



國際龍舟聯合會

INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT FEDERATION

Minutes of 18th IDBF Members Ordinary Congress Part 1 held by zoom
4th December 2021

<p>Attendees 出席者 President 主席 Vice President 副主席 Vice President 副主席 Vice President 副主席 Vice President 副主席 General Secretary 秘书长 Treasurer 司库 Deputy Treasurer 副司库 Honorary President 荣誉主席</p>	<p>Mike Thomas Raymond Ma Matt Smith Peter Jarosi Julie Doyle Peter Tang Alan Van Caubergh Loretta Lewis Mike MacKeddie-Haslam</p>	<p>Great Britain 英国 Hong Kong 中国香港 Canada 加拿大 Hungary 匈牙利 Ireland 爱尔兰 Macau China 中国澳门 Netherlands 荷兰 Australia 澳大利亚 Great Britain 英国</p>
<p>Commissions 专项委员会 Competition & Technical 竞赛及技术委员会 Marketing & Media 营销及媒体委员会 Athlete 运动员委员会 Youth 青年委员会 Entourage 随团委员会 Sport for All 全民运动委员会 Para Athletes 残疾运动员委员会 Culture & Heritage 文化及遗产委员会</p>	<p>Melanie Cantwell Belinda Chung Sue Holloway Wendi Zhou Barbara Michaels Tom Joseph Nigel Bedford He Yi</p>	<p>Australia 澳大利亚 Australia 澳大利亚 Canada 加拿大 Canada 加拿大 USA 美国 India 印度 Great Britain 英国 China 中国</p>
<p>Continental Federations 洲际联合会 Asian Dragon Boat Federation 亚洲联合会 European Dragon Boat Federation 欧洲联合会 Oceania Dragon Boat Federation 大洋洲联合会 Pan America Dragon Boat Federation 泛美洲联合会</p>	<p>Yu Hanqiao Claudio Schermi Noel Anderton Franco Siu Chong</p>	<p>China 中国 Italy 意大利 New Zealand 新西兰 Trinidad & Tobago 特立尼达和多巴哥</p>
<p>Associate Organisations 协会机构 International Breast Cancer Paddlers Commission 国际乳癌桨手委员会 International Ice dragon Boat Federation 国际冰上龙舟联合会</p>	<p>Meri Gibson Luo Zhongyi</p>	<p>New Zealand 新西兰 China 中国</p>
<p>IDBF IT Support 国龙联互联网技术支持</p>	<p>Sylvia Wong</p>	<p>Australia 澳大利亚</p>

<p>Apologies 未克出席 Vice President 副主席 African Dragon Boat Federation 非洲联合会 Women Athletes Commission 妇女运动员委员会 Medical & Sports Science 医学及运动科学委员会</p> <p>Member Representatives 会员代表 Full Members 正式会员 Australia 澳大利亚 Canada 加拿大</p> <p>China 中国 Chinese Taipei 中华台北 Cyprus 塞浦路斯</p> <p>Czech Republic 捷克 France 法国</p> <p>Germany 德国</p> <p>Great Britain 英国</p> <p>Guam 关岛 Hong Kong China 中国香港 Hungary 匈牙利</p> <p>India 印度</p> <p>Indonesia 印度尼西亚 Ireland 爱尔兰 Italy 意大利 Japan 日本 Macau China 中国澳门 Malaysia 马来西亚 Myanmar 缅甸 Netherlands 荷兰 New Zealand 新西兰 Philippines 菲律宾 Puerto Rico 波多黎各 Russia 俄罗斯 Serbia 塞尔维亚 Singapore 新加坡</p> <p>Slovak Republic 斯洛伐克 Spain 西班牙</p>	<p>Fan Guangsheng Abdul Edross Ellen Law Bridget Walter</p> <p>John Holland Scott Murray / Chloe Greenhalgh Yu Hanqiao / Liu Aijie Ming-En Yang Momir Jeremic / Anna Sokratous Petr Klima Guillaume Bestaux / Claude Dorlac Ute Becker-Frenzel / Andre Prziwarinski Neil Pickle / Andrew Menzies James Ma Arnold Chung Csenge Schnaider-Bathory / Reka Szabina Surjit Sing Baijwa / Regi Sudhakaran Budiman Setiwan Fiona Burke Antonio De Lucia Makoto Shobu Chung Hon Kun Girlie Tan / James Tan</p> <p>Rene de Block Steve Monk J P Villanueve Carlos Rivera Vitaly Smirnov Niko Cuca Desmond Koh / Raizal Jalil / Gordon Choi Ivana Hudec Miguel Junca / Fernando Andrade</p>	<p>China 中国 Africa 非洲 USA 美国 Switzerland 瑞士</p>
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	Agenda Item 议题	Action 行动
1	<p>Opening Congress and the President's address</p> <p>In welcoming everyone to this virtual Congress the President remarked that it was good to see so many members represented. We have a long and interesting agenda ahead of us with many votes for Council positions. There were a number of members who still needed to register in the EBallot voting system and Matt and Sylvia were on hand to assist. During the voting there will be some quiet time whilst votes are recorded and the count made.</p> <p>Our Founder, Honorary President was Invited to say a few words; MMH said it was good to see so many attending in a what has been a difficult couple of years. He hoped to get back to more normality next year. The IDBF is a</p>	

