



國際龍舟聯合會

INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT FEDERATION

Minutes of 19th IDBF Members Ordinary Congress
Long Beach Garden Hotel & Spa, Thailand
14th August 2023

Attendees 出席者 Vice President 副主席 Vice President 副主席 Vice President 副主席 General Secretary 秘书长 Treasurer 司库 Deputy Treasurer 副司库 Honorary President 荣誉主席	Matt Smith Julie Doyle Claudio Schermi Peter Tang Alan Van Caubergh Loretta Lewis Mike Mackeddle-Haslam	
Commissions 专项委员会 Competition & Technical 竞赛及技术委员会 Marketing & Media 营销及媒体委员会 Youth 青年委员会 Para Athletes 残疾运动员委员会 Culture & Heritage 文化及遗产委员会 Medical & Sports Science 医学及运动科学委员会	Melanie Cantwell Belinda Chung Wendi Zhou Nigel Bedford He Yi Bridget Walter	
Continental Federations 洲际联合会 Asian Dragon Boat Federation 亚洲联合会 European Dragon Boat Federation 欧洲联合会 Oceania Dragon Boat Federation 大洋洲联合会 Pan America Dragon Boat Federation 泛美洲联合会	He Yi Franco Siu Chong	
Associate Organizations 协会机构 International Breast Cancer Paddlers Commission 国际乳癌桨手委员会 International Ice dragon Boat Federation 国际冰上龙舟联合会 IDBF IT Support 国龙联互联网技术支持 AIMS President 联盟独立认可的体育成员主席	Meri Gibson Luo Zhongyi Sylvia Wong Stephan Fox	
Apologies 未克出席 President 主席 Vice President 副主席	Mike Thomas Liu Aijie	

African Dragon Boat Federation 非洲联合会 Women Athletes Commission 妇女运动员委员会	Abdul Edross Gitta Weberi	
Non-voting member	IIDBF	
	IBCPC	
	Egypt	
Member Representatives 会员代表 Argentina 阿根廷 Australia 澳大利亚 Austria 奥地利 Bahrain 巴林 Canada 加拿大 China 中国 Chinese Taipei 中华台北 Cyprus 塞浦路斯 Czech Republic 捷克 France 法国 Germany 德国 Georgia 格鲁吉亚 Great Britain 英国 Hong Kong China 中国香港 Hungary 匈牙利 India 印度 Indonesia 印度尼西亚 Iran 伊朗 Ireland 爱尔兰 Italy 意大利 Japan 日本 Korea 韩国 Lithuania 立陶宛 Macau China 中国澳门 Malaysia 马来西亚 Myanmar 缅甸 Netherlands 荷兰 New Zealand 新西兰 Norway 挪威 Panama 巴拿马 Philippines 菲律宾 Puerto Rico 波多黎各 Qatar 卡塔尔 Russia 俄罗斯 Serbia 塞尔维亚 Singapore 新加坡 Slovak Republic 斯洛伐克 Spain 西班牙 Sweden 瑞典 Switzerland 瑞士 Thailand 泰国		

Trinidad and Tobago 特立尼达和多巴哥 Uganda 乌干达 Ukraine 乌克兰 United Arab Emirate 阿联酋 USA 美国 Vietnam 越南 Election of Members of the Council 理事会成员选举 All Candidates 所有候选人		
Minutes taken by 记录	Janine Lette	Australia 澳大利亚
Opened 会议开始	09:18	
Closed 会议结束	15:10	

	Agenda Item 议题	Action 行动
1	Welcome by Matt Smith Guidelines for today's meeting Stephan Fox, AIMS President Christopher Alexandrou, Legal Counsel Video from Mike Thomas Very important elections today Bylaws and statutes President elections Introduced the Executive Members	
2	Identification of the delegates and confirmation of their authority	
3	Appointment of Scrutineers for the period of the Congress Meri Gibson – New Zealand Enid Dunmerswinson - USA Dick Lim – Malaysia	
4	Minutes of 18th Ordinary Congress Moved - Canada Seconded – UAE For – 41 Against – nil Abstained - nil No voting details from Uganda as to who their delegate is. Delegate advised that it had been sent and she (Leila) was the appointed delegate. Matt requested that appointment be brought forward. Discussion and Uganda delegate confirmed. Germany – Uganda give the letter after the designated time cut off or not? If not, then they do agree. Matt advised that the letter was dated 12 August 2023.	

