

MEMO – Board of Directors Meeting
2 April 2017
Prague, Czech Republic

Commissions

The first rounds of Commission meetings in 2017 were held in Copenhagen, Denmark on 20-22 January. The Board of Directors approved the Budget and the Annual Report of each Commission during its meeting on 22 January 2017.

Executive summaries from the January meetings were presented to the Board of Directors.

It was confirmed that a new Commission structure was to be initiated and that the future Commissions would include positions for external members who were successfully nominated by their Member Associations.

External commission members are nominated and selected to serve on 2 commissions for a period of 2 years. Nomination deadline is 1 June 2017.

External commission members will be confirmed at a Board of Directors meeting in June.

The Fan Base Commission is to be renamed to “Communication & Media Commission”.

Athletes’ Commission

The Athletes’ Commission chair, Nanna Vainio (FIN), resigned from her post owing to work commitments, following her attendance as Athletes’ representative at the Board of Directors meeting in April.

Selena Piek (NED) is the new chair of the Athletes’ Commission.

Ernesto Velazquez (ESP) is the other elected member of the Athletes’ Commission.

The Board of Directors thank Nanna for her invaluable work as the first ever chair of the BEC Athletes’ Commission and look forward to working closely with Selena and Ernesto going forward.

Technical Officials

The Board of Directors approved the upgrade of the following Technical Official:

- New BEC Continental Referee: Jens Köster (GER)

European Championships

2018 European Men’s & Women’s Team Championships and 2018 European U15 Championships will be held in Kazan (Russia) 13-18 February 2018.

2018 European Championships will be held in Huelva (Spain) 24-29 April 2018.

2018 BEC Congress

The 2018 Annual Delegates' Meeting, BEC Awards Gala and Members' Forum will be held in Dubrovnik, Croatia.

The Members' Forum will be on 14 April 2018, while the Annual Delegates' Meeting and BEC Awards Gala are held on 15 April 2018.

Future Commission and Board of Directors Meetings

The next Board meeting will be held from 24-25 June in Milan (Italy) in connection with the 2017 European Club Championships.

The next Board of Directors meetings will be held at the same time as the new Commission meetings from 22-24 September 2017 at a location to be determined.

Member Associations can bid to host the Board of Directors and Commission meetings in September – application deadline is 1 June 2017.

VAT Registration

Badminton Europe has completed a VAT registration with the Danish tax authorities, and is now recognized as a VAT-liable entity. The VAT number is DK27134076.

Centre of Excellence

A successful Selection Camp was organized in Holbæk, Denmark, from 1-5 May 2017. Next step is finalizing contracts with assistant coaches and players.

Member Structures

Commission Chair Emma Mason presented the BASIS programme to the Member Associations during the Member's Forum. The first promising feedback upon the new BASIS programme has shown special interest in combining a BEC Representative visit with a Networking and Information Session with neighbouring Member Associations.

Para-badminton

An application form to host a combined Para-Badminton Coach Education and a preparation camp ahead of the World Championships in Korea, has been sent to the Member Associations.

Women in Badminton

The scholarship programme has been very successful as demonstrated by the fact that the number of applications has well exceeded the amount of awarded scholarships.

Governance review

The Board of Directors has initiated a thorough Governance Review of the Confederation. Following a request at the Annual Delegates' Meeting, the Board of Directors decided to prioritize looking into a child protection policy and policy for vulnerable adults in advance of the completion of the more thorough review.

European Games

BEC have received positive indications upon badminton being included in the sports programme of the 2019 European Games organized from 20-30 June 2019, in Minsk (Belarus).

BEC Office

Jeroen van Dijk has been confirmed as the Head Coach of the Centre of Excellence and will continue as BEC Manager with responsibility for High Performance. Jeroen has been relieved of his responsibilities within the Sport for All area. Zsafia Horvath will be managing the area going forward with Hugo Mussou being the day-to-day contact on administrative matters.

The Board of Directors decided to expand the office staff in the communication area and has invited applicants to apply for the vacant Manager position no later than 29 May 2017.