



E.H.C. Alliance Newsletter

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E.H.C. Alliance Annual General Meeting / Dinner & E.H.C. Awards 13-14 June, Hotel Diplomat in Prague

■ ■ The 2017 E.H.C. Alliance Annual General Meeting will take place in Prague, at the Hotel Diplomat. During the same period as this Newsletter is being sent to clubs and guests, all member clubs will receive a registration form where you will register for the meeting.

Program:

- Tuesday 13 June, 19.00 Dinner & E.H.C. Awards
- Wednesday 14 June, 09-14 E.H.C. Annual General Meeting

So please plan your travel so you arrive in Prague on Tuesday in the afternoon and depart on Wednesday afternoon. There will be certain possibilities to extend the stay in sunny and beautiful Prague for those who want. Just as we did in November for the meeting in Munich, the E.H.C. will pay for one club person for one night. You will see more info on the registration form. The agenda for the Annual General Meeting will be sent to you in due time.

E.H.C. Alliance European Hockey Awards

■ ■ As we informed you in Munich last November, our partner Fenix Outdoor (Martin Nordin) obtained the naming rights to three Awards which will be handed out in Prague on 13 June. The three awards will carry the names of three selected brands from the Fenix Outdoor group:

- *Fjällräven* Young Player of the Year
- *Hanwag* Club of the Year
- *Globetrotter* Coach of the Year

We have selected a panel of eight of the best European hockey experts from eight countries who will select (by vote) five nominees for each of the three awards. You will see the nominations on our Twitter feed @EHCAlliance. We will also interact with fans on social media for them to have a say in the process.

Board proposes membership fees

■ ■ At the E.H.C. Board Meeting on 9 January, the board decided the following Membership Fees which will be proposed to the General Meeting on 14 June for approval.

- Clubs which were members as of 9 January 2017 - will pay an Annual Fee of €2000
- Clubs who joined or will join as new members after 9 January 2017 - will pay an Entry Fee/Annual Fee of €3500

The board feels it is the most fair proposal as most of our members had by that time already paid €3500 to the E.H.C. The new fees will cover the upcoming Budget Year 1 July 2017—30 June 2018.

It is important to point out that these fees proposed by the board are considerably less than what we thought they would be when we presented this club alliance project on 2 March 2016 in Düsseldorf. This is of course due to the partnership with the Fenix Outdoor group. The new fees should cover the budget which all clubs approved at our first General Meeting in Berlin (13/6 2016), provided we keep, or ideally increase, the current number of member clubs.



New E.H.C. Member clubs — Jukurit Mikkeli (FIN) & Augsburger Panther (GER)

■ ■ We are extremely happy to announce that our membership has increased to 77 clubs. Finnish Jukurit Mikkeli joined on 12 January 2017 while Augsburger Panther became a member on 1 February. Welcome to the Alliance! With Jukurit joining, the Finnish “Liiga” became the third top league where all clubs are E.H.C. members, after Switzerland and Sweden. In Switzerland we even

have two member clubs who currently are in the NLB (Tier-II), Rapperswil-Jona Lakers and Red Ice Martigny.

Development on new E.H.C. website — Home of European Hockey

■ ■ We are also very pleased to inform our clubs that the development of our website is underway. The url will be www.eurohockeyclubs.com and it will be promoted as Home of European Hockey, with the ambition to raise awareness about European hockey as whole, particularly focusing on clubs and leagues. We are working together with the Czech company eSport which is a great group of committed hockey guys. The launch is planned for late April, early May. We will start slow, and grow. Of course, each member clubs will be nicely introduced with logo, basic info and relevant links.

Marc Lüthi: «Dann ist das Anstiftung zum Vertragsbruch»

Die Allianz der europäischen Klubs hat sich im Nachgang des erzwungenen Wechsels von Tigercanadier Chris DiDomenico in die NHL per Pressemitteilung an die Öffentlichkeit gewandt.



The E.H.C. took a strong position on non-honouring of contract

■ ■ The E.H.C. strongly reacted to the apparent case of tampering and non-honouring of contract when player Chris DiDomenico left Swiss SCL Tigers at a critical time of the season after virtually forcing the Langnau club to terminate the contract. DiDomenico signed with the NHL Ottawa Senators a couple of days later. Currently, the E.H.C. plays the role of a



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Meeting between the E.H.C. and the IIHF leadership in Zurich

■ ■ The E.H.C. and the IIHF held a meeting in Zurich on 3 March to discuss future means of co-existence and cooperation. The IIHF was represented by President René Fasel, General Secretary Horst Lichtner and IIHF Council Member (GER) Franz Reindl. From the E.H.C. came President Marc Lüthi, VP Håkan Loob and Managing Director Szymon Szemberg.

The objective of the E.H.C. was to discuss a Memorandum of Understanding, a document of mutual recognition and which would determine the ways in which the IIHF and the E.H.C. would cooperate. One of the goals of the E.H.C. delegation was to point out the benefits to both parties if the clubs had a permanent say and influence in the world governing body, and also that the clubs want to contribute to governance reform process of the IIHF, a process which is already underway. It was a good first

AUSTRIA (3):

Dornbirner Bulldogs
Vienna Capitals
Red Bull Salzburg

CZECH REPUBLIC (7):

Pirati Chomutov
Bili Tygri Liberec
Mlada Boleslav
HC Litvinov
Skoda Plzen
Sparta Prague
Kometa Brno

FINLAND (15):

IFK Helsinki
HPK Hämeenlinna
Lukko Rauma
Pelicans Lahti
Vaasa Sport
JYP Jyväskylä
Kärpät Oulu
Tappara Tampere
SaiPa Lappeenranta
TPS Turku
Ilves Tampere
KooKoo Kouvola
Ässät Pori
KalPa Kuopio
Jukurit Mikkeli

GREAT BRITAIN (5):

Braehead Clan
Nottingham Panthers
Coventry Blaze
Cardiff Devils
Sheffield Steelers

GERMANY (11):

Düsseldorfer EG
Eisbären Berlin
ERC Ingolstadt
Krefeld Pinguine
Adler Mannheim
Red Bull München
Fischtown Bremerhaven
Kölner Haie
Thomas Sabo Ice Tigers

Iserlohn Roosters
Augsburger Panther
NORWAY (2):
Stavanger Oilers
Storhamar Hamar

POLAND (1):

Comarch Cracovia Krakow

SWITZERLAND (14):

SC Bern
EHC Biel
HC Davos
Fribourg-Gottéron
Genève-Servette
EHC Kloten
Lausanne HC
HC Lugano
EV Zug
Zürich Lions
SCL Tigers Langnau
Rapperswil-Jona Lakers
Ambri-Piotta
Red Ice Martigny

SLOVAKIA (4):

HC Kosice
MHC Martin
HK Poprad
HC '05 Banska Bystrica

SWEDEN (14):

Brynäs Gävle
Djurgården Stockholm
Frölunda Gothenburg
Färjestad Karlstad
HV71 Jönköping
Linköping HC
Luleå Hockey
Rögle BK
Skellefteå AIK
Örebro Hockey
Malmö Redhawks
Växjö Lakers
Karlskrona HK
Leksands IF

UKRAINE (1):

The 77 leading clubs of Europe

HC Don-
bass



Those who take part, they lead

■ ■ Next E.H.C. Alliance Board Meeting: