

Minutes to the 146th Executive Committee Meeting in Vienna, Austria

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Venue: Hotel Novotel Hauptbahnhof - Meeting Room: Blue Train

Participants:	Michael Wiederer	President
	Predrag Bošković	First Vice President
	Henrik La Cour	Vice President Finances
	Božidar Djurković	Chairman Competitions Commission
	Jerzy Elias	Chairman Methods Commission
	Ole R. Jørstad	Chairman Beach Handball Commission
	Stefan Lövgren	Member
	Gabriella Horvath	Member
	Anrijs Brencans	Member
	Gerd Butzeck	Chairman Professional Handball Board
	Nodjialem Myaro	Chairwoman Women's Handball Board
	Martin Hausleitner	Secretary General
	Andrea Moser	Chief Finance Officer
	Markus Glaser	Chief Sports Officer
	Vesna Lazić	PA to the President
	Marsha Brown	Corporate Liaison/Minutes

1. Welcome, programme and agenda

President Wiederer welcomed the members of the Executive Committee to the meeting in Vienna held on the fringes of the Men's EHF EURO 2020 Final Tournament draw. He noted that following the Men's and Women's Champions Leagues draw events from 27 June 2019, the next 2019/2020 season has begun, and remarked on the period between the previous meeting and the current meeting also having been successful with the many top events (i.e. Final4s). No specific remarks were made concerning the programme on which the Executive Committee had been fully briefed. The agenda for the meeting was structured in a normal way and would touch on all the major points. Closing the first agenda point, President Wiederer stressed that it was important to work on all the issues important to handball, thus if an item needed to be added to the agenda it would be accepted.

2. Minutes Executive Committee 04/2019

Upon input of G. Butzeck, the following correction was made on page 8 -"**EHPU – Exchange of Information**": *President Wiederer informed the EXEC on the letter (EHPU letterhead) received on 1 April electronically signed by approx. 25 players and ~~but not by~~ the EHPU leaders.*
With no further comment the minutes were approved.

3. Reports and decisions

Report from the President

With the report at hand covering the most recent activities, no specifics were added; it was mentioned that EHF President Wiederer is mostly in contact with those persons where the undertakings touch upon specific fields.

3.1. Finance Delegation 05/2019

3.1.1. General report

Secretary General Hausleitner informed that since the last meeting a flooring system was donated to LAT. A request for a donated flooring system was received from FAR and upheld by the Finance Delegation and a system will be provided following the W19 EURO in SLO. A request for financial support via a SMART Project was received from EHLB, documentation was submitted which was examined and approved. It was recommended to support the EHLB over the next three years. It was noted that the intention of the EHF support was to stabilise the organisation (as was the case with EHPU in the past), as the structuring to such bodies was absolutely essential.

3.1.2. 2018 Finances / Accounting – Comptrollers Report

Vice President Finances, Henrik La Cour opened his presentation of the information by underlining that the 2018 budget, approved in 2016 in St. Wolfgang at the EHF Ordinary Congress under the former Treasurer, Ralf Dejaco, was now under discussion specifically the finalisation of the year 2018. Individual points were highlighted showing marked changes between the original forecast and the end result. With the figures in line, La Cour commented positively on the cost control within the EHF. Overall, from a projected loss of EUR 121k, the final result showed surplus of EUR 835k; the combined result (2017-2018) of EUR 2748k was recorded.

The final discussion with the EHF Comptrollers took place in April with both members (A. Koubi and R. Pretenthaler) and the substitute (T. Ludewig), as well as Vice President Finances, H. La Cour (via Skype), and the external auditor attending. A summary report from the Comptrollers, as well as an excerpt from the external auditors report that provided the basis for the work of the Comptrollers, was at hand; the examination of the finances proved that business was being conducted in the correct way, and it was closed with the unqualified opinion of the external auditors. The investment in IT costs was mentioned in relation to the EHF Balance Sheet. The Executive Committee took note of the recommendations of the Comptrollers and that previous recommendations have been implemented.

