



## Minutes to the 132<sup>nd</sup> Executive Committee Meeting in St. Wolfgang, Austria

**Date:** 16 November 2016

**Time:** 08:30 – 11:30

**Venue:** Hotel Scalaria – Convention Room V

<b>Participants:</b>	Jean Brihault	President
	Arne Elovsson	Vice President
	Ralf Dejaco	Treasurer
	Leopold Kalin	Chairman Competitions Commission
	Jerzy Eliasz	Chairman Methods Commission
	Ole R. Jørstad	Chairman Beach Handball Commission
	Per Bertelsen	Member
	Predrag Bošković	Member
	Helga H. Magnúsdóttir	Member
	Joan Marin	Chairman - Professional Handball Board
	Lidija Bojić-Ćaćić	Chairwoman - Women's Handball Board
	Michael Wiederer	Secretary General
	Andrea Moser	Chief Finance Officer
	Markus Glaser	Chief Sports Officer
	Vesna Lazić	PA to the Secretary General
	Marsha Brown	Corporate Liaison Coordinator

### I - EHF Business

#### 1. Welcome, programme and agenda

President Brihault welcomed the Members of the Executive Committee to the final meeting of the electoral period 2012 – 2016; he noted that it would be a short meeting that precedes the Congress and the Gala, and where no major decisions would be taken.

#### 2. Minutes Executive Committee 09/2016

Brihault extended his thanks once again to Member Helga Magnúsdóttir for her organisation of the last EXEC meeting though she was unable to attend due to illness. The minutes of the meeting were adopted without additional comment or question.

#### 3. Reports and decisions

##### 3.1. Finance Delegation – meeting 08/2016

The report was submitted to the Executive Committee prior to the meeting; the information was accepted without additional remark.

##### 3.2. Secretary General – business report

With the report at hand, no additional remarks were given and the report was accepted.



### **3.3. Report EHF Marketing GmbH**

The Executive Committee were provided with the minutes from the latest meeting of the EHF Advisory board that took place in early November. The General Assembly that took place on 15 November was carried out in accordance with the usual rundown. Representing the EHF, as Chairman of the Advisory Board, Brihault informed the Executive Committee that the end of year activities (15/16) were concluded and the budget for the 2016/17 season was approved. With reference to partner contracts, the Executive Committee was informed that discussions are ongoing and there are no decisions to be taken at this time. Despite being confronted with the late decision and the subsequent change of MD, the smooth execution of the season was underlined; Brihault expressed his satisfaction and thanks that the situation was handled in a positive way.

### **3.4. Further Reports**

Concerning the area of legal issues, no additional information was given to the report at hand.

To the activities of the European Anti-Doping Unit (EAU), the Executive Committee are informed that all results continue to be negative. The EHF internal unit EAU was set up based on a request for action from the National Federations. Brihault stressed that the undertakings of the EAU played a major role in relation to the Olympic Games and Russian national team players; the negative results of the played was a confirmation that there was no systematic approach that was able to be detected. Brihault spoke of the relationship of the EAU to the International Handball Federation and WADA; the cost per year of running the EAU was approximated to be EUR 120k per year. Upon question it was noted that UEFA does have its own unit, but the EHF was unaware of the status of CEV and FIBA EUR – it was noted that the topic could be put on the agenda of the next technical meeting.

## **4. Technical Commissions**

### **4.1. Competitions Commission**

Though no CC meeting was recently held, Chairman Leopold Kalin reported on the various activities of the commission:

- ◆ **Club Competitions: National Team Competitions – Qualifications and Final tournaments:** All competitions proceeded according to schedule and no major incidents were reported. All upcoming draws for the EHF Cup Group Phase (men and women) as well as Challenge Cup (men and women) will take place as planned. Both EHF Cup draws will be held together with a workshop for the 16 qualified clubs in Vienna.

Talks are currently underway regarding candidates for the hosting of the 2016 Men's EHF Cup Finals. If possible, an awarding of the event by the Executive Committee is foreseen for the December meeting in Gothenburg.

All draws were held for the 2017 YAC Competitions (Final Tournaments as well as qualifications) and Round 1 and 2 were played for the qualification to Euro 2018 (phase 2) and Euro 2020 (phase 1). A workshop with the 2017 YAC organisers (LTU, MKD, SLO, and SVK) took place in September at the EHF Office. The contracts with the four organisers are currently being finalized and should be ready to be signed very soon.



- ◆ **Delegate Matters:** a seminar for new EHF Delegates will be held from 9 to 11 December 2016 in Gothenburg. 28 Delegates registered for the seminar, 20 of them were accepted with a maximum of one candidate per country. There will be a lot of information about regulations, match handling, referee evaluation and further topics. All candidates will have to take a written as well as an oral test.
- ◆ **Additional Matters:** technology services will be in use at a Euro for the first time in SWE (goal line, goal light, as well as instant replay); the partner is the same company as in Nantes and Cologne for the club competition final events.