	large family that MT has kept together in these last couple of years. He looked forward to being able to meet everyone again in person.	
2	<p>Identification of the delegates and confirmation of their authority</p> <p>There were: Full members - 37 Ordinary members - 7 Associate member – 1</p> <p>Different categories of membership had different voting privileges with : Full members - 1 vote each on all matters Ordinary members – 1 vote each on all matters, except matters concerning the IDBF Statutes or Bye-laws. Associate members were not entitled to vote.</p>	
3	<p>Appointment of Scrutineers for the period of the Congress</p> <p>For the EBallot system – Sylvia Wong For voting in zoom - Mike MacKeddie-Haslam and Belinda Chung</p>	
4	<p>The President’s Report</p> <p>The report had been circulated with the agenda and the President drew members attention to the following. This was the 1st Congress held by telecommunication through zoom and hoped it would be successful. The last two world Championships in Hungary and Thailand were very successful with increased participation and strong competition but then the Covid pandemic came and no further championships have been held. Everything in dragon boating internationally has been canceled for the past two years which has had a dramatic effect on our sport. This week we would have been racing in Hong Kong but due to the restrictions, we had to cancel. It was very disappointing as this is also our 30th Anniversary. A scaled down virtual celebration was held and Belinda Chung, Sylvia Wong, Julie Doyle, and Sue Holloway were all thanked for their contributions. We anxiously await the next application process for recognition by the IOC, which we hope will be announced in 2022, the last time we able to apply was in 2016. The new GAISF President in his first letter to all Members raised the issue of the dissolution of GAISF, we will see how this debate develops. The President congratulated all those elected to the 1st Hall of Fame and to the members of the selection committee for their hard work In closing the President thanked everyone for their efforts to keep dragon boat going worldwide over these last 2 years</p>	Report accepted
5	<p>Reports on applications for membership</p> <p>The General Secretary reported the following from his circulated report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panama – requested to become a Full Member which was unanimously approved • Finland have enquired about membership 	Panama accepted as a Full Member

6	<p>Reports from Commissions</p> <p>The reports from Commission were circulated with the agenda:</p> <p>The President asked for any questions to be raised to each Commission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletes – No questions, report accepted • Cultural & Heritage - No questions, report accepted • Competition & Technical - No questions, report accepted • Marketing & Media - No questions, report accepted • Medical & Sports Science - the report highlighted a number of issues that needed further action which the Commission would follow up - Report accepted. • Para Athletes - No questions, report accepted • Sport for All - No questions, report accepted • Youth - No questions, report accepted • Women Athletes - No report provided 	Each of the commission reports were approved
7 7.1	<p>Alterations to the Statutes and Bye-laws</p> <p>Members were reminded that only full members were eligible to vote on these items. 37 eligible members attending.</p> <p>Matt Smith advised that 4 countries had still not registered in the electronic ballot system. He ran through the process including sharing his screen with a document entitled 'Online Voting Process'.</p> <p>Changes to Statutes</p> <p>Each proposal changing an article in the statutes had been circulated with the agenda and was displayed on the screen prior to the vote being requested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update of the Introductory page of Statutes 27 votes in favour; 0 against; 0 abstain • Article 22 Congress Delegates – teleconference system use 26 votes in favour; 0 against; 0 abstain • Article 23 Ordinary Congress – proxy voting excluded and fees must be received 14 days prior to teleconference meeting 26 votes in favour; 1 against; 0 abstain 	