President Wiederer commented on the surplus and reiterated his opinion that the EHF is “not supposed to be a bank”. Any surplus at the end of a period of income earned is to be viewed as an add-on, and not a base reflection on the work of the EHF; it is a combination of having the utmost income to be used in the best way for handball. The Executive were reminded that an overall report would be given at the next EHF Extraordinary Congress in 2020.

3.1.3. 2019 Budget / Accounting

CFO Andrea Moser presented the 2019-2020 Budget (status: 23.05.2019) and led the Executive Committee through the adjustments for both years with the comparison as to what was presented at the 2018 Congress in Glasgow. Overall, the adjusted revenue forecast shows a slight increase compared to what was presented in 2018. Moving on to projected expenses, there were slight increases, but these will have no major impact on the budget. Closing the topic, CFO Moser stated that the overall develop was positive, and an update on the 2019/20 budget would be provided in September.

3.2. Secretary General – business report

3.2.1. EHF Conference for Secretaries General – Minutes

It was noted that the meeting proved beneficial for the preparation of the Conference of Presidents; the Executive Committee took note of the minutes.

3.2.2. Business Report

Personnel: due to the upcoming departure of Loïc Alves and Anna Psintrou (both praised for their competency), replacements are to be sought; the work descriptions are to be redefined based on the fact that due to the new responsibilities of the I&D contract, competencies will be shared with EHF Marketing. JJ Rowland will oversee the EHF-I&D partnership in the new role of project manager. Thomas Schöneich will take over as Head of EHF Media; however, Rowland will be responsible for the corporate communication strategy.

Homepage: the project is ongoing and the development continues to be very promising; Jerry Nicolas has assumed his tasks in a very proficient way.

Brand process: the topic is very demanding; with the advent of the new competitions (EHL, etc.) it is necessary to align the EHF logo family (though it was underlined that the process is not just about logos) in order to present a clearer picture resp. unified image of the sport competitions; recently a briefing sessions were held with three agencies to the topic.

Digital Strategy: collection of data to learn about the handball fan will have a major impact in the future. In several workshops it was defined which data shall be selected through various platforms and touchpoints of the fans. Giving the fans the opportunity to e.g. customise the web page, the EHF will learn more about the special interests of the fans. The discussion about the final environment of this filed will continue through the summer 2019 to be presented to the EXEC in September 2019. New partnerships as e.g. with Kinexon will offer additional opportunities to offer innovative content to stakeholders and fans.

AIPS: the longstanding EHF-AIPS cooperation will be continued; JJ Rowland remains the contact person. The structure of the agreement with AIPS has changed; nevertheless, the relationship is beneficial as information is provided to sports journalists worldwide. The updated agreement is to be signed on 28 June 2019 following the Executive Committee meeting and in the media conference.

Business Partnerships - Select: it is recommended that the agreement, with better conditions (including iBall) is to be prolonged (2020 – 2024). The EHF can be satisfied with the quality of the balls (no complaints received); it was underlined that the product is good and the partnership serves the interests of the sport. ***The Executive Committee were in full agreement and approved the signing of the agreement.***

3.3. Legal Management

In addition to the report at hand, the Executive Committee was informed that the tool created to allow for anonymous reporting (whistle blowing) was implemented and is fully operative. The EHF is aware that two reports have been made, but are not privy to any further information.

Motion: Integration of Legal Aid as part of the EHF Social Fund

Based on the Executive Committee decision (04/2019) an amendment to the EHF Social Fund was prepared. ***The Executive Committee unanimously approved the motion as written.***

3.4. Anti-doping Unit

To supplement the report submitted to the Executive Committee prior to the meeting, President Wiederer provided additional details to the current status of anti-doping in Europe, and how the EHF cooperates on this level with the IHF and WADA. Briefs remarks were also given regarding the International Testing Agency (ITA), a division of WADA, and reminded that the EHF has already scheduled a meeting with its representatives.