#### **4.2. Methods Commission**

Chairman Eliaz gave a brief report on the activities of the Methods Commission as follows:

- ◆ **2016 EHF Master Coach & Licensing Course:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> module of the EHF Master Coach & Licensing Course will be organised with 20 participants from 9 – 16 December 2016 in Gothenburg/SWE. The cost to the participants was also mentioned. The deadline for registration was October 2016. Parallel to this, an “EHF Top Coaches and License Renewal Seminar” is to be held at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> module from 13 – 16 December 2016. Fourteen registrations were received by the October 2016 deadline.
- ◆ **National Master Coach Courses:** a compilation of all the theses submitted and defended by the participants of the Master Coach courses licensed by the EHF, which took place in Germany, Portugal/Spain and Serbia in 2016, were published via the EHF websites.
- ◆ **EHF Master Coach postgraduate degree:** the EHF Master Coach was approved as postgraduate degree composed by 60 ECTS credits. The degree will be developed in collaboration between the EHF and the University Las Palmas. The degree includes more than 20 university professors and experts with international recognition (EHF Union of University Handball Teachers and EHF Lecturers), and theoretical and practical training divided into four categories and levels of training.
- ◆ **Video portal “Basic handball movements”:** a new video portal featuring teaching material for basic handball movements was launched via the EHF website. The project was prepared together with the EHF MC and the Polish Handball Federation and carried out by the University Las Palmas. 37 clips divided in 2 sections (basic handball movements and goalkeeping) are available.
- ◆ **Handball-at-School:** article/eBook written by Juan Anton Garcia (EHF MC) was published.
- ◆ **2016 European Wheelchair Handball Nations’ Tournament:** the national teams of ITA, NED, POR, and SWE have registered for the tournament to be played on 7/8 December in Sölvesborg/SWE.
- ◆ **EHF Health Sciences Network:** an “EHF Health Sciences Network” launch meeting was held on 21 October in Vienna/AUT. Participants included the science experts: Lior Laver/ISR, Lars



Michalsik/DEN, Paul Delamarche/FRA, Michael Musalek/AUT, as well as Jerzy Elias (MC Chairman), and Helmut Hörtsch (EHF CAN Coordinator). In a first step, a new idea to create a medical network to make handball safer, a comprehensive attempt has been made that will concentrate on the health of the players. The notes from the meeting were made available to the Executive Committee.

- ◆ **“Developing handball in a country – a step by step tool”**: a brochure based on the document by P. Sequeira (MC – Development) was printed and published via the EHF websites. The brochure was made available to all Congress participants.
- ◆ **SMART programme**: The EHF MC asks the EHF EXEC to confirm the SMART programme with ARM following the usual guidelines.
- ◆ **Foster programme**: A second round of the foster programme IRL-DEN is planned for 2017.

#### **MC Motions to the Executive Committee**

**I. Signing of Agreements**: for the programmes confirmed by the EHF EXEC at their meeting in September 2016, the MC requests to sign the following agreements on the occasion of the EHF Congress in St. Wolfgang:

- ◆ SMART programmes: LUX, MDA and SRB
- ◆ Foster programme: ALB-SCO

**Motion I adopted with no objection.**

**II: SMART programmes**: confirmation of the ARM SMART Programme. **Motion II adopted with no objection.**

#### **4.3. Beach Handball Commission**

Chairman Ole Jørstad referred the members to the reports at hand before briefly presenting the activities of the EHF Beach Handball Commission as follows:

- ◆ **2016 EHF BH Champions’ Cup (ChC) in Gran Canaria / ESP from 3 – 6 Nov. 2016**: a report covering the third event, which was described as very good, was made available to the Executive Committee. Within the framework of the event, education courses were held for BH referees (5 couples), delegates (6), and coaches (13 candidates); a report covering the education courses is available. It was noted that the level of the referees was very high; it was also mentioned that GEO referee couple were also candidates for indoor handball. The organiser of the future events was to be discussed at the next EXEC meeting as the current organiser has one year remaining on the contract.
- ◆ **2017 BH EUROS – status**: the notes from the workshop are confirmed and available. The event cooperation agreement between the EHF and the Croatian Handball Federation is to be signed. The event will take place in Zagreb from 16-18 June 2017 (MW17 BH EURO) and 20-25 June 2017 (Senior EHF BH EURO).
- ◆ **Masters Beach Handball**: at the request of the World Senior Games organisation, the BC gave advice on the age limit for the Masters events, +40 was suggested. The Executive Committee was requested to forward any further communications and the possible BC involvement to the EHF.



Closing his report, Jørstad thanked the Executive Committee for the cooperation during the functions period and its positivity towards beach handball matters.

