**ECC 2017 Madrid – Captains Meeting Minutes (Draft)**

1. **Welcome**

Sammy opened the meeting at 1850, thanking all of those present for their attendance.

He also thanked the OC for all of their hard work in advance of and also during the Tournament so far.

1. **Roll Call**

Marco conducted the roll call.

The following Teams were all present at the Meeting:-

Aix-en-Provence, Austria, Barcelona, Belgrade, Bordeaux, Bremen, Brest, Brindisi, Brussels, Budapest, Canarias, Copenhagen, Corfu, Dusseldorf, Faro/Santa Maria/Porto, Finland, Fiumicino, Frankfurt, Geneva, Hellas, Ireland, Iceland, Karlsruhe, Kazakhstan, Kiev, Leipzig, Lisboa, Lithuania, London, Maastricht, Madrid, Milan, Minsk, Moscow, Munich, Nice, Norway, Padova, Paris, Paris CDG, Praha, Prestwick, Reims, Romania, Roma, Russia, Seattle, Sofia, Sweden, Warsaw, Zagreb, Zurich

Teams that were represented by a Proxy for the purpose of any votes were:-

Kiev, New York

1. **Application From New Teams**

No applications were received

1. **Team Withdrawing / To Be Deleted From The Manual**

No teams to be completely deleted from The Manual. A couple of Teams requested to have their names amended and the two US Teams wished to combine so we now have Team USA, Team Finland and Team Lithuania. Asa result of this we will remove Team Seattle from the Manual and rename Teams New York, Tampere and Vilnius

In a case where Teams merge then they will assume the Participation Points total of whichever Team is the higher

1. **Mail/Website**

No mail had been received from the Team Captains.

Marco mentioned the Facebook page once again. He explained that this is a useful method for the EC and OCs to pass information to Team Captains and individuals in addition to our website.

The EC would also request that if Teams change their Captain, or their contact details, that you try and remember to advise Paul and/or Marco. It makes our communication much simpler if we have an up to date list.

1. **Financial Report**

Connie presented the Financial Report which had been audited by representatives from Teams Austria and Norway. No issues were raised.

Team Captains from Faro/Santa Maria/Porto and Padova volunteered to carry out the next audit during ECC 2018 in Lisboa.

**7. Referees**

There were no questions to the Referees

1. **Inspection Committee Nominations**

Following the changes to the procedure for ID Inspections it was necessary to select four Team Captains to assist with the checks. Fortunately four Captains volunteered to carry out this task so the EC would like to thank Teams Copenhagen, London, Norway and Prestwick for their assistance.

The two Teams selected at random were Aix-en-Provence and Brindisi. In addition to these two teams the finalists in both the Main and Plate Competitions will also be ID checked.

1. **Review ECC 2016 Reims**

Sammy thanked the OC of Reims for all of their efforts in the organisation of last year’s Tournament.

The only new issue that was reported was a problem with some of the transportation back to CDG/ORY at the end of the tournament. Some of the buses were running late when they were picking up teams from the Hotels

1. **Review ECC 2017 Madrid**

It is fair to say that there were a number of issues that were raised in relation to the Tournament in Madrid.

Some of the more serious points raised included the condition of the pitches, the cost of the beer in the tent, the availability of water at the pitches and the delays in buying food there and also the timings of bus transportation to the pitches for some teams. Also there was a point raised about bus transfers to/from the airport.

The OC from Madrid tried to address some of these issues during the meeting but a number of the Captains remained dissatisfied with the explanations provided

\*\* This discussion continued in depth amongst the Captains post-Tournament via E-Mail and will be further considered by a special meeting of the EC later in the year \*\*

1. **Preview ECC 2018 Lisboa**

Virgilio and the OC confirmed that the dates for their Tournament will be May 28th until June 2nd and that the cost will be 540 Euros per person.

1. **ECC 2019 and Beyond**

Three proposals were made for ECC 2019

The first proposal came from Team Moscow and was for a Tournament during the second half of May with a cost of approximately 600 Euros

The second proposal was from Team Praha and was for a Tournament during the second half of June

The third proposal was from Team Barcelona which was for May 13th to 20th and would have a cost of 520 Euros

In the end a vote was taken between Team Moscow and Team Praha’s proposals

Moscow – 30

Praha – 16

This meant that Team Moscow has been selected to host ECC 2019

1. **Proposed Changes To The Manual**

A change was proposed by David Carney on behalf of the Referees as follows

‘After receiving a Yellow Card during any match that player will be suspended immediately for a period of 5 minutes or until the end of that match, whichever is the shorter period. The Referee will be responsible for the management of this suspension’

The proposal was discussed and a vote was taken :-

For -7

Against – 39 (Approximately)

This meant that the Proposal failed and there will be no change to the Manual

1. **Any Other Business (AOB)**

Ricardo made a suggestion about seeding the groups in the initial draw. It was pointed out that this subject had been discussed a number of times in the past and a number of other issues always cropped up. These included the variation in performance of a particular team from one year to another and the issue of Teams from the same country being drawn together.

It was agreed that further consideration was required before this subject became a firm proposal to put to a subsequent CM

Sammy brought the meeting to a close