

IFF CB meeting 28.08.2004

Place: Scandic Hotel Continental, Helsinki

Participants: Tomas Eriksson President
John Liljelund Vice President
Renato Orlando Vice President
Tomas Jonsson Treasurer
Thomas Gilardi
Per Jansson
Risto Kauppinen
Peter Lindström
Martin Vaculik
Stefan Kratz Secretary General

§ 1 Opening of the meeting

Mr. Eriksson greeted the CB welcome to Helsinki and opened the meeting at 09:00.

§ 2 Approval of the agenda

The agenda was scrutinized and approved.

§ 3 Minutes from last meeting

The minutes from the last meeting, the constitution on the 22.05.2004, were scrutinized, approved and put ad acta.

§ 4 Economy

a) Preliminary financial reports 31.07.2004 (enclosure 1)

Mr. Jonsson presented the preliminary financial reports per 31.07.2004, showing a surplus of 216,198 CHF. It was stressed that office costs were only invoiced until June 30, 2004. Costs from the WFC and the last CB meeting are also missing. However, due to that IFF has had only one employee (budgeted two) the outcome for the calendar year points towards a surplus well within the frames set in the budget, i.e. a surplus of 16.000 CHF.

b) Information on IFF claims – status August 25th, 2004 (enclosure 2)

Mr. Jonsson presented the IFF claims per 25.08.2004. Three associations have plans to pay their debts, i.e. Poland, Italy and Russia, see § 4 c, d, and e. The total claims are as of today 75.462:16 CHF.

The CB decided to approve the economical reports.

c) Poland – information on status of pay-off plan

Mr. Kratz reported on the latest news concerning the Polish pay-off plan. **The CB noted** that the PFA is now paying the debts. However, since the total debt (the remaining part is 5.682:16 CHF) is not paid the suspension cannot be lifted in this CB meeting.

The CB decided to invite the PFA management to a meeting, latest in Tampere, Finland, in connection with the Women's U19 WFC in November 2004.

d) Italy – information on status of pay-off plan

Mr. Kratz reported on the latest news concerning the Italian pay-off plan. **The CB noted** that FIUF is now paying the debts.

The CB decided not to take any further actions.

e) Russia – information on status of pay-off plan

The CB noted that the RFU is not following the plan to pay their debts. The debts are as of today 15.200 CHF. RFU was informed on June 3rd, and on July 22nd, that if not complying they would be suspended.

The CB would have expected a reaction on earlier sent messages as this is custom in a partnership and is very disappointed about the dealing of the case by the responsible persons of RFU.

The CB still hopes that a mutual agreement can be reached in a very near future.

§ 4 e) continuation

The CB decided, according to the IFF Juridical Regulations § 1.3, and § 2.1, to suspend RFU from all IFF activities from 01.09.2004, meaning that RFU is not allowed to participate in IFF events, i.e. IFF Championships and European Cups, (lex decision on Polish FA). RFU is not allowed to participate in IFF work, including appointing referees and committee members. Neither is RFU allowed to play friendly internationals with other IFF member associations. **The CB further decided** to summon RFU to a mandatory meeting, latest in Tampere in connection with the Women's U19 WFC in November 2004.

§ 5 World Championships

a) WFC 2004 men- Report

Mr. Orlando reported that the outcome of the WFC 2004 in all aspects, except from the financial outcome, was a huge success for Swiss Floorball. There were lots of spectators, and the media coverage was very high. On top of all this Eurosport broadcasted Floorball to a total of 54 countries.

The CB decided to approve the report.

b) WFC 2005 women- Report

Mr. Orlando and Mr. Liljelund reported on the progress with the organization of the WFC 2005. SFA has sent in a report:

Competition Venue

At present, upon the assessment of the IFF inspection team who arrived in Singapore to approve the venues, we have booked three stadiums: Woodlands Sports Hall, Yishun Sports Hall and the Singapore Indoor Stadium to facilitate the WFC 2005 preliminary and playoffs matches. The World Floorball Championships 2005 (WFC) organizing committee has secured the Singapore Indoor Stadium for the play-offs for the semi finals and finals of the World Floorball Championships.

