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Executive Board Meeting n. 9 – 2023, the fourth one of the Executive Board elected on 05.08.2023

On Thursday, 14th December 2023, at 6.30 p.m., the **Executive Board** met online by means of Zoom Video Conferencing Application, in the presence of *Carlo A. Bordini* (EDC President – ITA), *Jan Zioltkowski* (Tournament Director of Veterans - GER), *Johan Demasure* (Deputy Vice President and Director of Youth and Under 27 Tournaments – BEL), *Tarmo Tulva* (Vice President and Tournament Director - EST), *Magda Pawlowska* (Technical Director, Responsible for FMJD Calendar - POL), *Glib Ushakov* (Responsible for International Marketing - UKR), *Ester Van Muijen* (Auditor - NED), *Bellita D. Dottor* (General Secretary - ITA). *Aare Harak* and *Rik Keurentjes* were excused absences.

Agenda:

1. **Opening speech by the President;**
2. **Reading and ratification of the minutes of the previous Board Meeting (n.8/2023);**
3. **European Championships and EDC/FMJD Calendar 2024;**
4. **Other various and possible evaluations.**

As for point **1. Opening speech by the President** C.A. Bordini greeted the participants and then he directly opened the discussion on **point 3. European Championships and EDC/FMJD Calendar 2024**, asking Jan Zioltkowski about the organization of the European Veterans Championship next year.

Having already talked to Magda Pawlowska about that he could definitely confirm it will be held in Poland with two possible alternatives regarding the period of time: the whole April and the beginning of May 2024 included, the first or second week in October 2024. About the World Veterans Championship (Classic, Rapid and Blitz) Jan Zioltkowski added they could be held in Korbak from 21st to 26th September 2024. The President participated reminding those present of other championships already on the agenda both in April and May, then the

- EC Veterans and Under 27 in Poland (Dabki) from 14th to 21st April.

Other EDC Championships were already planned as follows:

- European Championships, Classic, Blitz and Rapid Championships, in Chianciano Terme (Italy) from 2nd to 10th June;
- European Youth Championships, Classic, Blitz and Rapid Championships in Jelgava (Latvia) from 1st to 9th August.

Johan Demasure took the word and mentioned the possibility to organize Rapid and Blitz Championships in Belgium in 2025 (in Brussels), and other championships (EC Classic, Blitz and Rapid) in the Netherlands (Hijken/Beilen) in 2026.

As for **point 2. Reading and ratification of the minutes of the previous Board Meeting (n.8/2023)** C.A. Bordini asked the participants for any suggested ratifications with reference to the minutes previously shared in the same email of the convocation notice. All members agreed with the final and corrected text.

On Glib Ushakov's question the President suggested that about Draughts/Checkers specialities the appreciated participation to the EB meetings from the new entries, William Docherty and Felix Shepel, will be asked when they have some projects or ideas to recommend. That matter will be better analysed in the next meeting.

About **point 4. Other various and possible evaluations**, the President suggested another topic to discuss together: the one concerning “sponsored places” in championships, taken into high consideration in the past. But all the Board shared the idea that the matter does not fit at all with the EC in which there are no limits to any participations, and that it could be considered for EYC 2025, despite the fact that it could be only an extra chance restricted to the rich countries.

Jan Zioltkowski introduced the topic of recent decision of IOC to include some Russian and Belarusian athletes in the next Olympic Games, under IOC/independent flag. The EDC Board will follow any developments and possible new decisions by FMJD, that currently does not allow any participations in the World or Continental Championships, but only in tournaments.

The following Executive Board Meeting was set on 18th January 2024 at 18.30 Rome/Berlin/Brussels/Paris time.

President Bordini and all participants meditated also on the tragic and painful situations in Europe and in the world, exchanging friendly wishes and sincere hopes for a healthy and joyful New Year, hoping in a peaceful future.

At about 7.30 pm. there was nothing else to discuss, so the President thanked the participants for their available time and declared the online meeting closed.

The President of the EDC Board