

CB-MEETING IN SOLNA JANUARY 04, 2002

Place: IFF office, Solna

Present:	Eriksson, Tomas	President
	Liljelund, John	Vice President
	Jonsson, Tomas	Treasurer
	Gilardi, Thomas	
	Jansson, Per	
	Kauppinen, Risto	
	Vaculik, Martin	
	Orlando, Renato	RACC Chairman
	Seiler, Karl-Heinz	RC Chairman
	Kratz, Stefan	Secretary General
	Wester, Axel	Marketing Director

Excused: Lillepalu, Ain
Lindström, Peter
Sinnakaruppan, Ramasamy

§ 1 Opening of the meeting

Mr. Eriksson greeted the participants welcome to the IFF office and declared the meeting opened at 09:00.

§ 2 Approval of the agenda

The agenda was scrutinized, completed and approved.

§ 3 Economy

a) Prel. Financial report 31.12.2001

Mr. Jonsson presented a preliminary financial report per 31.12.2001.

The deficit was reported to be according to what has been known since the April 2001 meeting.

The CB decided to approve the financial report showing a preliminary deficit of –54.019 CHF, and to give the Secretary General the task to put the books forward to the auditor Mr Mikael Brandstam for approval.

b) Budget 2002

Mr. Jonsson presented a re-worked budget for the year 2002.

Further Mr. Jonsson reported that the budgeting and reporting will be made in a new structure where projects will be included.

The CB had a discussion in general that the budgets decided by Congress should to a very little extent be revised. The actual plans of actions must be worked through thoroughly so that they show reality and that the actual figures follow. The Central Boards standpoint was furthermore to make all volunteers involved and feel that they know the plan of actions and therefore can take appropriate actions also financially.

The CB decided according to the proposed budget with a surplus of +8.000 CHF for the year 2002 (enclosure 1).

The CB decided to give the treasurer the task to meet with all committee chairmen and to implement projects in the economical evaluations starting from January 1, 2002.

§ 3 continuation

c) Budget 2003 and 2004

Budgets for 2003 and 2004 were discussed. It is up to Congress to decide, at the General Meeting in Helsinki May 24, 2002, about the budgets for the years 2003 and 2004. The CB had a discussion in general over the fact that almost half of the IFF equity will be used at the end of the fiscal year 2001. The equity should, according to the CB, be restored in the two years to follow, in order to secure the future of IFF as an independent and self- ruling international sports body.

The CB also discussed the fact that in order to present a budget the guidelines and inputs from the workshop, that started in Germany in November 2001 during the U19 WFC are essential. The CB also discussed the fact that in this sense the actual budget process will be a little, unfortunately, awkward due to the fact that the workshop as such should first be finalised and then the budgets established.

The CB decided to put forward to Mr. Jonsson and Mr. Kratz to prepare budgets for 2003 and 2004. The guidelines from the CB are that the budgets should show a surplus in order to restore the equity of the IFF to the level that was the fact at the beginning of 2001, e.i. at least +100.000 CHF. Furthermore all IFF Committee chairmen shall be involved in the actual work concerning plan of actions.

§ 4 World Championships (enclosure 2)

a) WFC 2002 Men in Finland

Mr. Liljelund reported on the progress with the organisation of the WFC 2002. Nearly all 24 nations have informed the SSBL and the Organising Committee WFC 2002 about arrivals and lodgings. Some problems still exist. The RACC, headed by Mr Renato Orlando, will carry out a technical inspection, and Marketing Director Mr Axel Wester will make clear all sponsor- and marketing issues. These discussions are already in good progress. An eventual inspection can be carried out in connection with the next CB Meeting, in Helsinki, April 12-14, 2002.

Mr Liljelund further reported from the latest information to the participating nations: *“The preparations of the WFC 2002 are preceding very well. We are inside the time- frame set up by the organising committee. We will in January 2002 be able to tell all participating teams the name and contact information of your attaché during the championships. We believe that we together with your help can make the WFC 2002 the best and finest floorball championships. We would like you to read this information letter trough very carefully and return directly with any questions you might have. We would also like to ask you to fill out the Team accreditation form, which will help us to proceed with our preparations. In the initial plans, we planned to let each of the teams in the B-series a possibility to play one game at the main arena. Now we have built the match schedule so that a total of 12 B-series games will be played on the main arena. The B-group semi-finals and final will be played in the bigger arena. Starting from November 1st, 2001 the WFC 2002 office staff consists of the following persons, John Liljelund general secretary, Markku Huoponen, information officer, Noora Karne, assistant (team contact, volunteers etc.), and Mervi Leppämäki, assistant (Hartwall Arena, marketing etc.). You can reach the office staff on their mail addresses: firstname.lastname@salibandy.net. We would very much like that the teams would keep in touch with the WFC-office, so that we can help you in any possible way. If a participating team is planning to come to Finland in advance to the Championships and would like to train and play training games against local clubs please feel free to contact the WFC Office to discuss the issue.”*

