

Minutes of the ETBF Congress, Chania, 24.10.2021

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Ad 1 - Opening of the Congress

The ETBF President, Mr. Addie Ophelders, opened the Congress on 24 October 2021 at 10:00 wishing everybody a warm welcome. President Ophelders opened the congress also with all the best wishes that Covid 19 did not cause any health problems for the participants and their families.

The participants were then welcomed by the president of Hellenic Precision Sport Federation that bowling is now part of in Greece. There was also a message delivered from the Greek minister of culture and sport and from the president of the Torch Committee from the Hellenic Olympic Committee.

Ad 2 - Roll call, validation of proxies and determination of voting rights

The ETBF Secretary General, Nataša Pirc Musar, performed a roll call with the result that there were delegates present from 21 member federations out of 43 eligible to vote. To have a quorum the Statutes require that minimum one third of the member federations, including proxies, must be present.

9 proxies had been received: Switzerland to the Netherlands, Catalonia to Slovenia, Slovakia to Croatia, Israel to Cyprus, France to Russia, Poland to Greece, Austria to Malta, San Marino to Gibraltar, Bulgaria to Romania – and the Auditors Florian Fister and Jan Edvardsen were called upon to scrutinize the proxies – they were validated and found satisfactory.

The voting power was 30, and accordingly there was a quorum.

The list of delegates and proxies is shown in Appendix 1.

Ad 3 - Appointment of chairman and secretary of the Congress

In accordance with the Statutes Addie Ophelders was accepted as chairman of the Congress.

Nataša Pirc Musar was appointed as secretary of the Congress.

Ad 4 - Adoption of minutes of the previous Congress and matters arising there from

The minutes of the EBF Congress on 9 June 2019 in Unterföhring, Germany, had been circulated to all member federations in due time prior to the Congress.

The minutes were unanimously adopted as presented.

Ad 5 - Annual Report of the Presidium over the years 2019 and 2020

The Presidium's report for the financial years 2019 and 2020 had been circulated to all member federations in due time prior to the Congress. Page no 14 where the member federations are listed – Greece is still listed under Gymnastics Federation, this has now change to Hellenic Federation of Precision Sports. Addie Ophelders thanked the president for what he has done for bowling. Financial statement was approved by the auditors.

The delegates agreed with the report.

Ad 6 - Financial report of EBF over the years 2019 and 2020

The financial report for the years 2019 and 2020 was included in the Presidium's report for these two years.

There were no questions or comments to the financial report. The delegates agreed with the report.

Ad 7 - Financial report of EBT over the years 2018 and 2019

The financial report for the years 2018 and 2019 was included in the Presidium's report.

There were no questions or comments to the financial report for the EBT. The delegates agreed with the report.

Ad 8 – Auditors' report

The Auditors' report for the years 2019 and 2020 of ETBF was presented together with the financial reports, the report is shown in Appendix 2 including the report for the EBT over the years 2018 and 2019.

Addie Ophelders read the whole report. The delegates agreed with the report.

Ad 9 - Dealing with matters arising from the above reports

There were no comments or questions to above reports.

The Presidium's report for the years 2019 and 2020 was unanimously accepted as presented.

The Financial reports for the years 2019 and 2020 of ETBF and for the years 2018 and 2019 for EBT were unanimously accepted as presented.

The Auditors' report for the years 2019 and 2020 of ETBF including the EBT report over the years 2018 and 2019 were unanimously accepted as presented.

Ad 10 - Release of the Presidium

In accordance with the recommendation from the auditors the Congress unanimously decided to discharge the Presidium from liabilities for the years 2019 and 2020.

Ad 10.1 – New marketing strategy and brand architecture

ETBF informed the delegates about new marketing strategy and about the new logo. The presenters were marketing agency FORMITAS and ONDER GURKAN, see the Appendix 3.

Ad 11 - Legislative session

The ETBF Vice-President, Valgeir Gudbjartsson chaired the legislative session.

Ad 11.1 Proposal 1, by the ETBF Presidium

Romania is missing (time 12.15), the rest are present. The delegate from Romania joined at 12.25.