<p>7.2</p>	<p>CS requested that a break be taken to ascertain why some members were not voting. Members due to the time stated they did not want a break and the voting continued.</p> <p>Japan pointed out that they could not refresh the EBallot system after several attempts and voted in the chat privately to the scrutineer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 24 Extra Ordinary Congress – to give permission to be able to hold Extra Ordinary Congress via Zoom 28 votes in favour; 0 against; 0 abstain • Article 25 Convening Notice – reduce from 3 months to 70 days 27 votes in favour; 0 against; 0 abstain • Article 28 Individual Proposals From Members for Congress – reduce from 60 to 45 days 28 votes in favour; 0 against; 0 abstain • Article 36 Management of the IDBF – add Chair of Marketing & Media Commission to Exec Committee 27 votes in favour; 1 against; 0 abstain • Article 37 Election of Members of the Council – able to stand for a 4th term if unopposed and must receive at least 80% of vote. NZDBA and BDA asked for clarification which was given by the President 25 votes (Japan in chat) in favour; 2 against; 0 abstain • Article 46 Commissions – change from Para Dragons to Para Athletes 26 votes (Japan & India in chat) in favour; 1 against; 0 abstain <p>Changes to Bye-Laws</p> <p>The following Bye laws changes had been circulated with the agenda, they all been approved by the Council and were notified to the Congress for ratification.</p> <p>BL 5.12 Para dragon Paddlers Commission – changes to terms of reference</p> <p>BL12.21 Subscriptions – non-payment of fees will not affect category of membership</p> <p>BL12.21.1/2 Joining fees – not renewable</p> <p>BL17.4.1 date changes come into effect</p>	<p>Changes to Articles 22; 23; 24; 25; 28;36; 37 and 46 received the 2/3rds majority necessary and were approved</p> <p>Changes to BL5.12;BL12.21; BL 12.21.1/2 and BL17.4.1 were all ratified</p>
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<p>8</p>	<p>Individual proposals from Members</p> <p>The proposals from the British Dragon Boat Association had been circulated with the agenda and were displayed on the screen prior to voting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 3 Objects – World Championships may be organised by IDBF Members or the IDBF Council directly as laid down in the IDBF Byelaws. This allows flexibility. 27 votes (3 submitted in chat) in favour; 3 against; 0 abstain • Article 36 Management of the IDBF – BDA proposed to add on a rotational basis, one other of the elected Commission Chair-holders’ 25 votes (2 submitted in chat) in favour; 6 against; 0 abstain • Article 37 Election of Members of the Council – as Article 36 was passed, then this Articles which complimented it and should be approved 25 votes (2 submitted in chat) in favour; 4 against; 1 abstain • Article 40 Honorary Members – changes to the article on Honorary Members. Following questions MMH spoke to clarify that it was actually a recognition of past contributions to the development of our sport. A number of Members commented that they were confused by this proposed change to the Article. The President recommended that the proposed change be referred to Council for further discussion before coming back to Congress part 2. Vote to be deferred to Council 21 votes (3 submitted verbally) in favour; 4 against; 4 abstain • Bye-Law 4 depends on the approval of Article 40 and was also deferred to Council to consider. • Bye-Law 13 – should be deferred to Part 2 Congress on 15 January 2022. CS spoke against the amendments. The President remarked that the opportunity was being used for further clarification. 24 votes (2 submitted verbally) in favour; 2 against; 2 abstain 	<p>Changes to Articles 3; 36 and 37 received the majority necessary and were approved</p> <p>Article 40, Bye-Law 4 & Bye-Law 13 deferred to the Council for discussion and would be considered in Part 2 of Congress on 15 January 2022</p>
<p>9</p> <p>9.1</p>	<p>Reports from Continental Federations</p> <p>The reports from the Continental Federations were circulated with the agenda and presented.</p> <p>Asian Dragon Boat Federation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All events have been suspended including Olympic Council of Asia events of the Beach Games and Youth Games • Asian Championships had been postponed to Hong Kong China in 2022 • Online meetings will be held to discuss new membership applications and venue hosting 	

<p>9.2</p> <p>9.3</p> <p>9.4</p> <p>9.5</p>	<p>European Dragon Boat Federation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EDBF Championships had been cancelled for the second year in Ukraine • EDBF had established a European Cup, as the pandemic eased, with regattas held in September and October 2021 which were successful • All EDBF meeting held by Zoom <p>Oceania Dragon Boat Federation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various areas have sustained long lockdowns – NSW, Victoria & Auckland and others have been able to continue training with regattas operating under restrictions • Sports Administrators have taken the opportunity to review policies and guidelines • Continuing to liaise together via Zoom <p>Pan-American Dragon Boat Federation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A complete shutdown of activities until the availability of vaccines • Canada resumed in August 2021 including large festivals under strict restrictions. The 2019 Championships results will be used to qualify clubs for Sarasota • Panama hosting next event which is anticipated to be a ‘bumper’ event • There are now 7 countries as Full Members • Countries are experiencing difficulty with their members returning due to the financial hardships that Covid has inflicted <p>Dragon Boat Federation of Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report received 	<p>Each of the Continental reports were approved</p>
<p>10</p> <p>10.1</p> <p>10.2</p>	<p>Reports from Associate Organizations The report were circulated with the agenda</p> <p>International Breast Cancer Paddlers Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MG highlighted considerable growth in both paddler number and countries despite the pandemic. • The festival due to be held in new Zealand has been postponed to 2023 <p>International Ice Dragon Boat Federation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All events had been cancelled because of the pandemic. 	<p>The reports of the IBCPC and IIDBF were approved</p>

