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EHF Executive Committee News Summary

Introduction

The EHF Executive Committee meeting, which took place on 3/4 April 2008 in Budapest, Hungary, was historic - ten years to the day since the 1998 EHF Congress in Budapest. The Committee met in the same hotel as the Congress of 3/4 April 1998.

Hungarian Handball Federation President, Istvan Kiss, welcomed the Committee members to Hungary and informed of the federation's 75th anniversary to be celebrated on 31 May 2008. Meetings were held with the Hungarian Secretary of State for Sport, Gabor Elbert, and IOC member and President of the NOC, Pal Schmitt. Laszlo Mandur, vice-chair of the Hungarian Parliament also welcomed the EHF guests with a reception at the Parliament.

Reports

In line with the usual proceedings, the President Tor Lian and Vice President Jean Brihault gave reports, including information on visits to several EHF National Federations, and IHF meetings and talks with EHF and EHF Marketing partners.

EHF Treasurer Ralf Dejaco reported on the 2007 EHF accounts, which have been finalised; the external auditing company has approved the accounts. This is to be now followed by a meeting of the EHF internal comptrollers.

The business report underlined the high-density of EHF activities which are currently on the EHF agenda. This is also one of the reasons behind the fact that the EHF Executive Committee has met 3 times over the course of the past 6 weeks.

EHF Marketing GmbH Developments

Club Boards: The Executive Committee confirmed the pro-active management of the introductory process of the new Club Boards (see EHF news number 47), which also includes the necessary legal adaptations to the company and the forthcoming elections, scheduled for April 18th.

Managerial Changes: In line with the developments in the EHF Marketing business spheres, Peter Vargo, presently Assistant Managing Director, will take over the post of Managing Director of EHF Marketing GmbH as of the beginning of the 2008/2009 season.

Competitions and Methods

Regulations: The 2008/2009 Regulations were approved by the EHF Executive Committee.

Technical Commissions: Matters raised within the meetings of the Competitions and Methods Commission were on the agenda, which also included the findings from the last Beach Handball Task Force.

As previously announced, the EHF Executive Committee confirmed the introduction of a referee body as of the autumn 2008, under the leadership of the head of refereeing. Technical details and details relating to the exact make-up, structure, title and responsibilities will be worked on and decided upon at the next meeting in July.

EHF Competitions Conference

The Committee focused on the upcoming EHF Competitions Conference for Men's Handball, to take place on 18/19 April 2008. Around 170 experts from the different interest groups will take part in the Conference. As published, general questions relating to club handball, for example playing systems and scheduling will be on the agenda.

EHF Congress

The 2008 EHF Congress was also on the agenda as the necessary planning is currently taking place. Registration documents and information on motions, elections will be sent out to the EHF Member Federations in April.

Membership Status

The EHF associated member Kosovo has applied for the status of full EHF membership. This matter will be dealt with further when both United Nations and International Olympic Committee positions are declared and is a matter on the agenda at the EHF Congress in September.

Conclusion

The Executive Committee will meet for a short interim meeting at the EHF Competitions Conference to deal with the matter of the electoral results of the Competitions Committees and Club Boards. The next meeting will take place on 5/6 July in Gothenburg, during the EHF Women's 18 European Open.