The feedback to the information provided upheld the position that anti-doping activities are important and it is positive for the EHF to have a department dedicated to the activities thereof. In order to underpin the clean sport of handball, the EHF must maintain its values and controls in this area. It was stated that the EHF must be even more transparent with the regulations (updates) and doping control procedures such as organisational matters (schedules), costs, and the placement of responsibility (persons). With reference to the online education tools of WADA, the participation (completion) rates were discussed; in order to allow for widespread use, the tool is currently under translation into different languages.

3.5. Report EHF Marketing GmbH

3.5.1. Overall report

To the meeting of the Advisory Board that took place on 17 June 2019 it was noted that some of the agenda points were also discussed in the meetings of the Men's and Women's Club Boards; it was underlined that any topics being of relevance to the Executive Committee should go through the EHF Advisory Board.

3.5.2. Advisory Board meeting 06/2019

The minutes to the meeting are at hand. As it was an extraordinary meeting, though relevant to the 2019 budget, there was not much discussion on the current season. A large part of the meeting dealt with the topic of 2020+; many issues from the EHF AB meeting are on the current agenda.

3.5.3. Club Boards WCB 05/2019 and MCB 06/2019

The following points from the minutes were emphasised by Gerd Butzeck:

Financial Distribution: with a specific amount available to those teams participating in the European Cups, both the MCB and the WCB agreed upon the share – 75% (men), 25% (women). The mutual agreement was viewed as positive. **Tier Distribution:** furthermore, the MCB and WCB also decided that the secondary division of the share would be as follows: 70% (Champions League), 25% (European Handball League, 5% (EHF Cup). **Seeding:** for the purpose of transparency, it was suggested that information as to how the evaluation is undertaken must be provided to the clubs; however, the procedure was viewed favourably as a whole. **Seeding Definition:** the sensitive issue on how the number of (fixed) places is defined i.e. the number of national champions (out of 16); the solution is having the best teams in the competition. **Arena Capacity:** see AP 6.4.

In response to the question surrounding EHF EURO shares key, and due to the fact that the EURO contract is a separate agreement, President Wiederer briefly informed that the EHF held a meeting at the request of the Nations Board with its representatives and gave information about the current distribution key. Following the information given at the Conference of Presidents, representatives of the Nations Board and the Women's Handball Board will be invited for a discussion about the distribution from 2021 onwards. At this time, there is a basic Congress (2008) decision and the work has to be done within this frame. The EHF is not under time pressure as it relates only to event from 2022 onwards, and the 2020 events are still governed by the old contract, whereas the issue for the clubs begins next year and basic decisions needed to be taken. No decisions have been taken in relation to the EURO distribution key. It was also mentioned that there are different keys for men and women based on the contracts and within the last years the shares between men and women were always between 60% and 66%; the outcome of the EURO is always applied to the share at a later time.

3.6. Further reports

IHF Congresses: with two major IHF events taking place at the beginning of July, the agendas of the IHF Ordinary and Extraordinary Congress are at hand. The IHF Extraordinary Congress will deal with the issue surrounding the Americas. Regarding the ordinary Congress, a normal rundown is foreseen,

and discussions and input around the motions is expected. The EHF will hold a brief presentation on the relationship between the IHF and EHF. **IHF Matters:** the minutes from the latest IHF-EHF are at hand and refer to the ordinary business listed in the agenda under various points

W/MFCH General Assemblies: the minutes are at hand to which the Executive Committee took note. Continuing, Gerd Butzeck briefly spoke of the agreement between the IHF and MFCH that includes cooperation with CHN & US markets; the support of the EHF for the project was requested. In response, Wiederer underlined that the request was not a proposal of the Professional Handball Board, rather a request resulting out of the MFCH General Assembly. Moreover, it is underlined that the support is not monetary or material, rather a show of solidarity towards the project. Following the brief discussion, **the EHF Executive Committee agreed to a public support of the initiative.**

Stakeholder Groups: minutes from the most recent **EHPU** meeting in Cologne are not available at this time. **EHLB** organised an informal coordination meeting with several leagues; EHF representatives were briefly part of both meetings.

