

MEMO – Board of Directors Meeting
23 September 2017, Bulgaria

Badminton Europe confirms a changed format of the European Mixed Team Championships

At the Board of Directors meeting in Sofia on 23 September 2017, it was decided to change the format for the European Mixed Team Championships. From 2019, eight teams will participate in the Finals of the tournament instead of 12 teams, which was the case in 2015 and 2017. The preliminary group matches will be played in November or December 2018. The 6 teams winning the preliminary groups will join the host and the reigning Champions in the Finals in February 2019.

New staff

Rasmus Bech has joined the BEC Office as its new Communication Manager, while Matthieu Hecker has replaced Pavel Florian as Junior Manager in the Events Department. Kestutis Navickas and Nicola Cerfontyne have started as new assistant coaches at the BEC Centre of Excellence in Holbæk.

Athletes Commission

The Athletes Commission will, following the resignation of the former chair, Nanna Vainio, co-opt a third member to join the remaining elected members, Selena Piek (new chair) and Ernesto Velazquez.

Circuits

From January 2018 there will be a new division of the prize money in International Challenge and International Series tournaments in Europe. More players will receive prize money, as it was approved to split the prize money between more players.

High Performance

The BEC Centre of Excellence started on 1 September 2017 with 17 full time players as well as several players joining for short term stays. The Board of Directors was pleased with the start and the cooperation with the partners in Holbæk.

The Board of Directors agreed to start conducting the Coach Education Level 3 in 2018.

Member Structures

The member association support program "BASIS" is expanding. It was agreed that the program shall include support for national umpire education programs, that a new volunteer program shall be introduced and that a coach mentoring program shall be offered to BEC's member associations.

Sport for All

The BEC Summer School for 2018 and 2019 has been allocated to Slovenia and will be held in Podčetrtek on 7-14 July 2018 and 6-13 July 2019, respectively.

The Board of Directors approved to conduct 12 regional projects in 2018, compared to 10 in 2017.

Governance review

Brian Agerbak presented the work done under the Governance Review by Ritchie Campbell, Emma Mason and himself.

The amended BEC Rules had been submitted to BWF for comments. The Legal Manager of BWF Thomas Delaye had come back with a few minor comments. This was followed up by more comprehensive feedback from Thomas Lund.

Emma Mason added that both Thomas Delaye and Thomas Lund were very positive with regards to the governance review we are undertaking. Following the Board meeting the feedback from BWF has been discussed with BWF and appropriate changes were made to the Rules.

In additions to the updated Rules, the governance review included the introduction of a Vulnerable People Policy and a Privacy Policy to prepare the organisation for the General Data Protection Regulation which will come into place on 25 May 2018.

The next steps will be to send the amended Rules and new policies to our lawyers for a legal review. Following this it is the intention to send the Rules to our Member Associations to review in advance of the 2018 Annual Delegates' Meeting where they will be tabled.

European Games

BEC President, Gregory Verpoorten, was invited to be a member of the Coordination Commission for the 2019 European Games in Minsk (Belarus). The first meeting of the Commission was held in Minsk in September 2017 in which Gregory Verpoorten took part. Following the meeting an excellent venue for Badminton was confirmed to the satisfaction of the Board.

Next Board of Director duties

The next Board of Directors' meeting will be held in Copenhagen (Denmark) on 21 January 2018. In this connection the BEC Commissions will also meet from 19-20 January.