams were registered for the Championship. The draw of the groups was done and the teams were placed according to the BH Nation's Ranking. A proposal to allocate the teams to the two venues according to geographical aspects, if possible and to have men and women teams from the same nation together at one venue was confirmed. The teams will be informed about the group distribution and the respective venue next week. In the next step the playing system for the competitions will be set up.

7.3. EHF Officials Nominations

The presented EHF officials' nominations (referees and delegates) were confirmed and will be sent out by the EHF Office.

8. EHF BH Champions Cup (ChC) 2020

8.1. Status and timeline

The date for the workshop for the third edition of the ChC in Italy will be finalized in cooperation with the ITA federation within the next weeks. The venue for the next edition will be changed from Catania to another place in Sicily in order to improve the conditions based on the feedback from the last editions.

8.2. Future concept and ideas

A new concept for the future of the ChC and for a respective venue will be developed until the BC meeting in August 2020.

9. EHF BH Education courses 2020

9.1. Status registrations and organisation

The numbers of registrations for the for the next delegates', referees' and coaches' course in the Netherlands are 16 delegates and 15 referee pair candidates and 23 coaches. The registrations of coaches for the course were confirmed. The number of candidates for the delegates and referees is limited to 8 delegate and 8 referee pair candidates. Following the big interested for the delegates and referee course it was agreed to offer the possibility to the ebt organiser in Moscow to host a second referee course. An additional delegates' course in the scope of the ChC will be discussed with the ITA federation. The candidates and the federations will be informed accordingly. The WHB will support 10 female participants in total this year.

9.2. Lecturer nominations

It was agreed to look for qualified international coaches' lecturers for the course. Trespidi will contact potential candidates.

10. EUSA Games 2020

10.1. EHF/EUSA Meeting

Rakonjac reported on the cooperation meeting with EUSA before the BC meeting on 27 February. The current number of team registrations and the current event preparation status were presented and future cooperation and events were discussed.

10.2. Inspection workshop

Last year the inspection workshop took place in Belgrade. Currently the preparation for the construction of three courts is in progress.

10.3. Status registrations and organisation

For the beach handball competition 9 men and 7 women teams have been confirmed by EUSA. The aim is to reach 12 + 12 teams for the EUSA Games.

11. Publications

11.1. Educational short video clips

The final editing of the short education videos will be completed within the next weeks by Zapardiel as agreed. The videos will be published online and distributed to the NFs.

11.2. Qualitative analysis EURO 2019

The qualitative analysis was completed by Zapardiel and distributed.

12. IHF matters

12.1. Meeting EHF/IHF BH Working Group

There is no update on the next meeting with the IHF BH Working Group.

12.2. Worldwide planned activities

- 2020 IHF Beach Handball Global Tour 1 in Wroclaw/POL, 12 - 14 June
- 2020 IHF Beach Handball Global Tour 2 in Düsseldorf/GER, 26 – 28 June
- 2020 IHF World Championships in Pescara/ITA, 30 June - 5 July
- 2020 Championships in GEO & GRE, 3 - 5 July
- 2020 YAC 16 BH EURO in Silvi Marina/ITA, 8 - 11 July
- 2020 EUSA Games in Belgrade/SRB, 13 - 15 July (BH tournament)
- 2020 IHF Beach Handball Global Tour 3 in Valencia/ESP, 13 – 15 August
- 2020 IHF Beach Handball Global Tour 4 in Pattaya/THA, 6 – 8 November
- 2021 YAC 17 & Senior BH EURO
- 2021 IHF World Championships Youth (U17)
- 2021 EUSA Championships in Malaga/EUSA
- 2021 World Games in Birmingham (Alabama)/USA, July, 15 – 25 July
- 2022 YAC 16 BH EURO
- 2022 Youth Olympic Games in Dakar/Senegal

13. Strategic BH action plan

13.1. Status update

The project “Mini Beach Handball” was introduced last year and the results of the tournament in Germany and recommendations for training with kids under 10 and 12 years were distributed to all NFs. An inspection workshop was carried out in ALB and further cooperation is planned.

13.2. Next steps & focus 2020

The focus in 2020 will be put on the education and development in respect of referees, delegates, NFs and the current beach handball competitions. The Grassroots projects will be developed in cooperation with other NFs. Further workshops and site inspections in countries with low or no beach handball activities will be carried out. Furthermore new education and development material will be produced and distributed.

Part 2 Long term activities
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14. Events & Competition

14.1. Technology support

14.1.1. Coach’s Challenge

Trespidi presented the plan to have the next test of the “coach’s challenge” at the YAC 16 BH EURO. There will be no challenge during the ebt Finals. An adjustment of the rules will be presented at the meeting in April. It was defined to use the goal-line technology and instant video replay only on the main court of the ebt Finals and ChC and to test the SportVision system on three courts for the YAC 16 BH EURO in Italy as a preparation for the senior EURO in 2021.