## 5. Organisation of Events

Opening the report which was supported by written documentation, Wiederer made reference to an email (distributed to the EXEC) concerning the confirmation of the IHF event in Algeria and the European place distribution.

To the EHF EURO 2016 in Sweden, the members are informed that the organisation is ongoing, and in the coming week, another information package will be distributed to all concerned.

The EHF held a meeting with the EURO 2018 CRO OC in Zagreb, it was noted that the CRO OC was committed to putting all efforts into creating a top event. A meeting was also held with Women's EHF EURO 2018 FRA OC, it was reported that the OC is very active despite the upcoming Men's World Championship in January 2017. The logo of EHF EURO 2020 in SWE/AUT/NOR was launched based on the initiative and subsequent collaboration of the organisers, the EHF, and Infront. It was underlined that the working sessions held were good. No further special input to this point was given.

To the upcoming summer events, the occasion of the organiser workshops will also be used for draw events; no additional report was given.

## 6. Boards and Stakeholder Groups

- ◆ **NB / PHB:** with the minutes to both October meetings at hand, no further additional report was given.
- ◆ **WHB:** Chairwoman Bojić-Ćaćić described the WHB Development Award; the inaugural award will be presented to Romania during the Congress. The seven criteria for the awarding was given and a rundown of the nations also. It was underlined that the WHB had counted 98 participants over 55 projects in the four-year function period. The Executive Committee raised no objection to the WHB Development award.
- ◆ **FCH:** Brihault reported on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Forum Club Handball; accepting the extended invitation the EHF presence was combined with the meeting of the Finance Delegation. The IHF President was also in attendance. The positive atmosphere surrounding the event was underlined. With a brief explanation to the current situation, it was mentioned that the signing of Memorandum of Understanding for the period 2018-2022 was postponed.

## 7. Other issues

- ◆ **IHF Matters – Rules of the Game:** topics raised at the most recent IHF-EHF meeting included two technical points – rule implementation and players clothing. It was mentioned that the minutes from that meeting are still in draft form and not available at this time. Brihault gave the Executive Committee members details from the meeting and underlined, once again, that the rules of the game are global and must be adhered to. In this sense, an information letter was sent to all European referees and delegates stating the fact and underlining the necessity for reports when a blue/red card is given in order to secure the disciplinary procedures.
- ◆ **IHF Matters – Players Clothing:** it was noted that final interpretation has to be sought regarding clothing equipment.  
**IHF Council meeting:** the minutes from the meeting are not available as yet. However, Brihault gave a report on the level of exchange concerning the global ranking systems for handball teams. It was thought that the idea of an update on the old ranking system was good. It was mentioned that the project foresees to establish participation for 'emerging' teams; moreover,



it was stated that a full working cycle of four years to include OG to observe the process should take place and that 'friendly games should not be taken into account. Other considerations included that the continental title should always be awarded the same number of points and should exclude OZE. The proposal to incorporate the IHF trophies and the Emerging Nations Championship into the global ranking system was deemed complicated. The value of the points (with yearly adjustment) is to be worked out by the IHF on a technical level. The issue of 'point erosion' was to be discussed at another time. However, it was made clear that no decisions were being made on these matters and underlined that this is a discussion topic only. Brihault again underlined the very open discussions and noted that the IHF approach could be used to assist small nations for sharing their development to the national authorities.

## **II – 2016 EHF Congress Preparations**

### **8. Programme / Agenda / Task distribution**

As the final preparations were ongoing at the time of the meeting, no special report was given.

### **9. Decisions on Congress matters**

With details provided by EHF CFO Moser, Secretary General Wiederer raised the issue of Congress participation eligibility concerning the Federations of Bosnia Herzegovina, Portugal, and Ukraine. Following a brief discussion with input given by various EXEC members it was agreed that POR would retain full eligibility; the matter of UKR would be put before the Congress for a decision to be taken for the future; BIH would be eligible upon full settlement of the Federation account.

### **10. Open Questions**

No questions were raised.

### **11. Congress Follow Up**

Wiederer gave a brief input on the actions to be taken following the Congress (meetings, preparation and distribution of documentation.

Bringing the final meeting of the 2012 – 2016 Executive Committee to a close, Vice President Elovsson, took the opportunity to pay tribute to President Brihault, underlining his great experience, linguistic skills, valued opinion, and diplomatic strategy. Elovsson thanked Brihault for his work.

President Brihault closed the meeting by expressing his thanks to Arne for his words. Addressing the Executive Committee he reminisced on the four years together where they have all served European handball in the best way. He mentioned that the contributions, conflicts, the rapport to the issues and the connection to each other, were all based on different visions in the nature of democratic dialogue. He thanked the Executive Committee and wished them all the best and looked forward to meeting them all again in the future. Finally, he wished the new president all the best for the future of handball.

For the Minutes: M. Wiederer/M. Brown

Vienna, 23 November 2016

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