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Executive Board Meeting n. 1 – 2024, the fifth one of the Executive Board elected on 05.08.2023

On Thursday, 18th January 2024, 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), *Johan Demasure* (Deputy Vice President and Director of Youth and Under 27 Tournaments – BEL), *Jan Ziolkowski* (Tournament Director of Veterans - GER), *Magda Pawlowska* (Technical Director, Responsible for FMJD Calendar - POL), *Ester Van Muijen* (Auditor - NED), *Bart Stegeman* (Auditor – SLO), *Bellita D. Dottor* (General Secretary - ITA).

Tarmo Tulva, *Glib Ushakov*, *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. 9/2023);**
3. **European Championships and EDC/FMJD Calendar and Agreements 2024;**
4. **Annual bank Account report**
5. **Other various and possible evaluations**

About point **1. Opening speech by the President** C.A. Bordini greeted the participants and thanked them for their presence.

Then he opened the discussion on **point 2. Reading and ratification of the minutes of the previous Board Meeting (n. 9/2023)**, with deep thanks to Johan Demasure for his French translation, to Vlad Spenser (previous Board Member) for his Russian and Ukrainian translations of the previous minutes.

As there were no replies the 9th text was approved.

Regarding **point 3. European Championships and EDC/FMJD Calendar and Agreements 2024** the President said he had sent an information email to everyone directly concerned, to define agreements, rules and regulations for each specific championship. After that the discussion opened on the debated question concerning the hosting prices recalled in the Guide Lines to organize European Championships, taking into consideration a certain difference between accommodation cost in Eastern and Western Europe. Auditors underlined that also real inflationary phenomenon needs to get clear schedules from hotels, adding that prices are important but even to be able to count on serious organizers. In general, there must be a balance between travelling costs, prices and accommodation quality on one hand, quick rules and regulations for advantageous travelling costs on the other hand. For a real and effective success of any draughts event it is fundamental that organizers and all the participants get a common agreement.

As for the European Individual Championships (Classic, Rapid, Blitz), in Chianciano Terme (Italy), from 2nd to 10th June, President C. A. Bordini reminded the participants that Rules and Regulations and the Agreement had already been shared with the Board and that Rules and Regulations were going to be made public after the Board Meeting. Everybody agreed.

For what concerns the European Youth Championships, planned in Jelgava (Latvia) from 1st to 9th August, Vice President J. Demasure talked about the walking path with President Vadislavs Vesperis of the Latvian Draughts Federation, about the Agreement, the Rules and Regulations, mentioning some details about accommodation which was going to be defined according to what previously shared. The Executive Board decreed the complete documents, together with the President, and then proceeded to make the EYC2024 Rules and Regulations known.

About the European Championships for Veterans and Under 27, Jan Ziolkowski, Tournament Director of Veterans, in agreement with the Tournament Director of Youth, guaranteed that they will be held in Poland, easily in Dabki, from 14th to 21st April, whose details will be known by about a month. The whole Executive Board,

President C.A. Bordini and Johan Demasure (Tournament Director of Youth) included, decreed the complete Agreement, Rules and Regulations. Then they decided to make Rules and Regulations of the European Championships for Veterans and Under 27 publicly known, too. About the EC for Veterans, it was decided that starting from 2025 there will be one winner for Men and one winner for Women hosted for free.

Johan Demasure opened a short speech on the request he received to organize the Rapid and Blitz European Championship in Brussels in 2025 and the Classic, Rapid and Blitz European Championship in Netherland in 2026.

As for **point 4. Annual bank Account report**, the President made reference to the one sent together with the convocation notice, being ready to give any clarification. All documents, invoices, receipts, agreement and bank movements had been already sent to the Auditors. The financial report, edited transparently, will be officially and possibly prepared within February, but there were still missed a 2023 entry concerning the EDC part of fees of Rapid and Blitz European Championships, quite checked, and the travelling costs of the Main Referee for the European Youth Championships 2023 in Tallin. On 31.12.2023 the Bank account counted about eight thousand euros. On the wave of transparency C.A. Bordini wanted to specify that travel expenses for the EDC President, each time he represents EDC, are paid by FID, the Italian Draughts Federation. Vice President Demasure congratulated with the President and the Board for having reached such a goal starting from nothing.

About **point 5. Other various and possible evaluations**, the Board opened a discussion on websites. Magda Pawlowska's opinion focused on the importance of historical news and picture galleries in them, beyond their main function of being above all database. They should have free access to organizers, directors in a general idea of visibility. Everybody agreed and the President replied that those modernization objectives need large investments to be reached, explored in the past years seeing that EDC needed about 10.000 € to create a new and upgraded website. Future technological updating will be taken into consideration. In case that somebody knows who can do it in a cheaper way, maybe a draughts lover, he/she is welcome.

The following Executive Board Meeting was set on 22nd February 2024 at 18.30 Rome/Berlin/Brussels/Paris time.

At 7.50 pm. there was nothing else to discuss. C.A. Bordini thanked the participants for their available time and declared the online meeting closed.

The President of the EDC Board
