

Place: Scandic Crown Hotel, Gothenburg, Sweden (1/6)

Present: Eriksson, Tomas           President  
          Jansson, Per  
          Jonsson, Tomas  
          Kauppinen, Risto  
          Liljelund, John  
          Lillepalu, Ain  
          Lindström, Peter  
          Mukkala, Pekka  
          Vaculik, Martin  
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          Kratz, Stefan           Secretary general

**§ 1 Opening of the meeting**

Mr. Eriksson opened the meeting at 11.00 on Saturday 20th of September.

**§ 2 Secretary of the meeting**

Mr. Kratz was chosen secretary for the meeting.

**§ 3 Agenda**

The agenda approved with some alterations and completions.

**§ 4 Minutes from the last meeting**

The minutes from the CB meeting 07.05 1997 was scrutinized and put ad acta.

**§ 5 Economy**

*a) Financial report per 30.06.97* (enclosure 1)

Mr. Liljelund reported on the financials per 30.06.97.

*b) Financial report per 10.08.97* (enclosure 2)

Mr. Liljelund reported on the financials per 10.08.97.

*c) Claims* (enclosure 3)

Mr. Liljelund reported on claims per 10.08.97 and what steps that has been taken.

The CB discussed on further actions.

**§ 6 World Championships**

*a) WFC 1998* (enclosure 4)

Mr. Kratz reported on the registrations.

The CB decided to settle the registrations according to enclosure 4.

Mr. Vaculik reported on the progress with the organization.

**§ 6 a) continuation**

The CB decided to appoint the Jury as follows:

Chairman	Tomas Jonsson	(IFF CB)
	Renato Orlando	(IFF RACC)
	Werner Schlossmacher	(IFF RC)
	John Liljelund	(Other)

The representative of the Organizing Committee will be announced later.

*b) WFC 1999* (enclosure 5 & 6)

Russia has, after deadline, shown interest of organizing the 2nd Women's' World Championships (WFC 1999).

The CB is, which has been declared earlier, of the opinion that IFF needs more nations willing and able to organize, and therefore encourages Russia to apply for the Women's World Championships 2001.

The Swedish Floorball Federation has confirmed their interest of organizing WFC 1999 with a formal application.

The CB decides to give the rights to the Swedish Floorball Federation to organize WFC 1999.

Mr. Liljelund reported on the schedule of the negotiation with the Swedish Floorball Federation.

*c) WFC 2000*

Mr. Jonsson presented further information on the application from the Norwegian Bandy Federation to organize the Men's World Floorball Championships 2000.

Mr. Kauppinen informed that the Finnish Floorball Federation, since the Norwegian application is of such high standard, will not fulfil their application to organize WFC 2000.

The CB decides to give the rights to the Norwegian Bandy Federation to organize WFC 2000 and that Mr. Liljelund together with Mr. Kratz shall start the negotiations with them.

## **§ 7 European Cup**

*a) European Cup 1997* (enclosure 7)

Mr. Eriksson presented the contract between IFF and Balrog IK.

The CB decided to ratify the contract.

The CB decided the ranking and the groups according to enclosure 7.

The CB decided to appoint the Jury as follows:

Chairman	Martin Vaculik	(IFF CB)	
	Renato Orlando	(IFF RACC)	- possible replacer: Axel Wester
	Werner Schlossmacher	(IFF RC)	- possible replacer: To be decided by RC
	Krister Kalte	(Org. Committee)	
	Risto Kauppinen	(Other)	- possible replacer: John Liljelund

## **§ 7 Continuation**

*b) European Cup 1998*

The CB has earlier, 01.03.97, decided that the Finnish Floorball Federation is given the right to organize the European Cup 1998.

The CB decided that Mr. Eriksson together with Mr. Kratz shall start the negotiations with the Finnish Floorball Federation.

*c) European Cup 1999 (enclosure 8)*

The Swiss Floorball Association, that during the President's meeting in Mariehamn announced their willingness to organize the European Cup 1999, has formally applied to organize.

The CB decided to give the rights to the Swiss Floorball Association to organize the European Cup 1999 and that Mr. Kauppinen together with Mr. Kratz shall start the negotiations with them.

**§ 8 World Games 1997**

Mr. Kauppinen reported on the World Games 1997, even though the final report is not yet completed. Out of 10,000 sold tickets during World Games, 3,000 were tickets to floorball.

Mr. Eriksson and Mr. Kratz reported on various meetings they attended.

The next World Games is in Akita, Japan, 2001.

**§ 9 Committees***a) Reports by memorandum (enclosure 9-15)*EDC

Mr. Jansson reported on the EDC meeting in Mariehamn 08.05.97 and on the ongoing work of EDC, where putting together collected material into a book with basics for trainers and coaches is at hand.

Mr. Jansson also reported that Swedish instructors will be sent to Japan in November 1997 and to Singapore in February 1998.

Mr. Kauppinen reported that the Finnish Floorball Federation organizes the seminar for the Baltic States mainly, in Tallin last weekend of November 1997.

Mr. Kauppinen also reported that a Finnish head coach and instructor will go to Australia, preliminary for five months starting from January 1998.

PR

Mr. Lindström reported on the PR Committee meeting in Mariehamn 06.05.97 and on the ongoing work with sponsors and a new marketing brochure.

RC

Mr. Schlossmacher has handed in a written report on the ongoing work of RC and the minutes from the RC meeting in Mariehamn 09.05.97.

Furthermore Mr. Schlossmacher has written a proposal regarding instructions for referee payments.