5	Matters arising from 18th Ordinary Congress	No
6	Keynote address – President of AIMS Mr. Stephan Fox Keynotes from speech: • Important Congress where very important decisions need to be made for the future of our sport • Wished Mike Thomas well • Solidarity of athletes outstanding • Inclusivity of our sport with the inclusion of Para dragons • Showed where IDBF stands within the World and what IDBF needs to do for the future • IDBF is one of the very active members of AIMS • MOU with IOC which will be renewed from November 2023 onwards to establish how to get in and out of AIMS • IDBF is doing an amazing job – the excitement, atmosphere, respect for one and another. However, he saw that but he said that we must go out and show these great characteristics to the World. What was being shown here in Thailand could go straight on to the Olympic Channel. Stefan understands our position because when he took over Muay Thai, everyone thought it was the same as Judo etc. Showcase more fair play – Chinese Taipei and China clapping for each other not seen in any other sports. • [missed something about separate Championships must be done] • Stephan will be strongly encouraging Mike Thomas to remain in the AIMS Council • Stephan will liaise with new President to start making our next step forward to IOC • Could see a very bright future for our sport • Spirit of Athletes absolutely outstanding • Honoured Mike Haslam for his founding work – noted at the Championship that the Athletes didn't know who he was ie used to want photos but not now and that shows development	
7	The President Report Moved – New Zealand Seconded – Panama • For – 46 • Against – nil • Abstained - nil	
8	New Statutes and Bye-laws (including enabling Resolution) • Has been a long time being developed • Council unanimously recommends that these are accepted • It is a living document so will likely have amendments • This is vote 3 in your voting pack • To ACCEPT the new Statutes and Bylaws – card 3A	

	1 - Moved: New Zealand Seconded: UAE • For – 44 • Against – 2 • Abstained – Uganda 2 - When will these Statutes and Bylaws come in place – card 3B Moved: New Zealand Seconded: Puerto Rico • For – 38 • Against – 1 • Abstained – 2	2/3 Majority approved Clear Majority
9	Elections to Council Alan before retiring gave a speech: Owed a lot to dragon boating – travel, meeting different cultures Thanks a lot of people – 2 obvious people Mike Haslam, Mike Thomas, Bryan Hartley, David Cogswell and Loretta Lewis Loretta brought a whole new dimension to the role of Treasury Casual vacancy for Deputy Treasurer which is at the discretion of the Executive but would recommended Franco Matt Smith presented a gift to Alan for his years of service Matt Smith described the process: Each candidate will speak for 2 minutes whilst the other candidates are out of the room. Peter Jarosi will have up to 4 minutes as he requires a translator Candidates invited to come forward to draw straws as to what order they will address Congress 1 – Claudio Schermi 2 – Peter Jarosi 3 – Julie Doyle 1 - Claudio Schermi Privileged to be a candidate • 2 areas – internal and external • IDBF development of membership 1st priority and will reach out the Members to find out how IDBF can help • Prepared to be available to Members • Needs to resolve the ICF challenges • Gain IOC recognition • Willing to work together Ran over time – Matt tried to interrupt 3 times • – Peter Jarosi • Here together • Need to decide who we will give this treasure to • As a leader setting growth, development and execution • Races – many organised and need to build the athletes by highly organised championships that are also an old sport and need to get younger • Takes a lot of work to grow from the bottom – Universities class has been introduced to Club Crews • Have to find new paths for the future • Should be represented at all levels	

