

BEACH HANDBALL COMMISSION MEETING
Prior to the 2021 EHF Congress in Vienna/AUT
Thursday, 22 April 2021 09:00 – 12:30 / Bungalow A

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

Office: Ivana Jelić

MINUTES

1. Welcome, programme, agenda

Ole R. Jørstad welcomed the participants to the last meeting of the election period 2016 – 2021 and started the meeting.

2. Minutes BC 02/2021 and EXEC 03/2021

The minutes of the last BC meeting in February 2021 were approved without any comments and Jørstad reported on the EXEC meeting in March, where the BC motion was approved.

3. Education & Development

3.1. Development Support

Three requests from beach handball tournament organisers in Germany, Poland and Slovakia were received in the past weeks and a confirmation from the respective federations is still open. A request for an EHF lecturer for a referees' course in Sweden is pending.

In the scope of a lecturer request from the Austrian Handball Federation, Alex Gehrler was nominated for an online meeting ("Handball goes outdoor") with 35 participants.

3.2. Online Testing

A detailed analysis and testing were done to guarantee a smooth next online test via Ilias in May. The testing period is: 3 – 16 May (re-test: 20 May – 2 June).

3.3. Beach Handball Book

The elaboration of the book is going according to plan and a photo and video shooting for the book will be organised end of May. There will be QR codes included to the book for accessing EHF teaching and promotion videos.

3.4. Registration and Licensing Project

The EXEC motion was approved and a motion to the IHF will be prepared accordingly. The internal IT preparations started, and the deadlines were approved. The legal conditions need to be elaborated as a next step.

4. ebt

4.1. ebt season

The current number of registered tournaments is ten (10). No tournaments have been played yet. The registered teams are currently 41 (17 women, 24 men).

This is a decrease in tournaments and team registrations in comparison to the last ebt season (2019/20): In the same period, 24 tournaments and 81 teams (37 women, 44 men) were registered. Most of the organisers are waiting to have a clearer picture of the restrictions and the global pandemic situation before registering the tournaments.

4.2. ebt Finals

Trespodi reported on the preparation for the ebt Finals, which will be a positive sign for other tournament organisers and a new start for beach handball in Europe. Beside a great venue directly at the beach, night matches at the main court and national TV exposure were confirmed by the organisers.

In total 14 women and 16 men teams are confirmed for the ebt Finals 2021 taking place in Torrox, Malaga (ESP) from 3 to 6 June 2021. The second workshop and site inspection in Spain were completed last week and the notes will follow. The focus was put on the implementation of the EHF Hygiene Concept for beach handball, which was provided to the organiser. The contract with the Spanish Handball Federation will be signed during the Congress. The first part of the officials' nominations was sent out after the inspection and will be adapted after the Congress.

5. Beach Handball EURO

In March, a third workshop and the site inspection were organised in Varna, Bulgaria and the notes are available. The next steps are the implementation of the hygiene concept and the confirmation of the delegation size of the teams. The contract will be signed during the Congress. The first part of the officials' nominations was sent out after the inspection and will be adapted after the Congress.

6. EUSA Games

Following the letter received the EUSA Games will not take place in Belgrade this year. Erić report that the construction of the beach handball courts in Belgrade will be realized in any case and will be used in cooperation with beach volleyball. The next EUSA events for beach handball are the EUSA Games in Lodz /POL in 2022 and the EUSA Championship in Malaga in 2023 in cooperation with beach volleyball, with both events planned in July.

7. Congress Information and BC Report

Basic information and the handouts for the EHF Congress were provided with the accreditation. The BC presentation summarizing the activities from 2016 – 2021 will be presented by Jørstad on the occasion of the EHF Congress.

8. Miscellaneous

Bebetsos reported on the new strategy regarding the referees' headsets and a possible cooperation with a company in France was initiated.

Jørstad expressed his special thanks to all members and to the EHF Office staff for their support and the excellent cooperation during the whole last election period starting after the Congress 2016 until now. He appreciated the open-minded discussions and for always reaching to the stars. Jørstad closed the meeting with emphasizing that he enjoyed every moment.

For the minutes: Ivana Jelić

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