Vice-President Valgeir Gudbjartsson proposed that we adopt the changes of constitution as a whole package. Norway has some questions about some articles.

Changed chapters 1 and 2 of the ETBF Constitution are in line with changes of IBF and taking out chapters 3-9 and leave the responsibility to ETBF Presidium.

In line with changes at IBF, ETBF has done a lot of work in changing the name of ETBF into EBF or European Bowling Federation, to be able to take on further changes in the future, furthermore we have changed the chapter 1 and chapter 2 in the way that it is more in line with the statutes of IBF.

ETBF Presidium has also rewritten in chapter 2 items regarding registering of athletes suspended by national federations and consequences for athletes, as well as how offences and disciplinary actions should be handled.

ETBF Presidium proposes as well that Chapter 3-9 will be left for the responsibility of the presidium and thus out of the constitution.

The changes of the constitution were adopted in whole. The new constitution is in Annex of these minutes.

The questions of the delegates and answers of the Presidium about the constitution changes were as follows:

Regarding Article 1.6.3

Norway asked about the secret ballot. There are tools which allows that. EBF is going to think about the solutions in the future.

Regarding Article 1.9.5.

Norway asked why at point d) there is no possibility for Secretary General. Vice president answered that General Secretary can mostly represent in legal matters, point d) is only meant for EBF representation at IBF meetings.

Regarding Article 2.4.2.1

Nataša Pirc Musar explained the content, and the new added word »and play« in paragraph c) of Article 2.4.2.1. Questions were raised by Norway and England. The athlete who is suspended can not be registered by any other NBF (National Bowling Federation) or play for the NBF where he is registered beside the NBF of residence, until the suspension is over.

Regarding the deletion of Chapters 3-9

Finland asked about the championships – is EBF the only one who decides or we will ask the NBFs as well. VG replied and informed the delegates that EBF will seek informations/opinions from EBF federations, before making any decision to change.

Ad 11.2 Belgium proposals for changing the constitution

Belgium withdrew all the proposals but one (limitation of the mandate) due to the fact they were debated with the Presidium and aligned with Belgium's proposals before the congress. Mark explained why he withdrew the proposals in detail.

He insists on limitation of the presidency mandate. He proposes 3 x 4 years, 12 years maximum.

Does that mean Addie Ophelders still has 12 years to go, England asked. Addie answered that it is not his intention to be a president so long.

Norway asked does this mean we will lose a person who worked well. It has nothing to do with the quality of work, it is just a hygiene, and IOC has similar rules, Marc explained. The congress voted on Belgium's proposal after the debate.

8 votes in favour, the Belgium proposal is not adopted.

England – what is going on with super senior competition? IBF did not discuss anything about seniors, Marios explained. VG explained as well that there was no qualification from +50 and +65 age group for the World Masters Championships. This was double checked and confirmed later in the day to England.

Ad 12 - Budget revised for 2021 and Budgets for 2022 and 2023

The revised budget for 2021 and proposed budget for the years 2022 and 2023 had been circulated to all member federations in due time prior to the Congress.

Addie Ophelders introduced the budgets. He explained that the 2021 budget was revised due to a discount in fees for Covid years. The 2022 and 2023 budget will also be revised due to a costs for Formitas marketing agency. The budget will be revised and send to NBFs for approval.

Ad 13 - Elections

The ETBF Vice President, Valgeir Gudbjartsson, chaired the election session.

13.1 President

Election of President for the term until the Congress in 2025

Candidates:

Name: Marc Beaufays, Belgium

Present position: President of the Belgian Bowling Federation/member of the ETBF Presidium

Nominated by: Belgian Bowling Federation

Name: Addie Ophelders, The Netherlands

Present position: President of ETBF

Nominated by: Dutch Bowling Federation

Before coming to voting Marc Beaufays withdrew the candidacy. He is happy, because he received all the answers at the Presidium meeting which was held day earlier.

Addie Ophelders was elected as President until the Congress 2025 by acclamation.

13.2. Presidium members

Election of two Presidium members for a term until the Congress 2025.

