

## **European Quidditch Congress Meeting**

*Date:* July 9, 2014

*Location:* Skype voice

*Meeting time:* Unknown

*In attendance:* Matt Guenzel (UK), Amy Maidment (UK), Elisabeth Jørstad (Norway), Nina Heise (Germany), Alper Erisen (Turkey), Paul Wespatat (Germany), Hugo Spahr (France), Zoé Miniconi (Belgium), Aine Erisen (Ireland), Michele Clabassi (Italy)

*Chair:* Matt Guenzel

*Secretary:* Unknown

### **Agenda**

#### **Roll Call**

1. [Almost] definitive structure for the European Congress
2. EQC:
  - a. Pre-bids: yes or no? If yes preparing the announcement and setting a deadline
  - b. Bids: tentative deadline, requirements and details required
  - c. Bids selection: brainstorm ways to choose the winning bid / who makes the choice, criterias we want to use
3. a.o.b.

#### **Roll Call**

Matt Guenzel - UK

Amy Maidment - UK

Elisabeth Ingeberg Jorstad - Norway

Aine Kilbane - Ireland

Alper Erisen - Turkey

Nina – Germany

Paul - Germany

Hugo Spahr – France

Zoe – Belgium

Michele – Italy

### **Structure for the European Congress**

Recap David Danos' initial structure idea

Matt: Quidditch Europe should just be relevant delegates too IQA congress but that could cut out lots of countries

Let nations that wouldn't be represented have a representative who contributes to discussions but doesn't have a vote

Just have representatives from every single country with quidditch in Europe

Each nation sends one representatives or two if they have more than one representative in the IQA congress

Representatives should be countries leader/s

Each country only gets one vote despite amount of representatives

Vote to pass requires 67%, unless several options when ballot will happen  
In specific cases we reserve right to change matters of voting?  
Constitution document should happen further down the line  
Michele to make first doodlepoll for date of first congress meeting  
Monthly meeting, next one will be by first of August  
For the time being will just be a congress rather than an association

## **EQC**

### **Pre-Bids**

Do we want to take in bids from places or not?  
Bids deadline for 20<sup>th</sup> August  
Maybe wait until term has started so people have more time to put bids together?  
To have FB or google drive for collaborative  
Matt to write bids form, form to be published by IQA  
November or April  
Do a survey?  
Provisionally April 2015  
Limiting amount of teams from country?  
Should allow anybody who can come to sign up, selected by European Congress  
How to do committee: People local to bidding place is a bad idea imo  
Once congress has met for the first time, put together application form for committee  
Would need some local people  
Zoe still has old documents from past EQC  
Make sure in bidding form make sure people are around to help out  
Bids and committee applications to be closed and announced at the same time  
Bids to be announced on 10<sup>th</sup> September  
Amy and Matt to turn into article for IQA  
Criteria for choosing: figure out later  
Hosting should be high priority

## **AOB**

## **European Quidditch Congress Meeting**

*Date:* October 11, 2014

*Location:* Skype voice

*Meeting time:* Unknown

*In attendance:* Zoe Ford (UK), Elisabeth Jørstad (Norway), Nina Heise (Germany), Alper Erisen (Turkey), Hugo Spahr (France), David Danos (Belgium), Rebecca O'Connor (Ireland), Jerona van der Gevel (Netherlands), Michele Clabassi (Italy) (joined later), Eduard Espín (Catalonia), Jagoda Sadecka (Poland).

*Chair:* David Danos

*Secretary:* Unknown

Role Call

Assign minute taker

EQC committee & discussion

QEurope organisation discussion

FR-ES teams discussion (in light of QuEu talk)

(If addition time) European Leagues Championship

Additional concerns

Wrap up

### Role Call

Belgium, David Danos

France, Hugo Spahr

German, Nina Heise

Italy, Michele Clabassi (joined later)

Ireland, Rebecca O'connor

Netherlands, Jerona van der Gevel

Norway, Elisabeth Jørstad

Poland, Jagoda Sadecka

Spain/Catalonia, Eduard Espín

Turkey, Alper Erisen

UK, Zoe Ford

### EQC bids

We've received three bids: Paris Frogs, Oxford and Italy.