	• Introduce a charity to develop financial assistance • Need to be mindful who we give the helm to • - Julie Doyle • Honoured and delighted to be one of the candidates • Been a part of her life for last 32 years – gold medals and even a husband • Knows how IDBF runs and what is required to take it forward for our future • Skill set and drive with honesty and dedication for the benefit of the members • Must have everything done to progress to IOC recognition • Grow in new regions • Good governance • Building the brand • Diverse Council and it is the time now Matt Smith advised that the vote will be by secret vote. To win, the successful candidate will need 50% + 1 (23 votes). If required, a 2nd round of voting will be conducted with the lowest votes received candidate dropping. Then a 2nd vote will be conducted with the remaining 2 candidates. • Julie Doyle – 21 • Peter Jarosi – 1 • Claudio Schermi – 23 • Abstained – 1 Claudio is elected President and gave an acceptance speech. Treasurer – Loretta Lewis (AUS) only 1 candidate but a vote is still required by show of card 5 • For – 49 [check these numbers as it was 38 +11 proxy] • Against – 0 • Abstained - 1 Entourage Chair – Barb Michaels (US) card 6 • For – 44 • Against – 0 • Abstained - 2 Competition & Technical Committee Chair – Melanie Cantwell (AUS) card 7 • For – 43 • Against – 1 • Abstained – 0 Marketing & Media Commission Chair – Belinda Chung (AUS) card 8 • For – 46 • Against – 0 • Abstained - 0 Medical & Science Commission Chair – 2 candidates so will be the same process as for President– card 9 Bridgette Walter Has been involved with the Commission for 10 yrs Anti-doping – need to continue developing Gender – need to get this right and other Commission to assist Will continue to build the anti-doping education, gender and gather more expertise to work within the Commission	
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	Dusko Medicine degree and current orthopaedic surgeon Paddler since 2014 and is the President of Serbia President of EDBF Medical Commission Admire Bridgette's work to date and wants to compliment • Bridget Walter – 24 • Dusko Spasovski – 21 • Abstained - 1	
10	World Championships Regatta 2026 Club Crews Bids Macau China [presentation to be added] Melanie - will be able to produce a very good event. • Anticipating the size growth, what will be the maximum numbers that can be hosted onsite? 3,300 athletes in 2023 but can expand to 6,000. • 6 lane maximum course – can get 7 lanes • 18 standard and 18 small boats what would be the maximum number of boat loading on the dock area – can extend the dock area to a 2nd area but don't know if it can be extended to 24 standard and 24 small boats Chinese Taipei [presentation to be added] Melanie • Mentioned 19 boats – is that in total? 95 dragon boats available • What is the maximum number of boats that can be at the dock area? Pontoon can be 30 boats on each side • Maximum number of athletes on the site? 10,000 people as the Liyu Lake is a national park • Draft program, can this be changed and increased to more days? Have asked for 6 days but can expand New Zealand - How many people can you sleep for accommodation? It is a tourist city, could not advise maximum but there are over 300 hotels with at least 30 rooms Matt Smith – Financial backing will be from who? Local county Hungary – withdrawn Ireland asked for a secret vote which was confirmed. • Macau China – 19 • Chinese Taipei – 24 • INVALID - 3 2027 World Nation Bids Hong Kong China [see presentation] Melanie - • Number of boats – 20 standard and 20 small boats • Is 6 lanes the maximum – no we can increase. So maximum of 8 lanes? Yes	

	• Can we extend racing days if we need? Yes • Current, waves etc – semi closed area and the course area is fairly stable. 2012 was different venue with very much wave • Weather typhoon predictions – summer is typhoon season and in general the last 30 years the early August period is small chance of typhoon. September onwards is higher risk 1- New Zealand – • Heat strategies – average is 30 degrees in August. The athlete area is below the highway so 90% covered. Cooling fans etc will be put around the venue 2 Singapore – • Is it a mix or? 100% sea water Hungary [see presentation] Melanie – • Knowledge of course and that the Hungarian Federation has the skills to host Card 11 Hong Kong China – 28 Hungary – 17 Abstain – nil	
10	2024 & 2025 updates • Ravenna, Italy – i. Jason McKenzie from UAE spoke ii. Italian delegation busy preparing for EDBF Euros iii. Change – pontoons updated iv. Visas – start processing visas now if you need • Brandenburg, Germany – [see presentation]	
11	Treasurer Financial Report • Report sent to the Members • Pleased auditing accounting firm did not find any challenges • Profit USD 48,000 – have to do report in British Pounds – USD 33,000 LOSS in 2021 due to Covid • Budget report – can see the actual 2022 figures reported in USD • Board had been very fugal with spending given that there were losses in 2020 and 2021 • 2022 event- high cost of flying, still uncertainty of the athletes travelling just after Covid did contribute but happy with USD 48,000 • Card 12 For – 40 Against – 0 Abstained – 3	
12	Determination of the annual Subscription and application fees • Proposed no changes • Full – USD 500 • Ordinary – USD 100	