WHB: Chairwoman Nodjialem Myaro gave a brief update following the presentation of the 2018 National Federations' Survey at the Conference for Secretaries General in Copenhagen; the new projects resulting thereof have been initiated i.e. 'Respect Your Talent' with top players serving as ambassadors.

4. Commissions / Delegations 04/2019

4.1. Technical Delegation / CAN

On behalf of the Technical Delegation, MC Chairman Elias highlighted notable activities from the report at hand: such as the **eLearning (ILIAS)** where an update to the roll-out of the learning and testing platform was given by Lars Erichsen; the Digital match Report (DMR) will be tested during the 2019 YAC events.

- **2019 EHF CAN Referee Teaching:** in coordination with the TRC and the EHF Office, the materials are now ready for University Las Palmas Gran Canaria (ULPGC) to roll-out prior to the start of the 2019/20 season and the 2019 summer YAC events.
- **(New) Rules of the Game:** the TD discussed the outcome of the IHF New Rules WG 2018-2022; Elias highlighted some statistics (i.e. passive play) and trends (i.e. defence strategies) presented by D. Späte (IHF CCM Chairman) from the report at hand. As the work continues on the IHF level, an overview of the timeline (for testing) was given.
- **Kinexon project:** the TD spoke of General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) related concerns (handling/use of data) and the subsequent protection of the players – see minutes.

In response to the question on the availability of a short version of the rules, it was underlined that the Rules of the Game lie with the International Handball Federation. As the request has nothing to do with changing or amending rules, it would be possible to prepare a short version of the rules for persons not coming from the sport. However, it was pointed out that such a request must first go via the TD, and then be submitted as a recommendation to the Executive Committee.

4.2. Competitions Commission and Technical Refereeing Committee

Presenting a summary of the report at hand, CC Chairman Božidar Djurković noted the successful conclusion of the 2018/2019 club season and the seamless continuation of the EURO Qualifiers. Following the IHF Emerging Nations Championship in Georgia, the home team earned a place in EHF

EURO 2022 Qualification; the six teams will play three KO-matches to define the last three participants for the Qualifiers.

Regarding referee and delegate activities, the EURO Delegation – in connection with the amended nomination of referees for the EHF EURO 2020 - cancelled the EURO Referee and Delegates Seminar at the end of August; a tailored plan will be created for those referees or delegates who have less experience than others. Also, the first combined Referee Candidates Course and Delegates Course was a reported success – further steps in this regard will be discussed in August 2019. Information was also sent to EHF delegates concerning eLearning.

The new Digital Match Report (DMR) will be used at all 2019 YAC summer events – the new tool provides live data from each match directly from the table as it is operated by the scorekeeper; if the implementation is successful, it will become the standard in EHF competitions starting from the 2019/2020 season.

Motion: Prolongation of TRC Mandate until 2021

The Executive Committee is asked to prolong the status the Members of the current TRC until the EHF Congress in April 2021 in LUX. ***The Executive Committee unanimously approved the motion as written.***

4.3. Methods Commission

In his brief reportage, Chairman Elias informed that the experts to undertake the analysis of the 2019 YAC events (W17/19 EUROs and Championships) have accepted their nominations. Following the success of the first meeting of the RINCK Convention Task Force held in Budapest, the report is available; the outcome as well as the further procedure will be discussed in August. Concerning the Young Coaches Workshops held in Hungary and the subsequent input, the MC decided to amend the curriculum; the three module model will remain unchanged.

The last working period saw intensified activity in the area of wheelchair handball; the main points were summarised.

- **EHF Working Group “Wheelchair Handball” 04/2019:** the group discussed EHF rules, regulations and classifications, which were adapted i.e. the classification segments were reduced.
- **2019 European Wheelchair Handball Nations’ Tournament:** no application to host the event as yet; further talks will continue.
- **2020 European Wheelchair Handball Championship:** due to the needed changes of the rules, regulations and classifications the awarding for the host of the 2020 European Wheelchair Handball Championship is postponed to the next EXEC meeting (09/2019).
- **IHF-EHF cooperation “Wheelchair Handball”:** the meeting was held on 1 June 2019; the respective minutes were provided.

