



Bureau Meeting September 25, 2024 online meeting

Present:

1. Pascal Tesch – President
2. Etienne Van Cann – Vice-President
3. Jacek Slupski – General Secretary
4. Nuala McGarrity - Treasurer

AGENDA

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1. Welcome address of the President

The President welcomes all Bureau Members, thanks for their flexibility and availability and moves to the second point of the agenda.

2. Work organisation

The President informs the Bureau members about how he sees the work organisation. He proposes that Bureau meetings should be held periodically and frequently and meetings should be efficiently expedited in an executive way, meaning that the documents must be available in advance and Bureau members are supposed to have read them.

3. Periodicity of Bureau-Meeting

The President proposes to organise online Bureau meeting every 2 weeks on Wednesday. The proposal is approved. The Secretary General will schedule the meetings until the end of the year.

4. Minutes of previous meetings

The President expresses his wish – in line with his program – to publish a summary of the Bureau and Executive Committee meetings on the EFC website after approval. The Bureau agrees and the Secretary General prepares the meeting which will – after revision and approval – be published. Topics involving people will be reported in a general way without specifying names. Eg. – disciplinary matters, contract signings etc.

5. Labelling of Information letters etc

The President proposes to tag information letters thematically to make searching for letters more user-friendly. After discussion it was agreed that letters will be uploaded on the EFC website with additional, explanatory tags.

6. Upcoming events

The President also wants to display who's representing the EFC officially in which event. A calendar shall be on our website as soon as possible. For the upcoming events the following people were appointed:

- Napoli (CC tournament) – Vincenzo DE BARTOLOMEO
- Brindisi (FFE tournament) – Pascal TESCH + Martina ZMAIC
- Cyprus (Epee course) – Pascal TESCH
- Heidenheim (European Cup) – Nuala McGARRITY / Pascal TESCH (possibly)
- Nenagh (Foil course) – Nuala McGARRITY
- Warsaw (CC Cup) – Jacek SLUPSKI

7. Open action items

The Secretary General presents the open action items. Action items are being revised.

8. Reports from competitions/safeguarding

The Vice-President informs that the Bureau members have not received any safeguarding reports from our competitions including C&J European Championships in Naples. The Bureau agrees on the importance of improving in this field – The President will contact Georgina Usher who has the most experience in Safeguarding.

9. Status call for commissions

The Secretary General informs about current applications that were submitted to the EFC, 3 candidacies have been received so far.

10. Declaration of interests

Despite the mail before the elections only a few elected members have declared their interests. A reminder will be sent to the members to do this before Munich. After Munich all declarations will be published on the EFC Website. It was also discussed to have the confidentiality agreement signed by all Executive Committee members.

11. Use of EFC Name and Logos

The President presents his view on the intended rebranding of the EFC. This will be a larger process. In order to have a coherent approach that will also allow to get sponsors it is important to stress again, that the name and the Logo of the EFC are controlled by the EFC. Of course the EFC has no intention of making money from the NFs but the NFs should adapt minimum standards when using the Name and Logo of the EFC pending the implementation of a fully fledged charter. The legal commission is asked to review a draft proposed.

12. FIE Congress in Tashkent

The secretary general asks if a meeting for the member federations of the EFC should be organised one day before the FIE Congress starts. The Bureau agrees to organise that meeting and an invitation to member federations for a meeting on 29.11.2024 at 17:30 local time shall be sent by the Secretary General who will also organise a conference room.

13. Solidarity Programme - next steps

The Secretary General presents the description of the 2nd edition of the Solidarity Programme. He proposes to contact with SWE, GBR and HUN federations to accelerate the process of preparations to the courses and establish the exact place, date, mentors and schedule. The Bureau agrees and asks the Secretary General to proceed.

14. Fencing For Everyone - new organisers

The Secretary General presents the current version of the Fencing For Everyone calendar and informs that two tournaments still lack an organiser:

- 18-19.01.2025 in sabre
- 18-19.01.2025 in epee

The Secretary General proposes to ask all MF-s to apply for these organisations. The proposal is approved and the Secretary General is asked to proceed.

15. Various

The agenda being exhausted the President thanks the members for their collaboration and closes the meeting.

Meeting minutes drafted by Jacek Slupski.