

EPBF Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2015

10:00 a.m., Bitburg, Germany

Board Members:

Present:

1. Laurent Hamet (France) - President,
2. Patrice Guigou (France) – General Secretary,
3. Ulrich Staehr (Germany) – the Senior Vice-President,
4. Barry Fuggle (Great Britain) - Vice-President,
5. Stephen Baldwin (Great Britain) - Vice-President,
6. Manfred Ulrich (Germany) - Vice-President.

Absent:

- Bruno Lemaire (Federation de Paintball Sportif, France)
- Wolfgang Kornholz (Austria),
- Tomasz Matuszewski (Poland) - Vice-President,
- Viktor Tohayev (Ukraine) - Vice-President,

Quorum present? Yes

Others Present:

- EPBF Secretary Viktoriya Sarantseva

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. on 10th of May, 2015 by Laurent Hamet, the EPBF President.

Item #1 on the Agenda: EPBF Sponsorship Packages for 2016.

L.Hamet informed the present about progress with EPBF Sponsorship Packages: Tatiana Nikolaeva made a good work with composing the offers, so the sponsorship packages should be ready for Basildon. Then the percentage Tatiana will receive for her work should be discussed, depending of the packages. L.Hamet also informed the present that Tatiana will Invoice EPBF on the amount of her commission and will be paid by wire-transfer.

Item #2 on the Agenda: Official Paintball World Cup 2015 in Malaysia and the World Cup Year 2016 in Europe.

Official Paintball World Cup 2015 in Malaysia

L.Hamet informed the present about situation with organising of the Official Paintball World Cup (OPWC) 2015 in Malaysia, as was planned in 2014 year. As was discussed during the EPBF Congress in St Raphael, after receiving an answer from Malaysian Ministry about cancelling the funding of the OPWC organisation and because the trip to Malaysia would be very expensive for the European National teams, the decision has been made to cancel the OPWC 2015 in Malaysia. Despite that fact we have informed the organizers of the World Cup Asia in Malaysia about our decision, they continue to announce the Official World Cup, which is misleading the teams. The announcements are spread all around their facebook account about the Official Paintball World Cup in Malaysia in November 2015, the same as it was in Chantilly (France) in 2013. EPBF is faced to an important issue now and the decision how to solve it should be made.

After a long discussion about different possibilities how to solve the problem, the present agreed to accept the Official Paintball World Cup in Malaysia in November 2015 in case if the European National teams will be provided with a possibility to travel to Malaysia for the OPWC 2015. It means covering travel expenses for certain number of players for at least 8 National European teams, plus the accommodation in Malaysia.

The decision should be made ASAP, because the information about a possibility to participate in the World Cup in November for top 8 European National teams should be announced before the European Championship Men`s.

The e-mail about our conditions should be sent to Malaysian organisers, and depending on their decision an official announcement about the Paintball World Cup 2015 should be made by EPBF.

Decisions made:

1. To e-mail the following decision of the EPBF Executive Committee to Paul Lam, an organiser of the World Cup Asia in Malaysia: EPBF will approve the Official Paintball World Cup 2015 in Malaysia in case if the European National teams will be provided with a possibility to travel to Malaysia for the OPWC 2015. It means covering travel expenses for 6 players per team for at least 8 National European teams, plus the accommodation in Malaysia.
2. Depending on the answer from Paul Lam, to make an announcement about the Official Paintball World Cup 2015 in Malaysia.
3. In case if the Official Paintball World Cup 2015 in Malaysia will be confirmed, to announce about possibility to participate in the tournament for the top 8 National teams Men`s.

World Cup Year 2016 in Europe

The present also agreed that we should start preparation for posting the news about World Cup year 2016 in Europe, which means the World Championships in 2016 in 4 categories: Veterans, Women`s, Men`s and U19.

To spread the information all around means to prepare and to print flyers with the World Cup Year 2016 announcements, to arrange an EPBF booth during the World Cup Asia in Malaysia and during the World Cup in USA, with banners, printing materials and the video-presentation from 1-4-1 TV on the TV screens. This is together with the Internet advertisements.

Important note about the entry fee has been discussed for the National teams from other Continents: because they are already members of their own Confederations, the entry fee for them should be the same as for EPBF-affiliated Federations.

Decisions made:

1. To start preparation for the announcements of World Cup Year 2016 in Europe: online-promo materials, printing productions and video-presentation.
2. To arrange an EPBF booth during the World Cup Asia in Malaysia and during the World Cup in USA, with banners, printing materials and the video-presentation from 1-4-1 TV on the TV screens.
3. To set an entry fee amount for the National teams from other Continents the same as for EPBF-affiliated Federations

Item #3 on the Agenda: M500 format for the European Championships Men`s and U19 in 2015.

Laurent Hamet presented the M500 format as a new possibility for European Championships in the EPBF Congress in St Raphael. According to the new format, each player may have on the field only feeder and 2 pods full of paints. The new format has been successfully presented on the first Millennium Series event in Puget-sur-Argens.

After a short discussion during the Congress, all the present agreed to get back to this idea later and to discuss the possibilities on the EPBF Executive Committee meeting.

Now the EPBF Executive Committee members got back to the discussion. Because this format allows to limit the number of paints players use for the tournament, and to reduce significantly the players` expenses on paint, it was agreed that M500 format should be used for European Championships starting from Men`s tournament in Basildon. The announcement of the new

format for European Championship Men`s should be made together with the announcements about the Men`s Championship.

Decisions made:

1. To approve the format M500 as the official format for the European Championships starting from the European Championship Men`s 2015 in Basildon.
2. To announce the new format together with the announcements for European Championship Men`s.

Item #4 on the Agenda: Other.

Changes in the EPBF Rules.

V.Sarantseva, as a member of the Rules & Referees Commission raised a question about process to amend the official EPBF Rules. According to her, the process of the Rules amendment should start from collecting of the modifications from experienced referees of Eurorefs Organisation, because these referees implement the Rules on the field and deal with players directly during the European Championships and Millennium Series events.

For that she should have an access to deal with such referees directly, to be able to collect the modifications all the time. V.Sarantseva was also asking Ulrich Staehr, the Chairman of the Eurorefs Organisation, to approve this way of communication.

The Board members considered that way of collecting the modifications to be important part of the Rules amendment, so after the new EPBF Rules edition can be approved by the EPBF Executive Committee in September.

Ulrich Staehr also agreed with the process of the Rules amendment offered.

National teams jerseys.

Because of the issue with National team jerseys of Turkish National team Women`s in Bitburg, which were not in national colors and with printed paintball sponsors on it, the present decided to warn all the National Federations about showing the National jerseys design for approval before printing it. In case if National jerseys mismatch the official National Jerseys Template, players should not be allowed to wear the jerseys on the field.

Posters signing by the National teams winners.

V.Sarantseva also offered an idea of printing posters with the common pictures of National teams winners after each event and let the players sign it, making the official signing ceremony in the EPBF tent. That will attract more attention to European Championships and to EPBF.

The idea is to start in Basildon with the picture from Veterans Championship.

The present agreed it is a good idea and authorized V.Sarantseva to prepare the posters and to arrange the signing ceremony.

Next Meeting:

Next EPBF Board meeting was appointed to the Millennium Series event in Basildon, UK.

Next Meeting Agenda

1. EPBF Sponsorship packages for 2016
2. Announcing of the World Cup year 2016 in Europe.
3. Other urgent questions.

Adjournment

13:00 p.m., Minutes submitted by Secretary, Viktoriya Sarantseva.