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EMF Board Meeting – (Video Call)

28th of October 2026

Members of the EMF Executive Committee

Ermes Franchini, Italy	**EF**	– President
Beat Wartenweiler, Switzerland	**BW**	– Secretary General
Tobias Heintze, Germany	**TH**	– VP Finance
Christian Gobetz, Austria	**CG**	– VP Sport
Henrique Sousa, Portugal	**HS**	– VP Media
Stefan Gillberg, Sweden	**SG**	– VP Seniors

Attending: EF, BW, TH, HS, SG
Voting rights: 5
Majority: 3

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Minutes

Start of Meeting: 19:00

1. Handovers

- Finance Manager and Secretary General

EF, TH and BW held meetings to organize the transfer of banking rights and other system accesses. The banking rights will be transferred from Peter Burri and Victor Condeço to TH and BW to ensure a second signature on all bank transfers. BW will contact Peter Burri directly to start the process.

- Seniors Officer

SG get have meetings with Will van Disseldorp in Vizela, digital archive has been prepared and will be handed over. Clothes for referees will remain with Will van Disseldorp for storage purposes, SG has received an inventory.
EF will organize a meeting with SG and Will van Disseldorp to discuss the remaining tasks in the handover.

- General:

Flag boxes are stored in Vizela, Canegrate and Cavriglia at the moment and will be sent directly to the next organizers to reduce shipping costs.

2. Income Sharing for EMF Championships

The proposal for changes in the Regulations for Continental Cups has been received by WMF and will be discussed in the Presidental Committee. If there are no issues it will be presented at the next ExCo-Meeting for approval.

The board discussed how our income sharing will need to be adjusted with the new participation fees. BW will send out an overview of the average costs for referees and projected increase in revenue to continue the discussion and have a vote in a later board meeting.

The new income sharing shall be implemented for the MCLF at the same time as the increase in participation fee and reduction in men's teams, which is planned for 2028.

3. Requests for membership

The potential new national federation discussed in the last board meeting did not come to fruition due to financial struggles. Another inquiry was filed by a regional organisation, but since a national federation already exists in that country, we've asked them to contact their national federation to seek inclusion.

4. Review of EMF Championships 2026

Feedback on this year's championships was given by the board members that were present for the tournaments. In general, the competitions were well organized. Improvements can be made with more uniform lengths of the opening/closing ceremonies and a more uniform situation handling by referees and tournament jury.

SG is looking to update the manual on situation handling for referees.

5. Discussion and potential Motions to WMF TC

The board discussed the following ideas for changes in EMF's tournaments. If necessary, the Board will formulate proposals to bring up in the next meeting of the WMF TC.

- Practice Stroke

Especially with Livestreams and Media practice strokes before the round can be confusing and abandoning it could help with time management of the tournament. A change could be made within the invitation of the tournaments, but the board will seek input of WMF and other continental Federations on their implementation and experiences before making a decision.

- Mixed-Pairs competition in Elite and Senior Championships

The possibility of adding a mixed pairs competition was discussed, but there is no clear opinion yet. Mixed pairs could allow smaller nations to compete for medals but can reduce a nation's ability to participate (depending on the composition of a nation's participants). The possibility of allowing mixed pairs by two nations was discussed but would need to be discussed in the WMF TC.

- No bronze medal match in Matchplay (two bronze medal winners):

Abandoning the bronze medal match in Matchplay would put more focus on the finals. No clear opinion by the board, would need to be discussed in the WMF TC.

- No automatic qualification for MCLF winners for the next year

No automatic qualification for MCLF winners would allow smaller nations to compete for the podium. The board acknowledges the thought behind it but does not see a need for change here.

- Identification of Coaches

Even though coaches are registered it can be hard for referees to identify them in case of rule infractions. A starting number similar to players could help with this and might make it possible to replace the armbands, which are not well liked by coaches. Would need to be discussed in the WMF TC.

End of Meeting: 20:30
Next Meeting: 16.12.2026 19:00