



Bureau Meeting Microsoft Teams July 22, 2024

Present:

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

AGENDA

N	Agenda Item
1	Welcome address of the President
2	Approval of the meeting minutes from last Bureau meeting (2024-04-27)
3	Open action items
4	Financial matters
5	Fencing For Everyone – follow up
6	Preparations to the Congress
7	Candidates for the President and Comex
8	Review proposals to the Congress
9	Various

1. Welcome address of the President

President welcome all Bureau Members and asked Jacek Slupski to follow the agenda.

2. Approval of the meeting minutes from last Bureau meeting (2024-04-27)

Meeting minutes from the Bureau meeting from 27.04.2024 was accepted without comments.

3. Open action items

Jacek Slupski presented open action items which were not done:

ITEMS TO BE IMPLEMENTED	In charge	Status	Notes
Increasing per diems - decision next Comex meeting	Newly elected Comex	No	After elections in 2024
Payment from RUS to EFC		No	What we do next?
Letter - SEMI - Mandatory equipment	Jacek Slupski	No	After establishing the new EFC Calendar
Unification of rules in all age categories	Newly elected Comex	No	
Changes to the Statutes	Etienne Van Cann	No	14.08.2024
Changes to the Internal Rules	Etienne Van Cann	No	14.08.2024
To designate referees delegates - 2024/2025 season	Jacek Slupski	No	After the RC meeting
Report from Sport Director's Collaborator	Jose Luis Alvares	No	
Documents for the Congress	Jacek Slupski	No	14.08.2024
Honorary members - proposals	Etienne Van Cann	No	
To review lists of workong groups	Jacek Slupski	No	13.09.2024
Inspection visit before Congresses in Budapest	Jacek Slupski	No	Second part of August
Inspection visit before C&J European Championships	Jacek Slupski, Julius Kralik	No	Tallinn - second part of August

4. Financial matters

Nuala presented the draft budget for 2025:

EFC DRAFT BUDGET 2024/2025		
	2024	2025
Income:	€	
FIE for Championships & Federations	130 000	130 000
FIE Subsidy	20 500	20 500
FIE 'extra' Subsidy	22 400	22 400
Membership Fees	13 500	13 500
Fondazione Terzo Pilastro	30 000	0
Licences	220 000	200 000
EFC competition levy	70 000	100 000
TOTAL INCOME	506 400	486 400
Expenditure:		
FIE Support for Championships & Nat Federations	130 000	130 000
Championships Miscellaneous Expenses	10 000	10 000
Secretary General	24 000	24 000
Treasurer	6 000	6 000
Sport Director	24 000	24 000
Sport Director Collaborator		7 000
President's Assistant	7 200	0
President's Expenses	10 000	10 000
COMEX	45 000	45 000
Congress	15 000	15 000
Web Portal - annual cost	13 400	13 400
Website: New or Upgrade		50 000
Social Media	19 800	19 800
Promotional Programme	30 000	15 000
Solidarity Programme	20 000	45 000
Special Support Programme	20 000	10 000
Cadet Circuit, U-14 and U-20/U-23 Circuits	10 000	40 000
Referees Project	20 000	20 000
European Cup	24 000	24 000
Commissions	15 000	15 000
Other Projects	36 000	36 000
Audit & Accounting	5 000	5 000
Insurance	8 000	8 000
Bank	4 000	4 000
Legal Costs	10 000	10 000
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	506 400	586 200

The budget was approved.

Nuala also presented list of competition levy and informed that 6 organisers have not paid until now:

1. Paris
2. Sofia
3. Millfield
4. Antalya
5. Sofia
6. Burgas

Jacek Slupski was obliged to send a reminder to organisers with the copy to the federation.

5. Fencing For Everyone

Jacek presented current status of applications to host tournaments of Fencing For Everyone:

FENCING FOR EVERYONE - APPLICATIONS							
N	TOURNAMENT	WEAPON	DATE		Applications	Country	NOTES
Sezon 2024/2025							
1	Fencing for Everyone 1	Men's Foil	19.10.204	20.10.2024	Brindisi/Guthenberg	ITA/SWE	SWE 26-27.10.2024
2	Fencing for Everyone 1	Women's Foil	19.10.204	20.10.2024	Brindisi/Guthenberg	ITA/SWE	SWE 26-27.10.2024
3	Fencing for Everyone 1	Men's Epee	02.11.2024	03.11.2024	Oslo	NOR	Proposed date 19-20.10 or 26-27.10
4	Fencing for Everyone 1	Women's Epee	02.11.2024	03.11.2024	Oslo	NOR	Proposed date 19-20.10 or 26-27.10
5	Fencing for Everyone 1	Men's sabre	02.11.2024	03.11.2024			
6	Fencing for Everyone 1	Women's Sabre	02.11.2024	03.11.2024			
7	Fencing for Everyone 2	Men's sabre	16.11.2024	17.11.2024	Munich	GER	
8	Fencing for Everyone 2	Women's Sabre	16.11.2024	17.11.2024	Munich	GER	
9	Fencing for Everyone 2	Men's Epee	30.11-01.12.2024	30.11-01.12.2024	Prague/Laupheim	CZE/GER	
10	Fencing for Everyone 2	Women's Epee	30.11-01.12.2024	30.11-01.12.2024	Laupheim	GER	
11	Fencing for Everyone 2	Men's Foil	30.11-01.12.2024	30.11-01.12.2024	Sabadell/Paris	ESP/FRA	
12	Fencing for Everyone 2	Women's Foil	30.11-01.12.2024	30.11-01.12.2024	Sabadell/Paris	ESP/FRA	
13	Fencing for Everyone 3	Men's sabre	04.01.2025	05.01.2025	Udine	ITA	
14	Fencing for Everyone 3	Women's Sabre	04.01.2025	05.01.2025	Udine	ITA	
15	Fencing for Everyone 3	Men's Epee	18.01.2025	19.01.2025			
16	Fencing for Everyone 3	Women's Epee	18.01.2025	19.01.2025			
17	Fencing for Everyone 3	Men's Foil	15.02.2025	16.02.2025	Antony	FRA	
18	Fencing for Everyone 3	Women's Foil	15.02.2025	16.02.2025	Antony	FRA	
19	Fencing for Everyone 4	Men's sabre	15.03.2025	16.03.2025	Segovia	ESP	
20	Fencing for Everyone 4	Women's Sabre	15.03.2025	16.03.2025	Segovia	ESP	
21	Fencing for Everyone 4	Men's Epee	22.03.2025	23.03.2025	Lausanne/Heidelberg/Thesaloniki	SUI/GER/GRE	
22	Fencing for Everyone 4	Women's Epee	22.03.2025	23.03.2025	Lausanne/Heidelberg/Thesaloniki	SUI/GER/GRE	
23	Fencing for Everyone 4	Men's Foil	15.03.2025	16.03.2025			
24	Fencing for Everyone 4	Women's Foil	15.03.2025	16.03.2025			

Jacek was asked by President Scarso to ask Georgia, Sweden and France to host tournaments.

6. Preparations to the Congress

Jacek informed that next week he will have coordination meeting with LOC of the Ordinary and Elective Congresses.

He shared the screen and went through both agenda.

Etienne Van Cann presented changes to the Statutes and Internal Rules.

President Scarso asked Etienne to present changes during upcoming Comex meeting.

7. Candidates for the Presidency and Comex

Jacek presented the list of candidates for the President and Executive Committee members:

CANDIDATES FOR THE EFC PRESIDENT					
N	Surname	Name	Country	Gender	Candidate registration date
1	FLOREA	Marius	ROU	Male	09.07.2024
2	TESCH	Pascal	LUX	Male	30.06.2024
3	VALERO-COLLANTES	Ana	SWE	Female	05.07.2024

CANDIDATES FOR THE EFC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE						
N	Surname	Name	Country	Gender	Candidate registration date	Status
1	ABAJO GÓMEZ	Jose Luis	ESP	Male	12.07.2024	Valid
2	BERTHIER	Frank	FRA	Male	14.07.2024	Valid
3	BUNATIAN	Natalia	ARM	Female	14.07.2024	Valid
4	DE BARTOLOMEO	Vincenzo	ITA	Male	10.07.2024	Valid
5	CSAMPA	Zsolt	HUN	Male	11.07.2024	Valid
6	KARAME TE-BALDINI	Irem	TUR	Female	26.06.2024	Valid
7	ILYASHEV	Mikhail	UKR	Male	11.07.2024	Valid
8	LIGNOS	Ioannis	GRE	Male	04.07.2024	Valid
9	LYYTINEN	Joonas	FIN	Male	05.07.2024	Valid
10	McGARRITY	Nuala	IRL	Female	11.07.2024	Valid
11	MADR	Vilem	CZE	Male	07.07.2024	Valid
12	MATEEV	Nikolay	ISL	Male	01.07.2024	Valid
13	PHILBIN	Hilary	GBR	Female	02.07.2024	Valid
14	SAKHVADZE	David	GEO	Male	13.06.2024	Valid
15	SEIBAEK	Louise	DEN	Female	08.07.2024	Valid
16	SLUPSKI	Jacek	POL	Male	10.07.2024	Valid
17	STOJANOVIKJ	Zoran	MKD	Male	05.07.2024	Valid
18	SZABO	Reka	GER	Female	14.07.2024	Valid
19	VALARINHO	Frederico	POR	Male	20.06.2024	Valid
20	VAN CANN	Etienne	NED	Male	11.07.2024	Valid
21	ZMAIC	Martina	CRO	Female	11.07.2024	Valid