The CB decided to approve the report made by Mr Liljelund and to give the task to Mr Orlando and Mr Wester, respectively, to carry out inspections, technical as well as marketing.

§ 4 continuation

b) WFC 2003 Women in Switzerland (enclosure 3)

Mr Orlando reported that the WFC 2003 for women will be staged in Bern – the capital of Switzerland. The games of the preliminary round will be played in Muri- Gümlingen and Wünnewil, two perfectly located villages near the city of Bern. The organising committee has been set with Mr Orlando as President, and Mr Hostettler as Controlling with Mr Falk as General Secretary and logistics. The official website will be online latest May 1st, 2002. All hotels will be located in the city or the area of Bern. A list with all proposed team hotels will be prepared for the information at the General Assembly in Helsinki in Finland at the 2002 WFC.

Mr Liljelund reported on the negotiations concerning the contract with SUHV.

The CB decided to approve the report made by Mr Orlando and noted with pleasure that the plans are good in progress.

§ 5 Reports

a) RACC

The IFF Rules of the Game Edition 2002 - valid from July 1 st, 2002

Mr. Orlando reported on the evaluations on the possible rule change – no pass to the goalkeeper.

The CB of IFF decided on its meeting in Riga April 6, 2001, to allow further testing of rules until December 2001, even though the actual deadline had expired for additional rules for the new rules book valid from July 1st, 2002. The CB had earlier decided that new rules can only be changed every fourth year, in order to guarantee that all member Associations have the same knowledge as far as education of the referees is concerned. Amongst others the Swiss, Finnish and Swedish associations were asked to test and evaluate the eventual rule to be implemented "no pass to the goalkeeper".

The result will be sent for consideration, to a smaller group appointed by the IFF Rules and Competition Committee, during the period 15th of January - 15th of February.

On March 4 all member Association will receive the Rules of the Game 2002, with the changes marked, via email. This version could of course be used for translation and education.

During March the book will be printed and distributed.

Regarding the proposal that no pass to the goalkeeper should be allowed:

The RACC opinion, after having received evaluations from the Swedish Floorball Federation (positive) and the Swiss Floorball Association (negative), was that a change of the rule would mean that most of the floorball nations would have problems in developing the game.

Although skilful players and teams would easily adapt this new rule most of the floorball world would temporarily make a step back in improving the game.

On top of that the goalkeepers role would be decreased to be only defensive.

The IFF CB decided according to the RACC proposal not to change the rule. This means that the tests, concerning no pass back to the goalkeeper, expire in respective countries by the end of the respective seasons 2002, and after that only the IFF rules book is valid from July 1st, 2002.

§ 5 continuation

b) MC

1) Report from a meeting with SP, the Swedish Testing and research Institute

Mr. Liljelund reported from a meeting with SP on 18.12.2001 where a new set of material regulations was discussed. A proposal will be completed by the end of January and sent to the Development Board for final evaluations.

The system as such has been evaluated and this was also discussed.

FESI, the European department of the World Sporting Goods Federation, has been approached by one or more manufacturers questioning the system's legality.

Mr. Liljelund will have a meeting with FESI concerning this in Brussels on the 8th of February, 2002.

2) Decisions in surveillance test matters

Mr. Liljelund and Mr. Eriksson reported on decisions in surveillance test matters. Three cases, out of a possible four cases, have been decided upon and the manufacturers have been informed by the IFF of the decisions.

The CB decided to approve the report.

§ 6 Member Associations (enclosure 4)

a) Malaysia - application

The Malaysian Floorball Association (MFA) has applied for provisional membership.

The CB discussed the fact that there is a very good progress in Asia and South East Asia. The CB sends its thanks to the Singapore Floorball Association (SFA) for very good work performed that has led to yet another member of IFF in the region. The support and development work done by the SFA has been vital and decisive.

The CB decided to grant MFA provisional membership as member 28.

