



# European Draughts Confederation

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**Executive Board Meeting** n. 4 – 2024, the eight one of the Executive Board elected on 05.08.2023

On Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024, at 19.30 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), *Jan Ziolkowski* (Tournament Director of Veterans – GER), *Magda Pawlowska* (Technical Director, Responsible for FMJD Calendar - POL), *Rik Keurentjes* (Chairman of Athletes, Trainers and Referees Commission - NED), *Glib Ushakov* (Responsible for International Marketing – UKR), *Aare Harak* (Auditor – EST), *Ester Van Muijen* (Deputy Auditor - NED), and *Bellita D. Dottor* (General Secretary - ITA).

*William Docherty* (Member of WCDF, Treasurer, Responsible for Checkers), *Bart Stegeman* (Assistant Auditor) and *Felix Shepel* (Responsible for Draughts – 64) 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. 3/2024);**
- 3. EDC Financial Statement 2023 (Explanation Notes to the F.S., Balance Sheet, Financial and Bank Statement);**
- 4. EDC Annual fee 2024: status (paid or unpaid) and determination;**
- 5. Other various and possible evaluations.**

Regarding point **1. Opening speech by the President** C.A. Bordini greeted the participants and thanked them for their presence. Then he asked everyone for any suggestions in relation to **point 2. Reading and ratification of the minutes of the previous Board Meeting (n. 3/2024)** that were approved without any additions.

About point **3. EDC Financial Statement 2023 (Explanation Notes to the F.S., Balance Sheet, Financial and Bank Statement)** the Auditors A. Harak, B. Stegeman and E. Van Muijen took part in the debate emphasizing how important it is that everything is clear and understandable in a report. A. Harak said that they had worked well and hard on preparing the Auditor's report about the Financial Statement 2023. Then he considered appropriate the addition of some possible suggestions for the EDC Executive Board in the future. For instance, at the beginning of each year it could be useful to send the Federations all the invoices (as courtesy invoices) about the EDC annual fee as a memorandum. The Federations that do not pay the due fees are in debt to the EDC. Consequently, the following year they must pay also for the previous one. For the next year the Auditors also proposed to reduce the value of all the rubber stamps to 1 € each. They even highlighted that in future European Championships it would be better to report the number of participants and associated fees in a clear and complete list directly in the Explanatory Notes to the Financial Statement. In so doing it would be easier to deduce the amount of incomes linked to each draughts event.

About the numbering of the invoices the Auditors asked President C. A. Bordini for some explanations. He replied clarifying that according to the Italian and European Laws each invoice with a

progressive number is also linked to a progressive general protocol number. Then he added that it is even necessary to approve the Balance Sheet by 30<sup>th</sup> April. On the participating Auditors' request everything will be explained in detail to guarantee more information.

Then the Auditors' Commission expressed their complete acceptance concerning the Financial Statement 2023 and all the documents (Explanation Notes to the F.S., Balance Sheet, Financial and Bank Statement) were unanimously approved by the EDC Executive Board.

After that the discussion opened on point **4. EDC Annual fee 2024: status (paid or unpaid) and determination.** The President informed that by 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024 some other Federations, 14 in total, had paid the annual fee: Armenia, Belgium, Estonia, France, Germany, Israeli, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal and Slovenia. Ukraine was going to, while the Czech, Hungarian and Turkish Federations were still missing, but regularly associated in 2023.

Regarding point **5. Other various and possible evaluations** the President wanted to renew his thanks to R. Keurentjes for his help on finding a Dutch sponsor whose goal is to increase the number of active Federations in Europe (an example is Azerbaijan). A challenging goal is to favour the birth of new Federations like Malta, San Marino, Finland (to mention some) in the European Draughts Confederation but also overseas. It happened that some players who do not belong to any federations had sent their application form to participate in important championships, individually.

On the topic of creating new Federations R. Keurentjes took the floor explaining that giving birth to a national Federation could be easy, but the question is more complicated if you take into consideration the structural organization, the teaching of draughts, the place for training. However he definitely agreed with President Carlo A. Bordini that it's important to do everything possible to enlarge the number of Draughts Federations.

The following EDC Board Meeting was possibly set on 20<sup>th</sup> June at 19.30 Rome/Berlin/Brussels/Paris/Amsterdam time.

Only if strictly necessary a meeting could be also called on 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

At about 20.55, since there was nothing else to discuss, the President thanked all participants for their time and declared the online meeting closed.

The President of the EDC Board