



Minutes of the ECA Board of Directors Meeting
Madrid, Spain,
10 March 2018

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ITEM 1

OPENING OF THE MEETING & ACCEPTING THE MINUTES ECA BM BUDAPEST 28 OCT 2017

The meeting was opened by the President Mr. Albert Woods at 9:00 a.m. by welcoming the present members of the Board. He apologised for changing the date of this meeting caused by late announce of the important meeting of the Minsk 2019 European Games Coordination commission meeting organised by the European Olympic Committees.

On behalf of the ECA Board, Mr Woods thanked The Royal Spanish Canoe Federation for preparing and hosting the ECA Board meeting in Madrid. In the name of RFEP Ms Marta Felpeto Lamas welcomed the ECA Board members and wished successful work to the ECA Board.

Present members:

President:	Albert Woods OBE
Secretary General:	Branko Lovric
Vice Presidents:	Miroslav Haviar Jaroslav Pollert
Board Members:	Manuela Gawehn, Marta Felpeto Lamas, Peter Karai, Andrej Jelenc

Excused: Elly Muller

The Board approved the following Agenda:

1)	Opening of the Meeting & Accepting the Minutes ECA BM Budapest 28 Oct 17
2)	Reports from Technical visits and decision about the organisers of the ECA Championships 2019-2021 + updated ECA Calendar 2018-2021
3)	European Paracanoe Ch 2019 - situation
4)	Naming the ECA Jury members to the ECA Championships 2018

5)	ECA Technical delegate for Canoe Polo – received nominations from NF
6)	Freestyle Rule changes (gender equity)
7)	Money owing from Federations and partners (Armenia, Plastex, Nelo)
8)	Decision about the deadline for paying the ECA subscription fee without penalty
9)	System of paying the travel costs for the officials in the Sprint and Slalom
10)	Marketing programme
11)	Annual meeting with NF, celebration of the 25 years of foundation of the ECA and ECA Awards
12)	ECA/ ICF Development programme (information from the ECA TDs)
13)	Actual Doping situation (Ukraine and Hungary)
14)	Situation SUP including in the ECH Ocean Racing in Spain (request from the ICF President)
15)	Situation with Dragonboat
16)	Report visit Baku (Woods, Lovric)
17)	Report EG Minsk (Selection policy – with objection of the ICF)
18)	ICF Board Tokyo (23-24 March) information about Agenda and proposals and Olympic selection 2020
19)	Education of coaches: How to use ICF system, explanation of the programme and system
20)	Decision about the organisers of the next ECA Congress
21)	Situation about TV Graphics and contract with Memosoft
22)	Establishing the date and place of the next Board meeting
23)	Miscellaneous

The agenda and the Minutes of the previous Board meeting were unanimously approved.

ITEM 2

REPORTS FROM TECHNICAL VISITS AND DECISION ABOUT THE ORGANISERS OF THE ECA CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019-2021 + UPDATED ECA CALENDAR 2018-2021

Board has reviewed and accepted the proposals received from the competent ECA Technical delegates and taken the following decisions:

Vacant positions and ECh 2018-2020

Sprint:

Due to the withdrawal of the Austrian Canoe Federation from organisation of the ECA Junior and U23 Canoe Championships in 2020, the Board reviewed other earlier received

candidacies. The Board accepted the proposal from the ECA Canoe Sprint Committee to ask the Russian Canoe Federation to take the organisation of the ECA Junior and U23 Canoe Championships 2020.

Wildwater:

The Board accepted proposals of Ms. Manuela Gawehn and awarded the organisation of the ECA WW European Championships 2019 to Bovec (SLO), and ECA Junior & U23 WW European Championships 2020 to Solkan (SLO).

Marathon:

The Board received the information from Mr Jorn Cronberg that the Technical inspection has not yet been done for the ECA Canoe Marathon European Championships for 2020 in Budapest.

