



EDTC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 3rd, 2016

Time: 10:00, SE

Proposed agenda:

1. Welcome and opening comment by Chairman
2. Review and approval of previous Board meeting minutes
3. Actions and matters outstanding since last meeting
4. Economic reports
5. Discussion on EDTC 2016 activities
6. Discussion about the annual meeting
7. Any other business
8. Next meeting

Those present (alphabetical order)

Akin Savas Toklu
Chris Sherman,
Jean Lelievre
Jørn Ryberg
Pasquale Longobardi

Welcome and opening comment by Chairman

Jørn Ryberg opened the meeting welcoming the members to the board meeting. The proposed agenda was approved as above. Jurg Wendling couldn't be participated to the meeting due to a technical problem, although he was ready online

Review and approval of previous Board meeting minutes

The previous Board meeting minutes was approved as distributed previously.

Actions and matters outstanding since last meeting



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Jørn Ryberg has informed the Board about SLIC Machex Meeting that was on 2-3 March 2016, in Luxemburg. The meeting was a big assembly with a lot of participants from four or more delegates from each country. He noted that it was disappointing to find out that the inspectors don't have enough knowledge about diving works and safety. He added that EDCT should make a work to inform these people. Jørn has acknowledged Chris Sherman for providing some statistical figures included in the presentation, which had high influence on the audience. The figures gave an idea on diving safety and risks and took the attention of the audience. Jørn informed the board about the consensus came out after the meeting as creating three different workgroups. Workgroup-1, to do an inventory; Avoiding re-inventing the wheel. The objective is to research amongst existing rules/regulations/guidance to avoid re-inventing things and to make cross-references allowing to find the level that can be accepted by us all. Workgroup 2, to create a guidance document for an achievable standard and information package. Workgroup 3 to organize a workshop by inviting SLIC members and/or others. He added some work already has been done by Staffan Littorin regarding the objective of the Workgroup 1, and he made a presentation during the Oslo meeting. A round table discussion was made on these consensuses and all members were agreed on creating these three workgroups. Pasquale Longobardi has added that the inspectors who will have task on diving sites should have knowledge about what kind of insurance the diving constructors need to have. He added that the average age of divers is increasing and so the prevalence of myocardial infarction. Therefore, he suggested to include information about what kind of insurance the diving constructors should have and diving medical issues on worksite in the guidance document. Chris Sherman has noted that some countries who have offshore diving activities have regulations with high level standards and he proposed to keep the this levels in the guidance. Jørn Ryberg has mentioned about EU directive on professional skills and added that working as divers become protective profession in all over Europe. That meant that different European countries should recognize each other's different educational systems. (I was disconnected from the conference for a while to be able to invite Jürg, please let me know if you have something to add here)

Jørn Ryberg recommended to inform all members about the SLIC Machex Meeting, as well as the conclusion of the meeting after the board meeting, by highlighting the importance of being active as EDCT members in the workgroups mentioned. Members accepted the recommendation and agreed on creating three different workgroup.

Economic reports

Chris Sherman has reported that bank account balance as 8 277.87 Euros, as of 23rd March 2016. He added that there is not much membership payments recently.



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Discussion on EDTC 2016 activities

Members are agreed on creating three workgroups before the annual meeting to save time. Therefore a call will be prepared to acknowledge the all members and ask their contribution.

Discussion about the annual meeting

Jørn Ryberg noted that the date and place of EDTC 2016 Annal Meeting were already decided as 6-8 October 2016, Tallinn, ESTONIA. Akin Toklu reported that a call for the meeting was going to be distributed to all members soon.

Any other business

Jørn Ryberg informed the board about a request from a diving school in Nigeria, to be recognized by EDTC. Jørn suggested to reply them saying that EDCT is not a regulatory body and doesn't have any approval process, but providing document's for guidance purposes based upon the best knowledge within Europe. The suggestion was accepted by board members.

Any other business

The date and time for the next board meeting was decided as on 12 July 2016, at 10:00 SE.

Report compiled by Akin S. Toklu