



European Draughts Confederation

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Executive Board Meeting n. 7 – 2023, the second one of the Executive Board elected on 05.08.2023

On Tuesday, 10th October 2023, at 06.30 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), *Tarmo Tulva* (Vice President and Tournament Director, EST), *Magda Pawlowska* (Technical Director, POL), *Jan Ziolkowski* (Tournament Director of Veterans, GER), *Glib Ushakov* (responsible for International Marketing, UKR) and *Bellita D. Dottor* (General Secretary, ITA).

Agenda:

1. **Opening speech by the President;**
2. **Reading and ratification of the minutes of the General Assembly and Board Meeting 6/2023;**
3. **European Championships and EDC/FMJD Calendars 2024;**
4. **EDC development activities;**
5. **Other various and possible evaluations.**

As for point **1. Opening speech by the President** C.A. Bordini greeted the participants (all the members of the EB were present) and explained the justified absences of Rik Keurentjes (Chairman of Athletes, Trainers and Referee Commission, NED), involved in issues about the World Championships in Curaçao with bad wifi connection and of Aare Harak (Auditor, EST), very busy on that day, invited to the meeting like all the other auditors.

The President mentioned his participation in the online Meeting of the **FMJD Executive Council** on 2nd October, when the definition of **2024 activity Calendar** was debated.

About point **2. Reading and ratification of the minutes of the General Assembly and Board Meeting 6/2023**, as there were no notes to add to the minutes of the General Assembly, he passed on the Minutes of Board Meeting n. 6, to specify some parts of 2023 guide lines updated and unanimously shared after various evaluations.

As for point **3. European Championships and EDC/FMJD Calendars 2024** the president C.A. Bordini's target was to get an agreement with FMJD Calendar, fixing precise slots when championships take place in the draughts world (e.g. the first decade of August for EYC), to create habitual sports events at specific intervals, to avoid overlapping with FMJD Calendar and also to help National Calendars. It is hard work but essential to achieve. Magda Pawlowska, who is both member of Executive Council and FMJD Tournament Youth Director, declared that some decisions had already been taken in previous FMJD meetings in terms of booking and agreements, so it could be quite difficult to change them, while it is possible to discuss the 2025 Calendar and make arrangements. The President will try to ask FMJD Council 4 slots for EDC (currently available March and most of April 2024, first decade of August for EYC, second half of August, first half of September, October up to 25th also free). About that J. Demasure suggested to take into consideration the week days' change year after year, to avoid inconveniences in school attendance in the different countries. It was suggested to create a clear distinction among periods, for adults and children, not to overlap sport events permanently in the future.

About the European Youth Championship 2024 the Board agreed to allot it to the Latvian Draughts Federation, thanking the Turkish Draughts Federation for their expressed availability. The two good proposals were debated with the final decision which was taken according to the procedures currently in force, declaring their willingness to include other Federations (2022 EYC were held in Turkey).

Then the Board Members exchanged data about other possible organizations and periods when specific Tournaments will be planned: the Polish Federation can be ready to organize Under27 and Veterans Championships, M. Pawlowska will ask D. Reszka, PDF President, for the concrete availability and C.A. Bordini will ask one of Italian Open organizers for the EC Blitz and Rapid in order to arrange the above Championships in 2024, paired with a Tournament in Italy. At the same time J. Demasure will ask W. Koopman to held EC Classic in Hijken, looking for a slot in between 7th-24th October 2024, to avoid overlapping with WYC.

C.A. Bordini, M. Pawlowska and J. Demasure will have a couple of weeks to define dates in details in order to fix the International Calendar. At the end M. Pawlowska added that from the beginning of the new year (2024) it will be important to start working on 2025 Calendars both for FMJD and EDC.

About topic **4. EDC development activities** the discussion was opened on the nomination of a possible Draughts-64 and other checkers' Councillor inviting Felix Shepel, whose CV was sent to everyone by G. Ushakov to be read. Felix Shepel is young, willing to cooperate and ready to be useful and available on his role and tasks that he would like to know. All present Members were in favour for his nomination as Draughts-64 Responsible and for inviting him to the next meeting, in the hope that William Doherty (for the Checkers) will also be there. In the meanwhile, T. Tulva (EDC TD) and G. Ushakov (International Marketing) will meet him to share thoughts and ways to adopt in order to develop the 64-board in Europe, too.

The following EDC Board Meeting was set on 9th November at 18.30 Rome/Berlin/Brussels/Paris/Amsterdam time.

At about 8.00 pm., since there was nothing else to discuss, the President thanked the participants for their time and declared the online meeting closed.

The President of the EDC Board