



Bureau Meeting January 20, 2025 online meeting

Present:

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

AGENDA

N	Agenda Item
1	Approval of the meeting minutes from Bureau meeting (2024-12-18)
2	Report from Legal Commission meeting in Luxembourg (16-19.01.2025)
3	Review male applications of safeguarding officers
4	SLO Fencer – Udine – request from Barbara Prislán
5	Sabre course in Slovenia
6	Solidarity programme – follow up
7	Draft list of referees for U23 ECh - Tallinn
8	Urgent daily business

1. Approval of the meeting minutes from last Bureau meeting (2024-12-18)

The bureau members decided to approve the meeting minutes by mail within the next days.

2. Report from Legal Commission meeting in Luxembourg (16-19.01.2025)

Etienne Van Cann reported about the Legal Commission meeting which was held in Luxembourg.

Topics raised during the meeting:

1. Restructuring the EFC (CEO function, groups and commissions)
2. Adaptation of the statutes to legal requirements (Tom and Max will prepare draft Statutes modifications)
3. Implications of new legislation on internal regulations
4. Cooperation with European Veterans Fencing (to be handled by vet's commission)

3. Review male applications of safeguarding officers

Bureau members reviewed all 4 applications which were submitted within the established deadline.

None of the candidates has formal training in safeguarding. For that reason, no candidacy was accepted.

In the light of the proximity of the J/C championship the Bureau decided to ask Türkiye if they would be able to appoint a male person with a completed formal Safeguarding training.

The President will liaise with the LOC to find a candidate.

The Bureau will make a new call for candidates insisting that only candidates with recognised and completed training can be accepted to complete the pool of SO already appointed to the commission. The EFC-seminars are not considered as a fully-fledged training but as an asset.

4. Request to void a penalty for no show

The Bureau members reviewed a request to cancel the penalty fee for one fencer who was registered on the U23 Cup in Udine and did not show up during competition.

The argument was that there was no doctor available during the weekend to certify the inability to fence.

The Bureau decided that the rule should be strictly applied. It could have accepted a late medical certificate but it was advised not to ignore the rules.

Jacek Slupski was asked to contact the Federation to communicate the decision of the Bureau.

5. Sabre course in Slovenia

Jacek Slupski informed the Bureau members about incompatibilities of the schedules from SLO federation and the availability of the HUN coach.

The decision was taken to ask Jacek Slupski to coordinate with the HUN coach and SLO to find new dates.

6. Solidarity programme – follow up

Bureau members agreed that we must accelerate the process of establishing all courses in 2025. In order to institute the whole schedule, timelines, places and topic of the courses Bureau members asked Jacek Slupski to contact with EFC Project Coordinator Hilary Philbin.

Jacek and Hilary shall propose a plan to be submitted to the Bureau and ratified by the Executive Committee in Antalya.

7. Draft list of referees for U23 ECh - Tallinn

Jacek Slupski presented the current list of referees for U23 European Championships:

He informed that only one referee has not responded within deadline: Samira Huseynova from AZE. As soon as EFC Referees Commission replace the referee, Jacek Slupski will be circulating official designations to all delegated referees.

The president expressed his wish to increase the efficiency of the selection process. He proposed to liaise with the president of the refereeing commission and establish a calendar of availabilities for the referees on the masterlist. In this way it will be avoided that after being nominated people will then say that they are not available, hence causing the whole process to be re-started.

Pascal Tesch to contact Vilem Madr.

8. Various

Discussed topics:

1. Jacek Slupski informed the Bureau members that only two applications Croatia (Porec) and Germany (Heidenheim) were submitted to host European Cup of Club Champions in 2025. One needs still to be validated.
2. Jacek Slupski informed that 6 cups have been ordered for the winners of the Circuit Cadet Cup after the 2024/2025 season.
3. The Bureau approved the medal design proposed by the LOC of Genoa.
4. Jacek Slupski brought up the problem arising with desired replacment of a team-fencer when the team had been registered in time. At this moment there are no provisions in the rules governing this case. The Bureau decided to put this topic into the agenda of the Comex meeting in Antalya scheduled on 21-22.02.2025. The Bureau recommends to add to the Administrative Rules penalty fee for replacement of the fencer after deadline at 50 EUR per fencer. In case of force majeure, the fee will not be charged. The rationale of asking this fee is that real work has to be done and paid for the action of replacing a fencer.
5. Pascal Tesch presented a report of his recent trip to the FIE World Cup in Paris. He informed about his discussions around an Erasmus+ project and also with FIE-CEO Nathalie Rodriguez. At the fringe of the WC he met with representatives of the FFE who handed over a draft of a candidacy for the Senior European Championships in 2028 in Bourges integrating the EFC in the "European capital of culture" calendar. The president sees this as a unique chance to increase the visibility of fencing and proposes to put that candidacy to vote in Genoa.
6. Next Bureau meetings were agreed for 2025-02-05 and 2025-02-12.

Meeting minutes drafted by Jacek Slupski.