The CB decided to approve the instructions according to the proposal.

**§ 9 a) Continuation**RACC

Mr. Orlando has handed in a written report on a working meeting with Mr. Orlando and Mr. Kratz and the minutes from the RACC meeting in Mariehamn 08.05.97.

In the report there are some policy questions and a proposal regarding future way of changing the Rules of the Game.

Regarding the policy questions the CB was of the opinion that RACC should make the proposals of various regulations without the governing from CB at this stage.

Regarding the proposal of future way of changing the Rules of the Game, the CB was of the opinion that the Rules of the Game should not be done by a self-ruled committee but by a semi-self ruled Committee, meaning that all proposals on changing the Rules of the Game should be sent to the Committee which decides whether to propose a change or not to the congress.

#### AC

Mr. Jonsson reported that he had a meeting with Mr. Sterchi on the 2<sup>nd</sup> draft of disciplinary regulations in Mariehamn 09.05.97.

Mr. Jonsson further reported that a 3<sup>rd</sup> draft, which will be sent for commenting to AC members and CB members, is prepared.

#### IC

Mr. Mukkala reported that he had a meeting with Mr. Legendi on IFF.net and the content of the home page during WFC in Mariehamn.

Mr. Mukkala is interested in creating an IFF magazine and was given the mission to present the project regarding contents and costs.

#### MC

Mr. Liljelund reported that he has not received any input on the Method for testing material even though he asked for it during the Presidents' meeting in Mariehamn.

#### *b) Nominations (enclosure 16)*

The Finnish Floorball Federation has nominated Mr. Jussi Lähde to the PR Committee.

The CB decided to constitute Mr. Jussi Lähde as a member of the PR Committee

#### *c) Nominated IFF Referees (enclosure 17)*

IFF Referees has been nominated according to enclosure 17.

The CB decided to constitute the nominated referees according to enclosure 17 as IFF Referees for the Season 1997/98.

#### *d) Nominated IFF Referee Observers (enclosure 18)*

IFF Referee Observers has been nominated according to enclosure 18.

The CB decided to constitute the nominated Referee Observers according to enclosure 18 as IFF Referee Observers for the Season 1997/98.

## **§ 10 Membership applications**

### *a) Poland (enclosure 19)*

The CB decided in the meeting 07.05.97 to grant the Polish Floorball Federation (Polska Federacja Unihoca) provisional membership if they would change name of their federation, make an unification with the other floorball federation and provide the CB with the documents from the General meeting of the Polish Floorball Federation in the end of May.

Mr. Liljelund reported that the unification of the federations did not work out, but that there is no doubt that the former Polska Federacja Unihoca is the organization that the authorities in Poland regard as the body for floorball.

Polska Federacja Unihoca did, which is in the minutes from their General meeting in May, change name to Polska Związek Unihokeja - Floorball, Polish Floorball Association.

The CB decided, although not all of the requirements were fulfilled, to grant the Polish Floorball Association (Polska Związek Unihokeja - Floorball) provisional membership of IFF.

#### **§ 11 GAISF application** (enclosure 20-21)

GAISF has decided to deny IFF membership of the organization at this stage since IFF not yet fulfils the requirements for membership.

IFF consists of 19 member associations and the needed number of member associations is 20 according to the Statutes and Bye-Laws of GAISF.

When meeting the Executive Director of GAISF, Mr. Jean-Claude Schupp, Mr. Eriksson was told that IFF might be invited to the GAISF Congress as observers.

In case being invited the CB decided that Mr. Kratz should represent the IFF.

#### **§ 12 How to continue the work on spreading floorball world-wide**

The CB is of the opinion that there is a need to look deeper into a number of the present member Associations to see if IFF could be of any assistance in development.

Member associations to contact and CB members in charge were appointed as follows:

Austria	- Mr. Liljelund
Belgium	- Mr. Kauppinen
Hungary	- Mr. Mukkala
Japan	- Mr. Jansson
Latvia	- Mr. Lindström
Russia	- Mr. Lillepalu with assistance of Mr. Vaculik
Singapore	- Mr. Jansson
USA	- Mr. Jonsson

Regarding Hungary a letter from Magyar Floorball Szövetség, a new floorball association in Hungary has arrived (enclosure 22).

The CB decided not to give the new association the permission to participate in WFC 1998, but one part of the mission for Mr. Mukkala will be to find out whether the member association is working or not.

#### **§ 13 IFF Congress 1998**

##### *a) Date and Place*

The CB decided that the IFF Congress 1998 preliminary should be held 28.05.98 in Prague.

*b) CB proposals*

Possible proposals from the CB were discussed.

*c) Practical matters*

Practical matters regarding the IFF Congress were discussed.

The CB forwarded to Mr. Vaculik and Mr. Kratz to reserve a meeting room etc. for the Congress.

**§ 14 IFF Statutes**

The CB looked through the IFF Statutes to find out necessary changes to be proposed to the Congress.

The CB forwarded to Mr. Liljelund and Mr. Kratz, with assistance from Mr. Jonsson in Arbitration and disciplinary matters, to prepare a proposal to the next CB meeting.

**§ 15 Next meeting**

CB decided to have meetings for the time until the Congress as follows:

17-18.01.98	in Vienna, Austria
18-19.04.98	in Tallin, Estonia
27.05.98	in Prague, Czech Republic

**§ 16 End of meeting**

Mr. Tomas Eriksson closed the meeting at 13.00, on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> of September.

Stefan Kratz  
Secretary general

Tomas Eriksson  
President