Freestyle:

The Board accepted a proposal of the TD to give organisation of the ECA Freestyle European Championships 2020 to the Olympic WW stadium in Vaires sur Marne (FRA) – the venue of the Slalom races of the OG Paris 2024; subject to Technical appraisal.

Ocean Canoeing:

The Board noted that Technical inspection of the Villanoya (ESP) venue of the ECA Ocean Canoeing European Championships 2018 has not yet been done and urged visiting by the TD.

Decision about the organisers of the ECH 2021

Sprint: Duisburg: (GER)

Sprint Junior & U23: Poznan (POL)

Slalom: Ivrea (ITA)

Slalom Junior and U23: Krakow (POL)

WW Junior & U23: No candidate

Marathon: Decision postponed (Technical inspection of the venue needed)

Dragonboat: Zagreb (CRO) – subject to Technical appraisal

Mr Woods thanked all the Technical delegates for detailed reports and recommendations.

All reports were approved and accepted by the Board members.

ITEM 3

EUROPEAN PARACANOE CH 2019 – SITUATION

As in 2019 there will be no European Senior Championships, and organisers of the European Junior and U23 Championships have not accept adding of the Paracanoe event in the programme of the competition, the Board decided to open bidding for organisation of the European Paracanoe Championships and send invitation to all affiliated Federations in looking for potential organisers. In case of no interest, Board will look for possibility to add Paracanoe events in the programme of the of the of the one of the WC races in 2019

ITEM 4**NAMING THE ECA JURY MEMBERS TO THE ECA CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018****WW JUNIOR & U23 – Skopje, MKD 2-5 Aug**

President of the ECA Jury Albert Woods	1 st Jury member Branko Lovric	2 nd Jury member – from host Federation
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SLALOM SENIOR – Prague, CZE 1-3 June

President of the ECA Jury Albert Woods	1 st Jury member Branko Lovric	2 nd Jury member – from host Federation
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SPRINT SENIOR – Belgrade, SRB, 8-10 June

President of the ECA Jury Albert Woods	1 st Jury member Miroslav Haviar	2 nd Jury member – from host Federation
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SPRINT JUNIOR & U23– Auronzo, ITA 28 June -1 July

President of the ECA Jury Albert Woods	1 st Jury member Andrej Jelenc	2 nd Jury member – from host Federation
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MARATHON – Metkovic, CRO – 5-8 July

President of the ECA Jury Albert Woods	1 st Jury member Miroslav Haviar	2 nd Jury member – from host Federation
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SLALOM JUNIOR & U23 – Cunovo, SVK 16-19 Aug

President of the ECA Jury Albert Woods	1 st Jury member Jaroslav Pollert	2 nd Jury member – from host Federation
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FREESTYLE – Cunovo, SVK 16-19 Aug

President of the ECA Jury Albert Woods	1 st Jury member Jaroslav Pollert	2 nd Jury member – from host Federation
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OCEAN RACING – Villajoyosa-Alicante, ESP, 6-7 Oct

President of the ECA Jury Albert Woods	1 st Jury member Miroslav Haviar	2 nd Jury member – from host Federation
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ITEM 5

ECA TECHNICAL DELEGATE FOR CANOE POLO – RECEIVED NOMINATIONS FROM NF

The ECA Board accepted the proposal of the Italian Canoe Federation and appointed Mr Gianluca Zanni as ECA TD for Canoe Polo for period 2018-2021.

ITEM 6

FREESTYLE RULE CHANGES (GENDER EQUITY)

In consultation with Ms Nina Csonkova, ECA TD for Freestyle, the ECA Board accepted a proposal to align ladies Team sizes with men with the increasing the ladies Team size in senior Category to 5 and in Junior to 3.

ITEM 7

MONEY OWING FROM FEDERATIONS AND PARTNERS

The Secretary General informed the Board about actual debt from partners and Federations and about actions taken. Communication with partners guarantees fulfilling their obligations to ECA in the due time.

Considering debt from some Federations, Board agreed not to allow participation of the Countries with debts at the European competitions and to exclude Armenian Canoe Federation from the membership until the payment the debt of the ECA Fee from previous years.

