

MEMO – Board of Directors Meeting
24-25 June 2017
Milan, Italy

New Commission Members appointed

Badminton Europe (BEC) received 38 applications and the Board decided to increase the number of external Commission Members to 15 instead of 10. A decision was taken to only accept one external Commission Member per Member Association.

Given the amount of applications, the Board had some fundamental discussions on the value of the involvement of the external commission members for the organization as well as for the individuals and their Federations. In summary, the Board sees lots of value in adding specific experience to the discussions in the Commissions and in broadening the "inspiration" pool and getting immediate input on activities of BEC from people active within our Members. Furthermore, this is seen as an opportunity to increase diversity and potentially rejuvenate of our leadership team.

The new commission members from 1 August 2017 to 1 September 2019

Tina Riedl (AUT)
Ratko Galjer (CRO)
Markéta Osíčková (CZE)
Brian Moesgaard (DEN)
Adrian Christy (ENG)
Renna Unt (EST)
Carmen Martínez (ESP)
Laura-Lee Jenkins (IRL)
Maria Bubucea (MDA)
Simone van der Bergh (NED)
Espen Larsen (NOR)
Zorika Tysiak (POL)
Ella Diehl (RUS)
Radomir Jovovic (SRB)
Cecilia Lunell (SWE)

All Member Associations who send in nominations have been notified on the final selection.

New Chair of the Badminton Europe Athletes' Commission

Selena Piek attended a BEC Board meeting for the first time as Chair of the Athletes' Commission (AC). She introduced herself to the Board and explained her willingness to pick up from where Nanna Vainio left when stepping down as Chair of AC.

The AC will continue to raise awareness of matters brought to them by the players, and they acknowledge that they shall also bring matters back to the players, when requested to by Commissions and/or the Board.

Badminton Europe Centre of Excellence

Centre of Excellence's (COE) intended opening is 1 September 2017 in Holbæk, Denmark with a good interest from Federations and Players to join this exciting initiative.

The Training Centre will provide a sustainable high-performance training environment for talented players from across Europe.

The first players that have signed up are:

Milan Ludík – Czech Republic

Zvonimir Durkinjak – Croatia

Felix Burestedt – Sweden

Murad Bayramov – Azerbaijan

Lilit Poghosyan – Armenia

Tony Woods – Scotland

Elias Nicolaou – Cyprus

Matthew Abela – Malta

Sander De Decker – Belgium

Niks Podosinoviks – Latvia

Gerda Voitechovskaja – Lithuania

Many more players are in the pipeline and it was expected that 18-20 players would be in place for the start of the project with some additional players being invited for short term stays in the first 4 months of the year as well.

Jeroen van Dijk is finalized as the Head Coach and he will be joined by Kestutis Navickas and Nicola Cerfontyne who have been employed as full time Assistant Coaches. In addition to the team Peter R. Jensen has agreed to work with the players at least twice a week.

There are still a few full-time places available but the places are filling up quickly.

If Federations have players that could be interested you should get in touch with Jeroen van Dijk (jeroen.vandijk@badmintoneurope.com) as soon as possible.

BASIS Programme on the way

BEC has received applications for Network Sessions and the Shadow Programme. The successful applicants from Estonia and Portugal have been informed of their acceptance into the Shadow Programme.

Internships in the BEC office will be announced shortly in connection with the 2018 BEC Congress and the 2018 European Championships.

BEC has invited Member Associations to attend the first BEC National Administrators' and Level 1 Event Management-courses, held from 24-26 November 2017 in Prague (Czech Republic), alongside the 2017 European U17 Championships. The courses are part of the BASIS Programme and are developed in cooperation with World Academy of Sport and with BWF.

Badminton Europe joins the European Paralympic Committee

BEC is officially a member of the European Paralympic Committee (EPC). Chair of the Commission João Matos attended the EPC General Assembly in Poland where he received the official certificate to represent this important membership.

Technical Officials

The Board of Directors approved the upgrade of the following new BEC Accredited Umpires:

- Ziad ACCAOUI, Switzerland
- Simon DART, England
- Aleksander DZHUROV, Bulgaria
- Bjarne JØRGENSEN, Denmark
- Chrysanthi LAROU, Greece
- Emilie RUCHMANN, France
- Yury SAVELYEU, Belarus
- Matteo SERRA, Italy
- Abel Garcia VICENTE, Spain
- Daniel WOLF, Austria

European Games

European Olympic Committee (EOC) has confirmed that badminton will be a part of 2019 European Games, organized from 20-30 June 2019, in Minsk (Belarus). BEC has signed the official agreement with the EOC.

European Club Championships

2018 European Club Championships will be held in Bialystok (Poland) in June 2018.

European Junior Championships

2018 European Junior Championships will be held in Tallinn (Estonia) from 7-16 September 2018.

VAT Registration

BEC has successfully registered for VAT effective from 1 January 2017. The VAT number is DK27134076

Governance review

A thorough governance review is being undertaken rewriting the Rules of the Confederation as well as developing the following documents:

- Guidelines for Board of Directors & Commissions
- Confederation procedures.
- Data protection policy
- Child & Vulnerable Adults Protection Policy

Code of ethics

A full review is planned to be presented to the Board at the meetings in September 2017.

Future Commission and Board of Directors Meetings

The next Commission meetings will be held from 22-23 September 2017 in Sofia, Bulgaria.

The next Board of Directors meetings will be held on 24 September 2017 in Sofia, Bulgaria.

The January 2018 Board meeting will be held from 19-21 January 2018, in Copenhagen, Denmark.