



EDTC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: August 26th, 2022

Time: 10:00, Local (SE)

Proposed agenda:

1. Welcome and opening comments by Chairman
2. Review and approval of previous Board meeting minutes
3. Economic reports
4. Discussion about the EDTC activities during 2022
 - Update annual assembly
5. Any other business
6. Next meeting

Those present (alphabetical order)

Akin Savas Toklu
Jean Lelievre
Jörn Ryberg
Jurg Wendling
Pasquale Longobardi
Phil Crombie

Welcome and opening comments by Chairman

Chairman, Jörn Ryberg welcomed the board members and started the board meeting.

Review and approval of previous Board meeting minutes

Board members approved the minutes of previous Board meeting after the minor revision done by Akin Toklu. Secretary stated that there is no outstanding matter since last Board meeting.

Economic reports

Treasurer Phil Crombie noted the bank account balance became 19,092 Euros, after a total of 850 Euros membership fees were received. Chairman suggested acknowledging the members for the purpose of this budget during the Annual Meeting. Akin Toklu noted that there are some members who has due amount of membership fees for several years and asked the Board members how to handle this issue. Chairman suggested explaining clearly why EDTC needs this budget and increase awareness of the members about the relation of EDTC with



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EC. Phil Crombie suggested finding out the members who hasn't paid for the previous years, and sending them an e-mail for to ask for the payments. If there is no response, a reminder may be done during Annual Meeting. Pasquale Longobardi and Chairman suggested explaining the importance of membership fee first, then announce the name of the countries that members have unpaid membership fees for the previous years. Secretary noted that if the due amount is increased for a member, then payment may be harder.

Discussion about the EDTC activities during 2022 (Update annual assembly)

Chairman gave a report regarding the progress after the meeting he participated by the invitation of Alvarez Hidalgo Francisco Jesus from European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion Unit Health and Safety at Work, in Luxemburg. He noted that the workers unions from Denmark, Norway and Sweden were also participated to this meeting. He added that the preparation of this meeting was initiated by the Danish Worker's Unition that organizes offshore workers including divers. In the meeting EDTC brought the fatalities in professional diving. This helped bringing the discussion at a higher political level in EU during the last few months. Chairman added that when approaching the politician regarding professional diving safety, the language to be used should be simple to be understood by them clearly. He noted that Danish, Norwegian and Swedish workers union got this approach and agreed on two principles; 1-To be able to dive safely (to get to work) and 2-To be able to perform their work underwater in a safe way (vocational training). With this approach politicians could get the point and understand the issue. Then chairman explained the principals for preparing new EU directive. He explained a basic guidance should be used by each country to prepare their own legislation, since EU will not interfere with national laws. Each country should create their own code of practice on professional diving to achieve tow principles mentioned above. Chairman asked the Board members if they are agreed on the principles he mentioned. Board members agreed on the principles. Jürg Wendling explained current situation in Switzerland and noted that professional diving is not a regulated profession in legal point of view, because of the time period of vocational training. Chairman informed Board member regarding the politician contacted, who is Marianne Vind from EU parliament, Employment Committee.

Akin Toklu was asked to make an update for the registrations to EDTC Annual Meeting. He noted there were 27 members filled the on-line form prepared for the Annual Meeting, 19 members confirmed that they would join to the meeting, the rest presented their excuses. Eight members declared that they will present national report, and 24 member & accompanying people will join to the dinner, and the number of participants for the boat trip is 19. Chairman suggested sharing the meeting on-line for the members who are unable to join to the meeting. Suggestion was approved the Board members. Chairman stated that he would check that opportunity by the host.



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Any other business

Jürg Wendling informed Board members that the drafted revision of fitness to dive standard will be presented and discussed during the planned EDTC Medical Subcommittee Meeting in Prague, during EUBS Annual Scientific Meeting in September. He stated that the document will be distributed after the meeting in Prague and there will be a presentation on this revision during the EDTC Annual Meeting in Marseille.

Pasquale mentioned about a saturation dive plan at altitude of 1700 m for a dam repair in Italy.

Akin Toklu was asked to send a reminder to all members that should include a request for the members to send information about the fatal diving accidents in their country, if there is any, to Phil Crombie to be presented during the Annual Meeting.

Next meeting

The date for next Board meeting was decided as 22nd September 2022 at 18:00, in Marseille.

Report compiled by Akin S. Toklu