14.1.2. DSS further development

Currently there will be no use of the DSS in BH. A follow-up regarding the “coaches’ application” will be done by Trespidi. Other options will be evaluated as well.

14.1.3. Scoreboard software

Following a positive test in Catania during the ChC the scoreboard software implemented by SportVision together with a manual will be provided by EHF to all organisers.

14.2. BH equipment development

The minutes of the last Trial meeting were distributed and new balls for rainy weather conditions will be tested for the first time at the ebt Finals 2020.

15. Officiating

15.1. Referee and delegate education videos

Sabovik reported on the current status regarding the education videos. Videos from the last year's BH EURO and the respective situations were selected and forwarded to Jose Miguel Rodriguez Castro from the University of Las Palmas to clarify the start of the preparation of the videos. The final timeline for the publication of the videos will be worked out until the next BC meeting in April.

16. Game Design and Coaching

16.1. University licence for beach handball coaches

Further work needs to be done for collecting all required documents in order to send sufficient information to universities and National Federations. This topic due to other priorities is currently on hold.

17. Promotion and Development

17.1. BH Event guidelines & ceremonies

Bebetsos prepared a concept for an organisational manual for crucial parts of BH events in the future and will continue with the agreed parts. The marketing topics will be implemented by the EHF Office in cooperation with Infront/DAZN.

17.2. Promotional events & ideas

The focus will be put on Grassroots topics and the "Mini Beach Handball" project promotion (add point 13. *Strategic BH action plan*).

17.3. Draw concept for EUROS

Bebetsos made a proposal to have a draw for Senior EUROS in the future. The BC members confirmed the proposal and a concept will be prepared by Bebetos for the next EURO 2021.

17.4. Involvement of NF's

It was agreed to continue to use the tools already defined in the strategic concepts, where the information of NFs and personal contacts are crucial.

18. Additional Member

18.1. Registration of players –Timeline & next steps

A first draft for the players' registration was presented by Rakonjac. The document will be updated and a final version will be prepared until the next BC meeting in April. The plan is to present the respective motion for the EXEC meeting on 25/26 June 2020.

19. Miscellaneous

19.1. Re-Branding & new logo BH

Rowland joined the BC meeting and presented the new EHF brand identity and the new beach handball logo. Further updates on the other logo variations for ebt/ebt Finals, the ChC and the EUROs will be distributed within the next weeks.

19.2. 12th EHF Conference for Secretaries General

There will be a presentation on beach handball held by Jelić at the conference in Bratislava. The topics will be the current BH competitions, the development concept and an outlook for 2021.

19.3. Activity Plan and Budget 2020

Based on the activities planned the respective budget was worked out and confirmed by the BC (see enclosure 1) and will be further coordinated within the overall EHF budget.

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

For the minutes: Ivana Jelić
Vienna, 13 March 2020

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Assignment of tasks

2. EHF eLearning project (LIAS) Updated teaching material for BH referees and delegates education	BC members
3. Online testing Revision of all questions in the system	Trespidi/Bebetsos
5. ebt EHF officials' nominations Concept for BH future workshop	Jelić Bebetsos/Jelić
6. YAC 16 BH EURO 2020 EHF officials' nominations EURO manual including all EHF procedures	Jelić Bebetsos/ Jelić
7. European Championships BH 2020 EHF officials' nominations Playing schedule and court plans	Jelić Trespidi/Jelić
8. EHF BH Champions Cup (ChC) 2020 Future concept for ChC	Trespidi/Jelić
9. EHF BH Education course Lecturer selection and nomination	Trespidi/Jelić
11. Publications Completion of the educational short video clips	Zapardiel
14. Events & Competition Adaption of rules for "Coach's Challenge" Follow up on DSS coaches' application	Trespidi Trespidi
15. Officiating Referee and delegate education videos	Sabovik
17. Promotion and Development Organisational manual for BH events & ceremonies	Bebetsos
18. Additional Member Update of registration of players concept for BH	Rakonjac



2020 Budget & Activity Plan BU Beach Handball

Status: February 2020 / Jelić



	BC	Activities	EURO
1. BC Meetings	20.000		
2. Beach Handball Activities			
ebt Finals		5.000	
Champions Cup		5.000	
EUSA support		12.000	
Education course for referees and delegates		7.500	
Development support new ebt tournaments (new nations)		10.000	
BH song (last instalment)		3.500	
Promotion activities		5.000	
Site visits (new BH nations)		2.000	
Partner servicing		500	
Technology and new equipment (video cloud)		8.000	
Media activities (ebt, ChC, Promo video EURO 2021)		13.000	
Depreciation IT		8.500	
3. EUROS (YAC 16 & Championships)			
2020 Championships (EURO Qualification)			50.000
2020 YAC BH EURO			16.000
2020 YAC BH EURO Support			70.000
TOTAL	€ 20.000	€ 80.000	€ 136.000