	Card 13 For – 40 Against – 2 Abstained - 1	
13	Report on budget for 1 January 2023 - 31 December 2024 - Rise of flight costs have showed a possible reduction in Athletes to Thailand this year. - Have been very fugal in past budget which was passed over to this - Moved- New Zealand - Seconded – Panama - Card 14 For – 42 Against – 0 Abstained – 3	
14	Appointment of Auditor - Approve remaining with the current provider - Moved – New Zealand - Seconded – Panama - Card 15 For – 43 Against – 0 Abstained – 0	
15	Alterations to the Competition Regulations & Rules of Racing - Majority have been tidying up what already happens - CR2.1.6 – University 24U is the recommendation from the Youth Commission - All have been provided prior to today's meeting - Card 16A For – 42 Against – 0 Abstained – 4 - Card 16B Moved – Canada Seconded – USA For – 44 Against – 0 Abstained – 3 - Card 16C Moved – Puerto Rico Seconded – UAE For – 43	

	Against – 0 Abstained – 2 - Card 16D Moved – Puerto Rico Seconded – New Zealand For – 41 Against – 0 Abstained – 5 - Card 16E Moved – New Zealand Seconded – USA For – 39 Against – 5 Abstained – 0 - Card 16F Moved – India Seconded – Puerto Rico For – 42 Against – 2 Abstained – 0	
16	Report on membership Motion to recognise the India as the sole governing body - Moved – India Seconded – Qatar Card 17a For – 44 Against – 0 Abstained – 2 - Congress accepts the recommendation to remove [need to insert] as the recognised federation for Brazil Moved – Panama Seconded – Cyprus For – 39 Against – 0 Abstained - 6	
17	Report from Commission Reports previously provided for Members to read - Moved – Puerto Rico - Seconded – UAE - Card 18 For – 43 Against – 0 Abstained – 2	
18	Report from Continental Federations Votes to NOTE the reports - Moved – Uganda - Seconded – New Zealand - Card 19 For – 43	

	Against – 0 Abstained – 2	
19	Reports from Associate Organization NOTE the reports of the Affiliated Associations - Moved – USA - Seconded – Qatar - Card 20 For – 43 Against – 0 Abstained - 2	
20	AOB - India – thanked incoming new President, well health to Mike Thomas; have a challenge with the Indian IOC so request IDBF to assist. Communication new address and to include dragon boat sport in to the Commonwealth Games. Executive Committee will review India's proposals and get back to them. - Philippines – IRO selection concerned about the selection of those who work not for the IDBF Member. Asked that this is discussed at either Executive or Future Congress Claudio spoke and said that once he took over as President he promised to commit. - JP stated that this concern is not to do with the Canoe Federation but selecting IROs who are not supported by the Philippines Federation. Selection by IDBF over rides the Federation's thoughts. Executive will review this concern. - New Zealand – recently launched a gender diversity document. What is IDBF's position on this. It has been with the Athletes Commission for 2years and it is a very tricky conversation. NZ have written a policy. Matt Smith said that approx 5 have been written but 'ripped up' because they weren't right. Bridget said that they were moving forward on this and welcomed NZ to the table to discuss this. - Qatar – needs to be renamed due to rules within Qatar so request IDBF for assistance. Matt Smith asked for this to be submitted in a letter. - Egypt - passion to continue to see the development of dragon boating within the African continent. Need a lot of support from IDBF to make it happen. Matt Smith said that there was a lot that IDBF would like to develop in this region. - Hungary – thanked everyone for the Championships, Congress, Matt for his professional running of the Congress and Mike Thomas who has given 8 years of his life.	

	Mike Haslam – would like to recommend that Mike Thomas is appointed as an Honorary President. Vote was conducted by applause.	
21	Place and Date of the next ordinary Congress Next Meeting- Ravenna following the Club Crews - Moved – New Zealand - Seconded – USA - Card 21 For – 43 Against – 0 Abstained – 0	
22	Closing Address Matt Smith thanked Nigel Bedford and Christopher Alexandrou for all their work in getting this prepared well in advance. Closed at 3:10pm	