§ 7 Workshop

Mr. Eriksson noticed that only half of the CB had the possibility to participate in the workshop held in Hohenmölsen, Germany, during the WFC U19 for men, but nevertheless the workshop was prosperous.

A clear vision will be set on basis of the material and again be discussed and decided in the next meeting, together with the plans of action for 2003 and 2004 to be put forward to the Congress in May.

Mr Eriksson reported that an updated version of the workshop- documents will be sent to all CB members during February 2002, to be looked into and updated once again to finally be decided upon at the CB meeting in Helsinki in April 12-14, 2002. It will at the end be up to the Congress in Helsinki May 24, 2002 to decide about IFF vision and mission.

The CB decided to approve the report and time- schedule for the workshop.

§ 8 Any other business

a) RACC

The RACC has proposed that an age-limit for team leaders must be implemented. Unfortunately the valid regulations do not stipulate any age limits, and it is essential for the safety of all involved to set the lower age limit.

Further the RACC proposes that an age-limit for players in the European Cup, from the next edition, should be set to 15 years and that the regulations must be completed with a regulation stating that a player must use the same numbering during a tournament. The reasons, amongst others, are to be able to set good statistics and that the audience will be able to follow the tournament as such.

§ 8 a) continuation

The CB decided to approve the proposals, and set the age limits for team leaders in general to at least 18 years old, and for players in the EC to at least 15 years old and that players must use the same number during the entire tournament.

Mr. Orlando informed of the actions taken regarding the infringements of the Russian team participating in the Men's U19 WFC 2001 and that they now have been fined 1000 CHF.

Mr Orlando reported from the technical meeting on January 3, 2002 at the EC, where the women's team **Outlaws FFK** from Denmark did not participate.

The CB decided to approve the report and put the case forward to the Disciplinary committee for ruling.

b) CFbU

The CB noted with pleasure that the Czech Floorball Union has handed in a letter of interest to organize the Men's U19 WFC in 2003, the Men's WFC in 2008 and the European Cup (final rounds) in 2006.

The CB decided to give Mr. Kratz the task to collocate all letters of interest to organise into a document to be published on the internet and, via a letter, send the information to all associations of IFF.

c) Future organizers of IFF events 2002-2008

The Central Board of IFF discussed the fact that there is a lack of organisers mainly concerning the European Cup's, but also few letters of interest for the U19 WFC.

The CB of IFF came to the conclusion that the IFF administration must more effectively seek for good cooperating partners, e.g. floorball associations for these events. In practical the IFF will ask all associations via letters of interest, but also directly to specific associations that would be suitable, and see themselves ready, for organising the events in mind.

As earlier decided in the CB the objective for appointing organisers is to ask associations six years in advance and grant the rights to organise four years in advance. This in order to give the hosting association, supported by the appropriate authorities within the IFF, the possibility to prosper and gain from the event as such. As we all know, we are far from meeting with this objective.

Attached to the letter there should be a list of IFF events 2002 - 2008 with organisers and interested organisers at this stage (also published on www.floorball.org).

On the IFF website also all the appropriate regulations, e.g. the Organizers Regulations, that sets the limits and standards under which conditions an event must be organised are found.

The Central Board of IFF will at its next meeting in Helsinki April 12-14, 2002 take a decision about coming events. The IFF therefore urges the associations to look into the actual events and send in an letter of interest, at this stage without any obligation, as soon as possible but no later then March 15, 2002 - the IFF h.q. by hand.

The CB decided to approve the report and to give Mr. Eriksson the task to, via the IFF administration, more actively seek for organisers for IFF events and come back with a report at the next IFF CB meeting in Helsinki April 12-14, 2002.

§ 8 continuation

d) 6 nation tournament in Belgium 8-10.02.2002

Mr. Liljelund will visit the 6- Nation tournament in Belgium and also give a lecture at the University of Brussels.

The CB noted with pleasure that the Belgium FA has done a very good job with the tournament and that such initiatives are essential for the floorball development. The IFF RC have been represented there and supported with different referee courses.

The CB decided to approve the report and to dispatch Mr Liljelund as IFF representative to the 6- Nations Tournament in Belgium.

§ 9 Next meeting

The CB decided that the next meeting will be held in Helsinki 13-14.04 2002, with arrivals 12.04.

§ 10 Closing of the meeting

Mr. Eriksson thanked the participants for a good meeting and closed it at 11:45.

Stefan Kratz
Secretary General

Tomas Eriksson
President