8. Review proposals to the Congress

Two Federations submit proposals to the EFC Congress: HUN and ITA.

Etienne took the floor and presented opinion of the Legal Commission:

Following is the opinion of the Legal Commission on the proposals submitted by Member Federations on the occasion of the EFC Ordinary Congress 2024. The Commission has focused on legal aspects only and leaves political or other considerations to COMEX and Congress.

Proposals of the Italian Fencing Federation:

1. The proposal aims to modify the EFC Statutes with an added provision to the Mission and Goals section to promote and develop the practice and culture of Historical Fencing – European Martial Arts. The Legal Commission has no opinion on this first proposal.
2. The proposal aims to create a Commission dedicated to the research for opportunities of fundings and work for the implementation.... funds covered by the European Commission in favour of European and Third Countries. The Legal Commission is in favour of the idea that is put forward through this proposal. However, since the proposal has been submitted without formulating the definition of that Commission in article 13 of our Internal Rules, the proposal is incomplete and should therefore be rejected in its current form. Congress could ask COMEX to formulate the correct text covering the proposal to be included in the Internal Rules to come into effect at the 2025 Congress. In order to start the work that is being proposed to be carried out after the 2024 Congress, the Legal Commission proposes the form a Working Group with the same mandate until such time a complete proposal for a Commission can be submitted and the Commission can be established.

Proposals of the Hungarian Fencing Federation:

1. The proposal aims to add a provision to introduce the title of Honorary President of the EFC. The Legal Commission has the following:
 - a) The rationale states: “For extraordinary and excellent merits to the EFC and long and loyal service to European fencing,...”. For this purpose the EFC already has created the Honorary Membership. A Honorary Presidency is therefore superfluous. The granting of such title would generate confusion with the existing the Honorary Membership and possibly devaluate the appreciation Congress has given our Honorary Members for their lifelong service.
 - b) b. The FIE does not employ the title of Honorary President in her regulations. The EFC, with adopting this title would go against the FIE regulations.

- c) c. The title of Honorary President of the EFC is proposed to be recommended for either a former President or former COMEX member. Proposing the title of Honorary President to a COMEX member generates confusion and the Legal Commission does not understand the rationale for this proposal.

Consequently, the Legal Commission advises against this proposal.

- 2. The proposal concerning the nomination of presidents to various Commissions: they could be chosen from the proposed list of candidates for Commissions instead of appointed from the group of COMEX members.
 - a) The Legal Commission notes that a rationale for this proposal is missing. If the rationale were the following: the Presidents of the Commission must have the same requirements and qualifications as the candidates of the Commissions, then the Legal Commission would disagree. The President of the Commission chairs the Commission and thus does not need to have the same qualifications as the Commission Members and reports to the COMEX (Internal Rules 12.3).
 - b) The proposal states that the Commission Presidents are to be chosen from the “proposed” Commission Members. This could include candidates that were for some probably good reason not approved as Commission Members. The Legal Commission considers this undesirable.
 - c) It is important to maintain our democratic principles. Congress elects COMEX members, COMEX members lead Commissions. If Presidents of Commissions are to be chosen from outside the group of COMEX members, the will of our Member Federations in electing who will be in leading functions in COMEX or who will be leading Commissions will be bypassed and the strong link between COMEX and Commissions will be broken.

Concluding, the Legal Commission advises against this proposal.

- 3. This proposal aims to introduce a European Hall of Fame of the EFC. The Legal Commission has no opinion about this proposal.
- 4. The Legal Commission has no opinion about the proposal to introduce the European Championships in the U14 category.

9. Various

There were no topics in various and President close the meeting.

Minutes drafted by Jacek Slupski