



European Draughts Confederation

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Executive Board Meeting n. 1 - 2020 of the Executive Board elected on 03.08.2019

Google Meet, June 13th 2020.

At 9.30, with the presence of *Carlo A. Bordini* (EDC President – ITA), *Johan Demasure* (Vice President Vicary-BEL), *Ingrida Drukteynite* (Vice President - LIT), *Jan Ziolkowski* (GER), *Uladzislau Splendzer* (BLR), *Tarmo Tulva* (EST), elected as members of EDC Board, and also *Milena Szatkowska* (General Secretary) and the absence without any notification of, *Vasyl Nadraha* (UKR). Checked the legal number (6 out of 7), the EDB Executive Board started working with the following

Agenda:

1. Opening speech by the President
2. Activities 2020 and Covid-19: analysis, evaluations and possible determinations
 - 2.1 European Championships Youth 2020
 - 2.2 European Championships (adults) 2020
 - 2.3 European Championships Veterans 2020
3. Regulatory protocol of measures for the contrast and containment of contagion risks from virus covid-19 in the practice of draughts in Europe (Guidelines for playing safely)
4. EDC Balance 2019
5. Other various and possible evaluations.

After a welcome speech of the President, with a special focus concerning Covid-19 Virus spread, all around the world, it was pointed up that the situation in Europe is better than a few months ago, and infection spread is coming down in the most of Countries. It was noticed that there are a few of Countries where Covid-19 virus haven't yet reached the peak, such as Russia Belarus and Ukraine, and there are many issues about travelling through the countries, with boundaries extra-Schengen, on which nobody could say when and how it will be possible to "open", or if is necessary to face a quarantine before to enter. Furthermore, while it is known the UE controls to face the virus, there are not so many news about the extra-UE countries controls. At the same time, it is impossible to hold the European Championships Youth without a certain number of very important Federations who normally takes part in it.

The whole EB agreed about that and all that said above, highlighting that the first value to protect is the safety of the EDC draughts lovers (such as players, coaches, parents, etc.).

The EB then treated the **point 2.1** European Championships Youth 2020 in Agenda and Tarmo Tulva underlines that in Estonia they restart playing, internally, but nobody can forecast what could happen in case of hill, sick, or about travel and costs or accommodations. Unfortunately, the disposability of venue in Tallinn does not permit to organize the European Championships Youth in a different data, and so in Estonia it is not possible to organize those in 2020, maybe some tournament online could be possible instead of the ECY.

Takes the floor Johan Demasure, Vice President Vicary ad Tournament Director Youth, who inform the EB about some attempts to organize the EC Youth in other place: Turkey didn't accept to add the championships youth to the adults ones, and KNDB will discuss it but with no great chance, as far as it's known, even the World Championships Youth of October/November, in Poland will not be organized.

Considering the number of participants, the rules anti-covid to respect, the need of younger to have lots of parents and companions, the **EDC Executive Board unanimously voted (Resolution 1/2020) that the European Championships Youth 2020 in August in Tallinn are cancelled due to Covid19.**

Furthermore, **the EB unanimously voted (Resolution 2/2020) that the EDC will consider any candidates to organize only the ECY Junior, Cadets, and Under 26 in December 2020.**

The EB discussed also about some way to give the possibility to all the kids to play a sort of official tournament in 2020, also online. The EB shared a plenty of doubts about such a sort of officially, evaluating the risks about the identities of players who plays online, and the difficulty to give an official value to this kind of tournaments, although especially on *lidraughts.org* there has been a great improvement of players. A solution of the doubts come out could be to gather the participants of each Federations, in a unique venue, under the control of an official EDC Referee, so that the guys can participate to the tournaments online with a guarantee to be effectively themselves. Tarmo Tulva has taken on charge, as Estonian Draughts Federations, to replace in part the organization of ECY with a Youth Tournament online, Rapid and Blitz that do not need a real Referee, with the help and the supervision of the TD Youth, Johan Demasure. A letter will be sent to the Federations with registration terms until 15th July.

The EB then passed to the **point 2.2**, European Championships (adults) 2020, planned in Antalya (Turkey), for which currently nothing is changed.

Then **point 2.3** - European Championships Veterans 2020, was discussed and Jan Zioltkowski as EDC Tournament Director of Veteran has spoken about. Considering the age of participants that is the most exposed to the Covid-19 risks, the **EDC Executive Board unanimously voted (Resolution 3/2020) that the European Championships Veterans 2020 in September in Israel are cancelled due to Covid19.**

The EDC will consider any candidates to organize it in 2021. Any requests must be sent by 31st August.

The Executive Board, then, talked about the point 3. Regulatory protocol of measures for the contrast and containment of contagion risks from virus covid-19 in the practice of draughts in Europe (Guide lines for playing safely). The President Carlo Bordini has recalled the main aspect written in the protocol, with the help of the EDC Medical Responsible, dr. Renato Capurro, in accordance with World Health Organization (WHO) recommendations and IOC advices, and the UE best practices to fight the covid-19 spread. To start playing again it is important to have rules to follow even in all Europe, and hopefully in the draughts world.

The **EDC Executive Board unanimously voted (Resolution 4/2020)** and adopted the *“Regulatory protocol of measures for the contrast and containment of contagion risks from virus covid-19 in the practice of draughts in Europe”* as guidelines for playing safety draughts.

Then point 4. EDC Balance 2019, was discussed. The President Bordini introduced the point in which the competence of this EB in charge starts after 3rd August 2019, anyway it was useful to set both Balance sheet 2018 and 2019, sent in March to the members of the EB. Bordini highlighted the summarize of movements of the Account n. 561905177 at the FMJD bank account, kindly given by Aare Harak, the Treasurer of FMJD. The results for the Year 2018 is +2.683,34 €, starting from a 0,00 € at the 1.1.2018. The balance 2019 is +1.116,53 €. With a current EDC total liabilities of 3.799,97 €. The numbers show that the incomings depend on the European Youth Championships while the other Championships and activities take out finance. And this was partially corrected in the EB on September 2019, having established that a part of the entries of all the championships must be given to the EDC. It is also opened the topic of contribution by FMJD, which collects incomings from the National Federations of the world without giving anything of it to Continental confederations: it is beyond belief that FMJD doesn't give any support to EDC activities.

About the 0,00 € at the beginning of 2018, Ingrida Drukteynite, previous EDC President, confirmed what the Treasurer FMJD had explained in March, that the FMJD account has been used for EDC from Summer 2017, just before EYC, with the main idea to help EDC to collect money and keep all amounts in one place, but with zero EUR at the end of 2017. The EB notices that it is strange to have just the perfect number “zero”. Bordini recalled some speech with Aare Harak in which he explained that there was financial losses in the 2017 activities, covered by the Estonian Federations.

Bordini remembered that an independent, proper, EDC bank account is one of the goals, but to open it, it is necessary that EDC get a new Statute according to European laws, registered by a notary. When it is done, it will

be possible to open a bank account in one of the Bank that can be moved in all the Europe, in case of new venue and President, and permit to all the member of board to see the movements.

In the end of the Meeting, the Vice President and Tournament Director Youth, Johan Demasure, accepted the request to study how is possible to organize online course for Referees.

The EB set a new EDC Meeting on July 18th.

At the 11.40, since there was nothing else to discuss, the EB Meeting ended.

The President of the EDC Board
Carlo A. Bordini