Elias also informed that the preparations for the 6th edition of the EHF Scientific Conference with the theme ‘Handball for Life’ are ongoing; the MC will support the Preparatory Organizing Committee with the abstracts’ approval process. Continuing, the EHF MC was represented at the 12th UEFA Grassroots Conference held in Belarus - a detailed report will be given at the next MC meeting in August.

Motion: Initiation of SMART Programmes for BEL and SRB

Detailed requests for SMART programme were received by BEL and SRB. Both programmes follow the usual guidelines. ***The Executive Committee unanimously approved the motions as written.***

4.4. Beach Handball Commission

Delivering the report on recent beach activities, Chairman Ole Jørstad informed that the competitions are currently mid-season and there is no special report, the competitions are running according to plan. Following the successful conclusion to the ebt Finals 2019 in Baia Mare, the financial settlement is in progress. The Beach Handball EUROS 2019 (YAC & Senior) and the EUSA-EHF European Beach Handball Universities Championship 2019 are the next events to take place in the coming weeks; the preparation, and coordination with the local organisers, of all three events was highly satisfactory.

In line with the 2019/20 BH Strategy, the feedback from the National Federations has been positive, and nine (9) have officially requested support; and the first courses will take place in the coming months. In the area of development, a meeting concerning the topic “Women in Beach Handball” will be held during the YAC EURO. Furthermore a Rules Development Meeting at the beginning of the Senior EURO involving coaches and EHF officials will also be organised. To the ongoing topic of Beach Handball Promotion, the 2019 events will be broadcast in ten countries due to the agreements brokered by Infront, and on ehfTV.com.

Motion: Implementation of a “Sports Nations Ranking” for Beach Handball

The proposal is to implement the ranking system of indoor for both senior and youth teams with immediate effect. The ranking system will be used to define the participating teams for the Champions Cup and the substitute teams for the ebt Finals and EUROS where necessary. ***The Executive Committee unanimously approved the motions as written.***

5. Competitions – reports and decisions

5.1. Organisation of events

Organisation of all upcoming events in 2019 (e.g. YAC, EO, BH EUROS) are ongoing and without major issue. Therefore, no special report is given as a comprehensive report was prepared and is at hand.

5.2. National Team Competitions

EHF EURO 2020 SWE/AUT/NOR: within the framework of the Final Tournament Draw Event, a partner and media workshop was held; the positive event environment was lauded. The numbers attending both the workshops and draw have exceeded all previous draw events also due to the fact that it is a 24-team event.

EHF EURO 2020 NOR/DEN: requests for an additional venue in the preliminary phase of the event in DEN and also for an adaptation of the final tournament playing schedule were submitted to the EHF Office. Both topics were dealt with by the EHF EURO Delegation. All documents were submitted to the Executive Committee accordingly. ***The Executive Committee unanimously accepted the proposal of the amended playing schedule as written (ensuring additional rest days) and the proposal for an additional venue (Frederikshavn, DEN).***

EHF EURO 2024 – Bid Documents: seven EHF Member Federations submitted letters of intent concerning the organisation right to host the Women’s EHF EURO 2024; the nations are AUT, CZE/POL/SVK, HUN, RUS and SUI. Negotiations between HUN, AUT, and SUI are ongoing, which may result in a joint bid. ***The Executive Committee confirmed the interested parties in accordance to the documents received.*** Furthermore, concerning the revision and adaptation of the bid documents that are to be distributed on 1 July 2019, ***the Executive Committee unanimously accepted the amended text as written and presented.***

EHF EURO Delegation: the meeting took place on 31 May in Cologne. The report from the meeting was made available to the Executive Committee. The change in the execution of the Referee and Delegate nominations (nominations in phases) at a final tournament event were highlighted.

