



European Draughts Confederation

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Executive Board Meeting n. 3 – 2024, the seventh one of the Executive Board elected on 05.08.2023

On Thursday, 21st March 2024, at 07.00 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), *Tarmo Tulva* (Vice President and Tournament Director - EST), *Magda Pawlowska* (Technical Director, Responsible for FMJD Calendar - POL), *Ester Van Muijen* (Auditor - NED), *Rik Keurentjes* (Chairman of Athletes, Trainers and Referees Commission - NED), *Glib Ushakov* (Responsible for International Marketing – UKR), *Aare Harak* (Auditor – EST), and *Bellita D. Dottor* (General Secretary - ITA). *Jan Ziolkowski*, and *Bart Stegeman* excused absences from the meeting.

Agenda:

1. **Opening speech by the President;**
2. **Reading and ratification of the minutes of the previous Board Meeting (n. 2/2024);**
3. **EDC Financial Statement 2023 (Explanatory Notes to the F.S., Balance Sheet, Financial and Bank Statement)**
4. **EDC Annual fee 2023: status (paid or unpaid) and determination**
5. **Events 2024: 5.1 European Championships status; 5.2 Possible seminar during EYC: for coaches, referees, etc.; 5.3 Suggestions from Athletes, Trainers and Referees Commission and determinations;**
6. **Development of European Draughts Confederations: strategies, paths, goals.**
7. **Other various and possible evaluations.**

As for point **1. Opening speech by the President** C.A. Bordini greeted the participating members and introduced a path concerning the involvement of new countries in European Draughts Events concerning World Cups, Open/Men, with Rik Keurentjes' cooperation. Then he asked the Board Members for any suggestions, to be added, in relation to **point 2. Reading and ratification of the minutes of the previous Board Meeting (n. 2/2024)**. Nobody replied and the minutes were approved.

About point **3. EDC Financial Statement 2023 (Explanatory Notes to the F.S., Balance Sheet, Financial and Bank Statement)** C. A. Bordini pointed out that the Financial Statement, given to be read and analysed by all the EDC Members, represents the proof of the best results of management achieved in the last years. He is very proud of that as profits started from nothing five years ago. The document offers a transparent, objectively clear presentation of data. The EDC President reminded that the Balance have to be voted within 30th April (according to the Italian Laws, where EDC has official headquarters). The Auditors A. Harak and E. Van Muijen and B. Stegeman asked to put the point forward, in order to have more time for discussion and for arranging their report, taking into consideration any remarkable points on it in a time useful for the next Board Meeting, before the duty terms indicated. The Board agreed to postpone the point to the next Board meeting.

After that the discussion opened on point **4. EDC Annual fee 2023: status (paid or unpaid) and determination**, when the EDC President informed about the regular annual fee payment from some national Federations (Belgium, Estonia, France, Germany, Israeli, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia), and still the missing one from others. The rules establish that if the fee is paid in delay that country has to pay an extra fee equal to 10 euros.

J. Demasure intervened saying that a failure to pay will not affect the participation of the athletes, but each may be asked for an additional 10 euros for registration to his/her non-paying country.

On the President's proposal the Group agreed on giving the countries extra time to pay the fee of 50 euros, without increase, by April. He will send an email for information to remind them of the postponed payment. Before the approval of these minutes the information will be published on the news section of the EDC website.

Regarding point **5. Events 2024. 5.1 European Championships status; 5.2 Possible seminar during EYC: for coaches, referees, etc.; 5.3 Suggestions from Athletes, Trainers and Referees Commission and determinations**, the President remembered that the European Draughts Championships Veterans and Under 27 will take place in Dabki (Poland) from 13th to 21st April; EC Open and for Women in Chianciano Terme in June, and the European Youth Championships in Jelgavia (Latvia) in August, and all of them had been approved in their procedures. On the wake of the Estonian success during the European Youth Championships in Tallinn in 2023, when also the exchange among Clubs about strategies, procedures, advice had been so meaningful and effective, it would be nice to organize another course for trainers. Contacts with Latvian organizer will follow.

Then the President asked Vice President J. Demasure to resume referees and Jury d'appel's proposals for EC 2024, that were shared from the Board.

Veterans and U27

Referee: Jan Zioltkowski (Germany)

Jury:

President of the Jury: Bartosz Socha (Poland)

Aare Harak (Estonia)

Boris Darry (France)

European Championships classic, rapid and blitz

Referee: Johan Demasure (Belgium)

Jury:

President of the Jury: Magda Pawlowska (Poland)

Aare Harak (Estonia)

Jan Zioltkowski (Germany)

European Championships classic, rapid and blitz for youth

Referee: Raivis Peagle (Latvia)

Jury:

President of the Jury: Frank Teer (Netherlands)

Aare Harak (Estonia)

Magda Pawlowska (Poland)

Among the participants Rik Keurentjes, Johan Demasure, Ester Van Muijen, Tarmo Tulva and Magda Pawlowska intervened both with ideas and possible availability or costs involved for the EC 2025-2027, defining everything as work in progress.

As far as the next point **(6. Development of European Draughts Confederations: strategies, paths, goals)** is concerned, President C.A. Bordini strongly believes in the goal of widening the number of European Federations in three years' time; Federations actively involved with their athletes playing different draughts systems. A great opportunity would be offered, as introduced in point 1, by a possible sponsor. Rik Keurentjes felt particularly involved in the topic and deeply explained the main steps.

As for point **7. Other various and possible evaluations**, taking into consideration the IOC position about Olympic Games and Russian and Belarusian athletes, the Members pointed out differences concerning Belarusian players, especially the ones belonging to the youth sphere. Anyway, despite it is important to discuss and sharing thoughts everybody agreed that it is still impossible to change the EDC approach on this matter, as long as there is war. The terrible events in Europe and outside Europe in terms of conflicts, sufferings for young, old, weak people and missing respect of human rights, the EDC Members wanted to underline that, being so deeply and emotionally involved, they were going to follow the decisions taken by FMJD with reference to players' participations in draughts events.

The following EDC Board Meeting was set on 18th April at 19.30 Rome/Berlin/Brussels/Paris/Amsterdam time. At about 08.40 p.m. all topics in agenda had been discussed.

The President thanked all members for their time and declared the online meeting closed.

The President of the EDC Board