

WSF AGM 2022 Annual Report

European Squash Federation

Overview

For the first time since 2019 ESF were able to hold a physical Conference and AGM 30th April and 1st May during the European Team Championships Division 1 &2 in Eindhoven, The Netherlands.

29 delegates represented one of the 46 Member Nations. Zena Wooldridge OBE, Honorary Member and WSF President, were present, and together with William Louis-Marie, WSF CEO, made a presentation during the conference.

Hugo Hannes addressed the AGM where he explained why he decided to not to stand as ESF President for another three years. He was thanked for all the time and all his effort he had put into European and World Squash over the years.

Jim Hay (Scotland) was thanked for his service to ESF for the last 3 years as Vice President.

Thomas Troedsson was elected ESF President for the coming three years, together with Catherine Ezvan and Otto Kalvo, who were both elected Vice-Presidents for three years.

The ESF Board from May 1, 2022, onwards comprises President Thomas Troedsson (Sweden) and Vice Presidents Rosie Barry (Ireland), Catherine Ezvan (France), Otto Kalvo (Norway) and Luis Ferreira (Portugal), supported by Peter Derrick (ESF Treasurer and Company Secretary).

Marcel Borst is the ESF Operations Manager and Joanne Collins is the part-time Office Administrator.

The staff will work from a virtual office, but ESF remains registered in Solihull England.

Portfolios

- Championships Committee including Juniors & Masters: Thomas Troedsson and Rosie Barry
- Marketing & Communication Committee: Luis Ferreira
- Referees Committee: Catherine Ezvan
- Equality Committee: Rosie Barry, Catherine Ezvan
- Business Development: Otto Kalvo

General

COVID 19 has affected squash since March 2020 and events really got back again during spring 2022. Most tournaments are now on the calendar again and in 2022 ESF there are 17 ESF Master circuit event and 19 ESF Junior circuit events across Europe. These number of events ensures that the ESF rankings work well again.

Administration / Communications

Most of the meetings during 2021-2022 has been online board meetings using Zoom. For 2022-2023 more physical meetings are planned, including a planning meeting during the summer.

A series of One2One talks have taken place with the Members. So far 16 meetings have been held, more are planned for the autumn. Each meeting is about 90 minutes. The aim is to find out how the

situation for squash is in each country, see what ESF can do to help and what the members expect ESF to do.

The results will be presented at the planned **THINK TANK**, a physical meeting in central Europe, where all members will be invited to send representatives for a full weekend on how to restart and get Squash popular again!

ESF have been attending all meetings and EXCO with World Squash Federation during the period, represented by Hugo Hannes and/or Thomas Troedsson.

Championships 2022

30 March - 2 April ESF European Team Division 3 Squash Championships, Ljubljana, Slovenia

9 - 12 April ESF European Individual u19 Squash Championships, Eindhoven Netherlands

14 - 17 April ESF European Mixed Team u19 Squash Championships, Eindhoven Netherlands

27 - 30 April ESF European Team Division 1 & 2 Championships in The Netherlands

12 – 15 May ESF European Mixed Team u15 & u17 Squash Championships in The Netherlands

22 – 25 June ESF European Master Individual Championships in Scotland

7 – 10 September ESF European Individual Closed Squash Championships in Germany

14 – 17 September ESF European Club Squash Championships in Italy

Championships 2023

1-4 April ESF European Individual u19 Squash Championships 2023 in Switzerland

6-9 April ESF European Mixed Team u19 Squash Championships in Switzerland

19-22 April ESF European Team Division 3 Squash Championships in Gibraltar

26-29 April ESF European Team Division 1 & 2 Squash Championships in Finland

11-14 May ESF European Mixed Team u15 & u17 Squash Championships in Czech Republic

21-24 Jun ESF European Individual Closed Squash Championships in Poland (European Games TBC)

13 – 16 September ESF European Club Squash Championships, TBC

Finance

Financially ESF expect to be near break-even. The business model is based on that membership fees will cover the annual fixed costs. The overall financial situation for ESF is sound.

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