Matthew Guenzel isn't present so we cannot go over the Oxford bid.

David has sent followup e-mail requesting more information on the other two bids.

This group isn't the group that decides on the bids. We will have a committee that is going to concern itself with figuring out the bids.

Elisabeth, Norway: there are something we should discuss as a group. How many teams should each country be allowed to have?

David, Italy says they have three pitches, Paris would have four. This will influence our decision as to how many teams can join. For next EQC this is something we should figure out.

The decision on cutting off teams will have to be made later. For example QUK has close to 30 teams, not all of those will be able to join.

Elisabeth: is development a reason for us to pick a certain bid?

Jerona: With the three bids we have this seems less relevant. Oxford is obviously more developed, but Italy and Paris are not just starting out so it's less of an issue.

David: We are definitely looking at the quality of the bid first.

How are we setting up the committee?

Anyone that wants to join. We should have a minimum of three, maximum of seven.

How will we decide who is in the committee?

David: let's talk about setting up Quidditch Europe, this is getting into that territory.

We're bookmarking the conversation on how to decide who is getting into the committee.

#### QEurope organisation discussion

David wants Quidditch Europe to be a congress.

Zoe, QUK: QUK is against setting up an unnecessary level of formality and bureaucracy. QUK believes that the IQA delegates and quidditch europe delegates would end up being the same people.

David: but how do we define how we make decisions, how we vote? Who gets a say? For example, what happens when three people from Hungary approach us all saying they are the representative for this country?

Discussion follows. Jerona adds that the benefit of quidditch europe is also to give a voice and a vote to less developed people.

Miki brings up the subject of quidditch europe potentially being a subgroup of the IQA. Perhaps this is the best way to go.

Zoe asks what power quidditch europe would actually have.

David wants quidditch europe to have power, for example to have countries that work with quidditch europe to get benefits. If they don't comply with these rules, for example they won't be able to play in EQC.

Zoe: As far as I'm aware this group is set up to organize EQC. We should not risk turning into another IQA, we should just wait to see the IQA get organized and perhaps in the future there will be official groups of delegates.

Jerona: What do we actually want quidditch europe to do? Just EQC? What other issues should we actually tackle?

Nina: there are no other issues that we need to concern ourselves with. If they do not fall within the national bodies, they would fall under the IQA.

David: But we can also offer other benefits, such as a snitching/coaching situation. EQC, deciding who qualifies and what requirements are set up to let people pay. Games with the national teams. That's a lot for an informal group to deal with.

Michele: But there is so much overlap with what the IQA already does. If the IQA decides an international structure, then it also applies to Europe.

Zoe: We can try to function as a group of delegates but we need to function through the IQA.

Hugo Spahr, France leaves the conversation.

After some discussion.

Motion, by Jerona: put David's plan to create another organizational structure on hold. The purpose of Quidditch Europe will be to focus on organizing European tournaments. Quidditch Europe will have organizational power, as well as creating policies and requirements.

We will also run this past the IQA to be sure. (But do not see any reason for them to oppose us organizing tournaments, or specifically EQC.)

This motion was accepted by all.

### EQC subcommittee

As seen in the motion above we are now deciding on how to form the subcommittee.

The subcommittee will be a subset of this call. People that are well informed and have some sort of influence within their national organizations. The subcommittee will deal with the following:

The subcommittee will choose the bid, After the bid is chosen and the location is set, we will open up volunteer positions.

The subcommittee should discuss how many teams will be able to join. They can come up with a proposal to limit a certain percentage of teams, then the whole of quidditch Europe will agree with this or not.

Zoe: QUK should have a delegate within the committee. General consensus on this topic.

Elisabeth, David and Michele would like to join.

There is talk of having some of the less developed countries join as a representative. Also people who are normally less vocal in discussions.

People that still want to join can apply within three days.

When we have decided on a team limit per country, deciding which of the teams get to go will then be up to the national organizations to decide.

### European Leagues Championship

A global games, but for Europe. Do we want this?

YES.

We propose to have it in July.

### FR-ES teams discussion

Unfortunately no one from France is here. Eduard from Spain is here.

We agree to write a letter saying we disagree. If matters aren't dealt with internally we assume the IQA will handle it later on.