11	<p>Elections of Council Members</p> <p>The President reminded both full and ordinary members that they were all eligible to vote in the Elections. It was advised that was a total of 38 eligible to vote.</p>																												
11.1	<p>Elections of Vice Presidents</p> <p>The IDBF has always had a Chinese Vice President and they welcome Dr. Liu Aijie nominated by CDBA, as an IDBF Vice President. Dr. Liu was invited to make some remarks following his election.</p> <p>Germany noted that Dr. Li had also recently been elected as an ICF Vice President, and asked if this was a sign of that both Federations would be working closer together in the future</p> <p>Dr. Liu replied that he felt that it was important for both sports to reach harmony.</p> <p>Four other Vice presidents to be appointed and candidate was given an opportunity to address the Congress before the voting began.</p> <p>There were 7 candidates for the 4 positions. The voting was as follows:</p>																												
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11.4	<p>Election of Deputy Treasurer:</p> <p>There were two candidates</p> <table data-bbox="292 1869 893 1963"> <tr> <td>Loretta Lewis</td> <td>(AUS)</td> <td>30 votes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Anup Kumar Choudhary</td> <td>(IND)</td> <td>1 vote</td> </tr> </table>	Loretta Lewis	(AUS)	30 votes	Anup Kumar Choudhary	(IND)	1 vote	<p>Deputy Treasurer: Loretta Lewis (AUS) elected</p>																					
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11.5	<p>Election of Chairs of Commissions</p> <p>Athletes Commission Chair - 4 candidates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sue Holloway (CAN) 19 votes ● Muhmud Syed Punu (IND) 3 votes ● Lilla Baravics (HUN) 6 votes ● Efrat Almog (USA) 3 votes <p>Para Athletes Commission Chair- 2 candidates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nigel Bedford (GBR) 28 votes ● Taher Ahmed (IND) 2 votes <p>Sport for All Commission Chair – 3 candidates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tom Joseph (IND) 6 votes ● Li Hanjie (CHN) 18 votes ● Reka Szabina Torok (HUN) 9 votes <p>Youth Commission Chair – 3 candidates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Wendi Zhou (CAN) 19 votes ● Farooq Ahmed Bhutt (IND) 6 votes ● Dorottya Seenger (HUN) 7 votes <p>Women Athletes Commission Chair - 3 candidates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Abwola Doreen (UGA) 5 votes ● Gitta Weberi (GER) 16 votes ● Lesley Blyth (USA) 11 votes <p>That concluded the elections to the Council and all those elected were congratulated on their appointment.</p>	<p>Athletes Chair Sue Holloway (CAN) elected</p> <p>Para Athletes Nigel Bedford (GBR) elected</p> <p>Sport for All Li Hanjie (CHN) elected</p> <p>Youth Wendi Zhou (CAN) elected</p> <p>Women Athletes Gitta Weberi (GER) elected</p>
12	<p>Treasurer’s Financial Report and Auditor’s Report</p> <p>The reports and audited accounts had been circulated with the agenda and Treasurer in presenting the report highlighted the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Covid and the cancellation of World Championships had led to a significant reduction in revenue ● For the year ending 2020 there was a loss of \$43,500 loss ● Equity as at 28/11/2021 - \$109k ● The Audited Accounts have been accepted by Companies House in the UK 	<p>Treasurer’s report accepted</p>
13	<p>Determination of the Annual Subscription</p> <p>The following fees for the next period had been approved by Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Full – US\$500 ● Ordinary - US\$100 <p>There were no questions from the Members.</p>	<p>New fees approved by Members</p>
14	Budget for 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2023	

	The budget for the next period was presented and approved	Accepted by Members
15	Appointment of Auditor Proposed to retain the same auditor, Lucas & Co to be appointed.	Accepted by Members
16	Closing address It had been a very long online meeting of over 5 hours. The President thanked everyone for their staying the distance during this exceptionally long Zoom Congress. He also wished everyone the very best in the upcoming Festive Season.	
17	Close The Congress closed at 17:25 UTC	
18	Place and Date of the next Congress Congress Part 2 Virtual meeting on 15 th January 2022	