5.3. Club Competitions

CSO Markus Glaser provided information on the club competitions

Motion: 2019/20 VELUX EHF Champions League

Following the completion of the registration procedure, a total of 35 registrations were received (15 extra place requests). This was followed by the evaluation of the entries by the Consultation Group, using the Catalogue of Criteria, on 19 June, and a proposal for the Groups A/B and C/D was made. Due to the timeline concerning the draw, a circular decision was taken; ***the Executive Committee unanimously approved the proposal for the VELUX EHF Champions League as presented by the Consultation Group.***

Motion: 2019/20 DELO EHF Champions League

Concerning the Women's EHF Champions League, there are currently twelve (12) guaranteed places, Member Butzeck noted that in the future, this number will be reduced to nine (9) seeded places. Upon completion of the registration process 24 registrations were received (8 extra place requests) and analysed. The evaluation of the entries followed by the Consultation Group, and a proposal for one qualification tournament was made. In a circular decision was taken and ***the Executive Committee unanimously approved the proposal for the DELO EHF Champions League as prepared by the Consultation Group***

5.4. Other Competitions

No topics were raised.

5.5. Competition related issues

First Vice President Predrag Bošković spoke on the matter of player eligibility (specifically changes in nationality of players). After providing a brief synopsis of the current situation, which included information on the IHF working group session on the subject, recent examples of nationality changes, as well as how other sport organisation deal with the matter, Bošković underlined the necessity of having a direct connection to the country that one plays for in a national team.

The IHF has prepared a comprehensive motion to the topic of Player Eligibility, which is due to be approved by the IHF Council on 1 July and heard by the IHF Congress on 2 July; if carried, the motion will be implemented with immediate effect.

6. Marketing agreement 2020+ - Information and decisions

6.1. Status report

6.2. Commercial partnership / Working flow

With comprehensive information given at the Conference of Presidents – no further information was given; the documents (organigram) at hand serve as information only.

6.3. Organisational matters

The meeting of the Steering Board took place on 26 June in Vienna; a verbal report was given by Secretary General Hausleitner in lieu of a written report, which will be distributed accordingly upon completion. The meeting of the Steering Board takes place quarterly, and in April 2019 both the Steering Board and the Strategy Committee met. In June, the Steering Board concerned itself with the progress of the Task Forces and work flows – where the respective updates were given i.e. the near-attainment of financial targets, update on new market approaches, etc. From the discussions (HUN, SVK) being held, the feedback has been positive.

Continuing, Hausleitner also mentioned the ongoing recruitment process (as per the agreement); DAZN recently hired a Digital Content Manager (to be based in Madrid), and the EHF was part of the final recruitment phase. Other areas such as PR and Communication, as well as organisation were discussed also. Closing the topic, the Executive Committee were informed on the dates of the next meetings – Steering Board (1 October) and Steering Board/Strategy Committee (12 November in London).

6.4. Competition issues

Introducing the agenda point, President Wiederer spoke of the complexity of finding the common direction when taking the stakeholders (Committees, Boards, EHF Board), as well as timelines and schedules into account. The following motions are of importance as the organisation wishes to inform clubs, resp. National Federation of competition conditions one year prior to the applicable season in order to give all of them enough time to make the necessary preparations. Wiederer continued that in order to get the required feedback, the motions were treated in the EHF Men's Club Board, EHF Advisory Board prior to being finalised and submitted to the Executive Committee. In addition to the documents at hand provided in advance of the meeting, CSO Glaser provided additional information and also underscored that fact that all three motions relate to the 2020/2021 season in both men's and women's competitions unless otherwise stipulated; the proposals relate to very crucial issues for the new system. For the minutes, the three motions are summarised.

Motion 1: Place distribution for Men's and Women's EHF Club Competitions

The motion concerns the place distribution for the 2020/21 season according to the attached document. The following information was highlighted: the first nine (9) nations (one place per nation of the ranking list) get a guaranteed place in the Champions League, one (1) place is granted to the nation being first in the ranking list of the European Handball League (rank 1 on the EHL seeding list), and six (6) places are determined via the criteria catalogue. Moreover, as of 2020/2021, the EHL is the new second-tier competition, but on a higher level than the current EHF Cup; the points earned in the Challenge Cup will not affect the place distribution in the Champions Leagues and the European Handball League.