## **European Quidditch Congress Meeting**

*Date:* November 15, 2014

*Location:* Skype voice

*Meeting time:* Unknown

*In attendance:* David Danos (Belgium), Elisabeth Jørstad (Norway), Alper Erisen (Turkey), Jagoda Sadecka (Poland), Orel Cosseron (France), Michele Clabassi (Italy) (late), Gabriela Benejam (Catalonia) (late)

*Chair:* David Danos

*Secretary:* Unknown

### **Attending:**

David (Belgium)

Jerona (Netherlands)

Orel (France)

Jagoda (Poland)

Alper (Turkey)

Elisabeth (Norway)

### **Late:**

Michele (Italy)

Gabriela (Spain)

## **EQC**

Michele is late, so we don't have access to the information about pre-registered teams. In order to make sure everyone pre-registers, Norway, Netherlands and Poland have already talked to the teams that might go. France and Turkey will tomorrow, while Belgium will as soon as the teams have had the time to decide what kind of membership they want.

Updates from QUK/Oxford on EQC not available.

A discussion on (whether or not) capping the number of teams. David suggests not having too many UK teams, Michele, Jerona and Elisabeth argue that if the UK has as many teams as mainland Europe, they should also be allowed to have twice as many teams in QE. There is also a discussion on whether there should be a cap at all, or whether everyone should be allowed to attend. This is really a job for the subcommittee, but it is agreed that it should be capped around the number of pre-registered teams (preferably a nice number, like 32 or 48), and that not more than 50 % of the teams should be from the UK

During the previous discussion Michele arrives, and access is given to the list of pre-registered teams. There are so far 30 pre-registered teams, 12 from the UK.

Everyone is encouraged to make people volunteer – we so far have 2 applications, far from enough.

Further progress: The subcommittee will have another meeting shortly after the pre-registration deadline. Michele will make a doodle for the meeting.

21 Nov – Deadline to fill out the EQC subcommittee meeting doodle. Doodle made for Europe meeting

22 Nov – Deadline for preregistration

22-25 Nov – Subcommittee meeting

25 + Nov (max 1 Dec) – Europe meeting to go over subcommittee findings.

(Gabriela joins)

## **European Games**

It is agreed that the name of the competition should be European Games

A (sub)committee similar to the one working on EQC will be formed. Michele, Alper and Elisabeth volunteer. A post will be made on the Exec group, inviting others to join

The following dates are decided:

Announcement – 3rd w/e of Nov, probably 22<sup>nd</sup>, text suggested by David:

"Quidditch Europe has formally decided to hold a tournament complimenting the worldwide, IQA Global Games: the European Games. There, teams from each quidditch-playing nation will compete to see which nation has the strongest, most cunning, most decisive players! The tournament will be held on [July] with bids opening on the 1st of December where countries and cities can submit bids to a QEurope subcommittee that will be decided on the 21st of February. Bid applications close on the 31st of January."

Bids opening – 1 Dec

Bids closing – 31 Jan

Winner announcement – 21 Feb

Games themselves – a weekend in July, the exact time will be decided by the bid

The committee will work on the volunteer applications, which will be similar to the ones for EQC

There is a discussion on who should be allowed to apply. It is decided that National Governing Bodies (NGB) may place up to 3 bids each. They are encouraged to work together with a team/city/entity, but this is not required.

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Alper raises whether EQC should be moved around, making sure it is not held in the same country twice in a row. It is agreed that a country should not host both competitions (EQC and EG) the same year, or the same competition 2 years in a row. It will however be possible for a country to host EQC one year, and EG the next.

Elisabeth suggest clearing up the Exec Group. Michele volunteers (being one of few with admin rights)

Michele says that he will try to get some folders for all minutes organized.

[Mentioned at some point out of context: we need someone from Austra in QE. Michele asks Karen who we should talk to.]



## **Agenda**

- dividing of the bids
- volunteers/TD etc for tournament
- usage of merc players
- age limit for players?
- European games subcommittee
- can we finally get a new logo (pretty pretty please)?
- Minutes/someone in charge
- chair person for next meeting

## **Minutes**

For next meeting we're gonna set up a roster, to circulate the minute taking.