ITEM 8

DECISION ABOUT THE DEADLINE FOR PAYING THE ECA SUBSCRIPTION FEE

Board decided to keep and follow the actual deadline for paying the ECA Annual subscription fee: 31 March.

ITEM 9

SYSTEM OF PAYING THE TRAVEL COSTS FOR THE OFFICIALS IN THE SPRINT AND SLALOM

The Board agreed that all travel costs of the officials for the sprint and slalom for the European Championships have to be reviewed by the responsible TD and collected at least 15 days prior to the each ECA Championships, that will allow the ECA Office to refund the costs as soon as possible and to issue Invoices to participant Nations during the each Championships. The Board agreed not to charge the organising Federation for the travel expenses of their own international officials.

ITEM 10

MARKETING PROGRAMME

Board members were informed that due to no defined benefits for the ECA, the Contract with Mr. Enrique Prendes had been cancelled prior the 31 January with an open option of continuing the cooperation (subject to realisation of any Sponsorship contracts based on percentage of income values).

Mr Andrej Jelenc asked the Secretary General to provide data of TV viewer figures of the ECA Sprint and Slalom Ch from Mr David Goldstrom.

ITEM 11

ANNUAL MEETING WITH NF, CELEBRATION OF THE 25 YEARS OF FOUNDATION OF THE ECA AND ECA AWARDS

Due to difficulties in organisation, The ECA Board cancelled the project of celebration of the 25th anniversary of the foundation of the ECA in Spain and agreed that, in cooperation with the Hungarian Canoe Federation, a Gala dinner would be organised in Budapest prior to the ICF Congress in November this year. The ECA Awards will be presented during the next ECA Congress in Belgrade.

ITEM 12

ECA/ ICF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (INFORMATION FROM THE ECA TDs)

Mr Jelenc informed the Board that Slalom and WW Development programme is closely connected with the ICF and that the ECA is covering accommodation of the TIP selected athletes in the training camp in MKD. The cooperation with ICF is good and successful. Considering Sprint activities, DP is part of the ICF remit.

ITEM 13

ACTUAL DOPING SITUATION (UKRAINE AND HUNGARY)

The Secretary General informed the Board about lack of communication with the ICF Office and the ICF Secretary General and with problems of receiving the answer on final status of the doped athletes, which caused a delay in taking the procedure of taking their results out of the results of the European Championships.

The ECA President thanked Mr Peter Karai on giving the correct information considering doping procedures against the athletes to avoid taking the decisions prior to the closing of the procedure.

Due to the fact that the doping case of Igor Trunov (UKR) was closed by the ICF, the Board have changed the results of K-2 500 (3rd place) and K-2 200 (4th place) of the European Championship 2017, Plovdiv. (The starting day of Igor Trunov's ineligibility is 17/05/2017.)

ITEM 14

SITUATION SUP- INCLUDING IN THE ECH OCEAN RACING IN SPAIN (REQUEST FROM THE ICF PRESIDENT)

The Board did not agree to name SUP competition in Spain during the ECA Ocean Canoeing Championships as the official European SUP Championships. The ECA Board allowed naming of the SUP competition as ECA CUP or ECA Challenge.

There will be no European SUP Championships prior to the official ICF decision considering SUP status within the ICF.

ITEM 15

SITUATION WITH DRAGONBOAT

The members of the Board have been informed about invitation of the ECA President to the meeting organised by the IDBF and the ICF, in trying to define stands of both Federations and possibility of future cooperation.

ITEM 16

REPORT VISIT BAKU (WOODS, LOVRIC)

The ECA President informed the members of the Board about his visit to Baku at the invitation of the Minister of Sport of Azerbaijan, considering including the canoeing in the programme of the EYOF 2019 and inspection of the facilities and possibilities for building the new Sprint and Slalom Canoe regatta Course.