Motion 2: New requirements for a participation in the Men's and Women's EHF Champions League as well as basic decisions

The motion prepared has seven sub-points. Points 1, 2, and 7 relate only to the men's and women's Champions Leagues. Points 3, 4, 5, and 6 relate only to the men's Champions League. To sub-point 5 regarding capacity, a transition period of three seasons is granted; also it was questioned how long such a requirement would remain valid i.e. if a club adapts its venue to 4500, would it be required to adapt to 6000 a year later if the requirements change. As no definitive answer could be supplied, it was suggested that it would make sense to any club having to adapt its venue capacity that would be wise to adapt it to higher number. However, due to the importance of the question and as it makes sense to explore what the second phase could be it was recommended that it be treated by the Boards in their next meeting.

Concerning sub-point 6, it was suggested that a draft visual image of what a 5000 capacity hall set-up would look like be produced for the participants/stakeholders. It was noted that open issues concerning the Women's EHF Champions League (WCL) and Women's European Handball League (EHL) would return to the agenda of the Executive Committee at a later date.

Motion 3: Unified floor for the Men's European Handball League from 2020/21

Participants will be obliged to have a unified handball floor for all matches of the European Handball League beginning with the Group Phase and starting with the 2020/2021 season. The same unified floor that is already in use for the Men's and Women's Champions League floor (lagoon blue) is to be installed.

Motions to the 2020/2021 season - Decisions

The Executive Committee unanimously approved all three motions as written and presented; the information will be distributed to the Clubs/National Federations accordingly.

6.5. Finances

The agenda point refers to two documents at hand – one provided by the FCH on behalf of the Clubs (related to AP3.5, §3) and the document presented at the Conference of Presidents in Cologne. Concerning the clubs and monies allocated to them, it is the responsibility of the club representatives to provide a proposal (in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding) as to the distribution of its share; to this, the intervention of the EHF is limited, but it must ensure that the proposal is balanced. In addition to the information provided earlier, it was noted that in the future (years 1-3), the winner of the men's FINAL4 will receive EUR 1 Million, and the winner of the women's FINAL4 will receive EUR 500k, in prize monies.

The Executive Committee approved the financial proposal as submitted by FCH on behalf of the men's and women's clubs to the Men's Club Board and discussed resp. confirmed by the EHFMA Advisory Board. General information will be publicised following the meeting.

Regarding the National Teams, the Nations Board requested that they wished to be involved in further discussions concerning the financial distribution key for national team events. Over the next period, the matter of how to distribute the monies (within the Congress given percentage distribution) in the best way will be explored. Thus, it is recommended that this process takes place in the form of a Task Force/working group, and it is suggested that one member of the Nations Board and one member of the Women's Handball Board (to be selected internally) be invited to take part in the discussion. The Vice President Finances, Henrik La Cour will be part of the group that will prepare a proposal to be submitted to the Finance Delegation (budget) and then to the Executive Committee for decision.

7. Actual / Upcoming activities

7.1. 2019 EHF Conference of Presidents

7.1.1. Organisation and Minutes CoP

7.1.2. Follow up activities

The positive feedback from the National Federations to the 14th EHF Conference of Presidents was duly noted, and the minutes were distributed accordingly; with no additional comment or questions, the Executive Committee acknowledged the minutes, which were already sent to the National Federations and CoP participants.

7.1.3. Preview CoP 01/2020

A written update was distributed to the Executive Committee.

8. Various

- The invitation extended by the Handball Federation of Serbia to host the next meeting of the Executive Committee 18-20 September 2019 was accepted and subsequently confirmed.
- The 2019 meeting calendar, event nominations, as well as the overview of EHF positions were updated and provided to the Executive Committee.
- The 2019/2020 competition calendar was provided for information purposes only.

With the agenda complete, President Wiederer thanked the members of the Executive Committee for their contribution and closed the meeting.