Sergey Lisitsyn and Onder Gurkan have announced their intention to run for re-election.

Candidates:

Name: Sergey Lisitsyn, Russia

Present position: President of the Russian Bowling Federation/member of the ETBF Presidium

Nominated by: Russian Bowling Federation

Name: Onder Gurkan, Turkey

Present position: Presidium member of ETBF

Nominated by: German Bowling Federation

Both were elected as Presidium members until the Congress 2025 by acclamation.

Auditors Florian Fister, Germany and Jan Edvardsen, Norway agreed they will help us until the next congress. They were both elected by acclamation. Substitute auditor Argyris Logothetis is also elected by acclamation.

Ad 14 Questions/Remarks from the floor

Kirills Hudyakovs presented the Ten Pin Cam application for the future possible events using this digital opportunity. Kirills explained the whole system structure.

Magnus Johnson took the floor as a Swede (he was representing Spain on the other hand). He explained about a Swedish two right handed back up athlete who was trying to destroy the oil pattern at the lanes at EYC in Tillburg this year at the practise playing with right hand from right side and not from the back up as he normally does. This is not fair we all agree. It is not sportsmen like, but currently we do not have a rule to stop this. EBF will look into it. It is for the moment only an ethical problem.

Finland pointed out about the rules of IBF. We do not know who drafts them. What is the EBF role in IBF decision making proces?

Addie Ophelders explained that he does not know who is a decision making body behind. The IBF committe does not hold meetings at all. Everything is silent, we do not get any information. No one from IBF is in Switzerland at the moment, everybody is in

Dubai. The communication is slow. Marios Nicolaides confirmed this as a Vice President of IBF. Marios will try to talk with the IBF president about this in Dubai and express the disappointment in that.

Nataša explained about the EBF Gender Equality Committee the president of EBF will establish in the next couple of weeks. NBFs are asked to contribute and inform Nataša about the names of the ladies willing to participate.

Ad 15 Closing the meeting

Addie Ophelders expressed the Presidium's thanks to the Congress delegates and wished them safe travel back home and hope to see all at next opportunity. He also thanked the Presidium members for the work done.

The Congress was formally closed at 13:40.

Minutes were prepared by:
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Addie Ophelders ETBF President



Appendix 1

List of participants

Federation	Delegate with vote	Delegates with voice only
1. Belarus	Pavel Sobolev	
2. Belgium	Marc Beaufays	
3. Croatia	Onder Gurkan	
4. Cyprus	Marios Nicolaides	
5. Denmark	Torben Andersen	
6. England	Dave Steiner	

7. Finland	Olli Hossi	Sami Jarvila
8. Germany	Florian Fister	
9. Gibraltar	Valgeir Gudbjartsson	
10. Greece	Jorgos Lambrakis	
11. Iceland	Johann A. Johannsson	Thorarinn Mar
Thorbjornsson		
12. Italy	Cosimo Zecca	
13. Latvia	Kirill Hudjakov	
14. Malta	Paul Baldacchino	
15. Netherlands	Addie Ophelders	
16. Norway	Halgeir Ludvigsen	Kirsten Sofie Wille
17. Romania	Bill Hartofolis	
18. Russia	Sergey Lisitsyn	
19. Slovenia	Nataša Pirc Musar	
20. Spain	Magnus Johnson	
21. Ukraine	Vladyslav Prysiashnyi	

Proxies:

1. Austria to Malta,
2. Bulgaria to Romania,
3. Catalonia to Slovenia,
4. Croatia to Slovakia,
5. France to Russia,
6. Israel to Cyprus,
7. Poland to Greece,
8. San Marino to Gibraltar,
9. Switzerland to The Netherlands,

Presidium members:

Addie Ophelders, ETBF President
 Valgeir Gudbjartsson, Vice-President
 Marios Nicolaides, Presidium member
 Onder Gurkan, Presidium member
 Sergey Lisitsyn, Presidium member
 Marc Beaufays, Presidium member
 Nataša Pirc Musar, General Secretary

Auditors:

Florian Fister, Germany
 Jan Edvardsen, Norway
 Argyris Logothetis, substitute auditor