Unfortunately, the decision of including Wrestling in the programme of the EYOF Baku 2019 had already been taken, so canoeing will not be a part of the Festival. In any case the canoe facilities would not be ready in time.

ITEM 17

REPORT EG MINSK (SELECTION POLICY – WITH OBJECTION OF THE ICF)

As the member of the EOC Coordination commission for the EG Minsk 2019, President Woods informed the Board members about the last week's meeting in Minsk and process of the preparation for the European Games.

Considering canoe events there will be 8 men and 8 women disciplines:

Men's events	Women's events
Kayak Single (K-1) 200m	Kayak Single (K-1) 200m
Kayak Single (K-1) 1000m	Kayak Single (K-1) 500m
Kayak Single (K-1) 5000m	Kayak Single (K-1) 5000m
Kayak Double (K-2) 1000m	Kayak Double (K-2) 200m
Kayak Four (K4) 500 m	Kayak Double (K-2) 500m
Canoe Single (C1) 200m	Kayak Four (K4) 500 m
Canoe Single (C1) 1000m	Canoe Single (C1) 200m
Canoe Double (C2) 1000m	Canoe Double (C2) 500m

The President extended his worries about the ICF statement considering ECA request that some events of the EG Minsk 2019 be part of the Olympic Qualification events for the OG Tokyo 2020 for Europe. He noted that he had been excluded from communication between the ICF Office and the Technical Commission and that the wrong information is circulating and making confusion.

Mr Karai informed the Board that in the case that European Games will be the part of the Olympic Qualification process, the Rule 3.3.1 of the Olympic Sprint Qualification System will be incorrect and needs correction.

Considering boat transportation to Minsk, the ECA has to make additional contacts with boat producers and transport companies to find the best solution for the Federations, because MEGOC is not responsible for providing the boats for the participating teams.

ITEM 18

ICF BOARD TOKYO (23-24 MARCH) INFORMATION ABOUT AGENDA AND PROPOSALS AND OLYMPIC SELECTION 2020

The Board has been informed about the points of the Agenda of the next ICF Board meeting, with note that crucial point will be Continental qualification for Europe.

ITEM 19

EDUCATION OF COACHES: HOW TO USE ICF SYSTEM, EXPLANATION OF THE PROGRAMME AND SYSTEM

As **the** ECA has noted problems with education of coaches in some of the European countries, it was agreed to establish the ECA system of coach education, based on the ICF Sprint Coaching programme. Mr. Jelenc then presented adoption of the programme for Canoe Slalom coaches. The Programme has been sent to the ICF Headquarters and will be part of the Agenda of the next ICF Board meeting in Tokyo on 24/25 March 2018.

ITEM 20

DECISION ABOUT THE ORGANISERS OF THE NEXT ECA CONGRESS

The Board was informed about applications for organisers of the next ECA Congress in 2019 received from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cyprus, Slovakia and Serbia.

After discussion, the Board gave the organisation of the ECA Congress to Belgrade and the Serbian Canoe Federation. The Congress will be held on 30th March 2019.

ITEM 21

SITUATION ABOUT TV GRAPHICS AND CONTRACT WITH MEMOSOFT

After a decision taken in Budapest on 30th October 2017, the Commission consisting of Ms Elly Muller, Mr. Miroslav Haviar and Branko Lovric worked on the implementation of the Contract.

Most of the points have been agreed and, until the end of the March 2018, the final contract will be signed.

President Woods noted that we still do not have any information considering sponsoring of the TV graphics and that Mr David Goldstrom shall be asked if there is any news about contacts with potential sponsors. As the European Canoe Sprint Championships will be organised this June, the decision about the TV graphics must be taken by the end of March 2018.

ITEM 22

ESTABLISHING THE PLACE OF THE NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting will be organised in Zagreb on 13 January 2019.

ITEM 23
MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Haviar proposed to have an actual financial report at the Board meetings.

There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting was closed at 13:30

Branko Lovric
ECA Secretary General



Albert Woods
ECA President