## **Reminder to be on time**

Starting meeting, at the latest 10 minutes after time.

## **Chair person**

Person that makes the doodle and makes the agenda and runs the meeting.

Having one person as a chair, means they would have to be there every single time.

We suggest having someone else per meeting. This means we must remember at the end of the meeting to appoint someone to plan and run next meeting!!

## **Dividing of the bids**

Previously the quidditch europe congress decided the EQC subcommittee should decide on the the cap offlimit for the teams. They have decided on 32.

There were around 39 pre-registered teams. 32 is also a very good number gameplay wise. the EQC subcommittee has limited teams per NGB. It was decided that each NGB gets at least 2 spots. There are 2 exceptions, poland and austria both registered one team. So they both get one bid.

5	1	Austria
8	4	Belgium
9	4	France
6	3	Germany
6	3	Italy
4	2	Netherlands
4	2	Norway
3	1	Poland
3	2	Spain/Catalunya
3	2(1)	Turkey
24	6	UK

This also means there are 2 bids left that go into the relocation program.

Order of priority of locating that bid:

-> the hosting club if they should fail to qualify through other means

- > new countries emerging by then
- > country with greatest number of official teams
- > country with greatest number of interested teams

Michele mentions that his understanding is that the 2 bids would go towards austria or poland to begin with. But he is not sure that this was commonly understood by the subcommittee (Nina, James, Michele that were present at that meeting)

The division of the teams was wholly based on the pre-registration.  
Jerona doesn't agree with this point and thinks it should be different at least next year.  
(proportionately based on official teams)

### **Deadline for registering teams for EQC**

We should set a deadline for the NGB's to register their teams.

Deadline is 1 month in advance of EQC: 15th of march.

All NGB's are HIGHLY encouraged to do it earlier!

If teams drop out:

- NGB finds a replacement team within that country
- if they cannot find it, it is their duty to inform quidditch europe ASAP. The bid will go Europe-wide based on the following list of priorities

- > the hosting club if they should fail to qualify through other means
- > new countries emerging by then
- > country with greatest number of official teams
- > country with greatest number of interested teams

### **Catalunya/Spain issue**

Gabi asks how the dividing of the bids with regards to Spain. They are working as different leagues.

We suggest Catalunya gets 1 spot, as they will be a NGB.

Spain would get one spot if they become an NGB.

### **Extra bids**

IF NOT, then the teams in Ireland and Spain can apply if they think they will be able to attend EQC.

Deadline application is 1st of february.

### **Turkey**

Alper is going to check but it's very likely that they will go down to one bid.

### **Volunteers**

Luke Twist is tournament director.

Everybody should push for people to apply. We specifically need:  
treasurer (no applications), logistics (no app.), snitches (no app.)

NGB's should contact possible volunteers personally and really push because we need more volunteers. Deadline: 14th december.

Elisabeth asks the EQC subcommittee to share the information about the volunteers before making them public.

### **Usage of merc players**

Suggestion:

A player has to be 'officially' registered to a certain team. This is up to the discretion of the NGB.

The NGB can decide to restrict the usage of merc players however they want.

The usage of merc players will be restricted by quidditch europe in the following way:

- teams are allowed to use merc players from other teams within the same member league
- there is a maximum of 2 merc players per team
- teams using merc players are not allowed to have more than 10

For example, if the team has nine members without mercs they can get a maximum of one merc player.

No international merc players. Unless the person is already strongly affiliated with the team or living there. Up to the discretion of NGB.

The NGB is responsible for collecting the roster and making sure these rules are enforced.

### **Age limit for players**

Up to NGB's.

There will be a waiver to be signed anyway.

### **European Games Subcommittee**

Consists of: Elisabeth, Alper, Michele, Caspar.

Ideally we would like two more people. But we could manage with four people.

We need to publish the bid list but will do this after the IQA meeting.

### **European Games/IQA situation**

Going to run it by the IQA on the 4th of december.

### **Logo**

Jerona is the subcommiteeee. Who is going to make a sub-subcommitee with taskforcers made up out of designers.

Then we will all fight over it and then vote for a new logo.

**Next meeting**

Rebecca will organise the meeting and make an agenda and be a general boss in organising stuff. Thank you.