Official Airline

SFA is currently in the process of negotiating the following deals with three airlines, namely Thai Airways, Singapore Airlines, and Lufthansa. Information about outcome of the negotiations will be provided by the 31st of October 2004.

Official Hotel

SFA is in the final stage of negotiations with the Millennium Group as the official hotel sponsor for the WFC. The complete hotel list will be finalized shortly, no later than 31st of October 2004.

Others

The Singapore Floorball Association (SFA) is fully aware that, according to the WFC contract, we are required to propose the following to the International Floorball Federation (IFF):

SFA will present the following documents to the board of IFF before the 31st of October 2004:

- 1.The timetable of the matches
- 2.The composition and the duties of the organizing committee
- 3.Detailed documents of the competition and training venues
- 4.Documents on hotel accommodation, price and category information."

The CB decided to approve the report.

The CB did the drawing of order to play in the groups (enclosure 3).

c) WFC U19 Women 2004

Mr. Kauppinen reported on the progress with the organization of the WFC U19 women 2004. The plans are well in place. The official website was recently launched, www.mm.salibandy.net.

The CB decided to approve the report.

§ 5 d) WFC U19 Men 2005

Mr. Orlando reported on the progress with the organization and Mr. Liljelund reported on the contract negotiations of the U19 WFC 2005. The plan is to have finalized the negotiations by the end of September 2004.

The WFC U19 men will be organized in Latvia in the two cities of Cesis and Valmiera, during the period October, the 25th – the 30th, 2005.

The CB noted that the following teams have registered: *A-Division*: Finland, Sweden, Czech Republic, Switzerland, Norway, Latvia, Denmark, Poland and *B-Division*: Russia, Germany Estonia, Netherlands, Hungary, Japan.

The CB decided to approve the report.

e) WFC 2006 in Sweden

Mr. Jansson reported on the progress with the organization of the WFC 2006. Organizing issues such as appointing WFC Secretary General and setting the basic organization are on the table. As earlier informed the WFC 2006 will be organized in the cities of Malmö, Helsingborg and Stockholm.

Mr Jansson reported that the Mayor of one of the hosting cities, Malmö, is proud to invite the entire CB for it's meeting in August/September 2005.

The CB did the drawing of order to play in the groups (enclosure 3).

f) WFC 2008, bid process between DUB and CFbU (enclosure 4)

Mr. Kratz reported that a letter asking for their respective bid on the WFC 2008 was sent to CFBU and DUB on June 22nd, and that replies are requested to October 30, 2004, giving the CB the possibility to decide about organizer in its next meeting in January 2005.

The CB decided to approve the report and the bid process for the WFC 2008.

§ 6 European Cup

a) EC 2004/2005 Qualification

Martin Johansson acted as Jury chairman of the European Cup Qualification 2004, in Prague, and has handed in a written report (enclosure 5).

The CB noted that there were two disciplinary decisions taken by the Jury, from which one was forwarded to the IFF Disciplinary Committee for possible further actions.

Information from Jury/RACC and for the CB to decide upon:

a) Further sanctions on Latvia (Lauku Avize) and Poland (Aligator Gdynia) for not turning up at the Technical meeting (lex earlier cases 1000 CHF).

The CB decided to fine Lauka Avize and Aligator Gdynia with 1.000 CHF respectively for not attending the ECQ technical meeting.

b) Withdrawal of Pomor from Russia, RFU duly informed of all consequences on July 19th, 2004, decision:

The CB is of the opinion that it damages the sport Floorball in general if participating clubs that have registered do not take part. It is bad for the organizer, in this case the Czech Floorball Union, as well as for all participants. It is also not at all satisfactory that the withdrawal from Pomor came late.

The CB decided to fine Pomor for withdrawal from the ECQ according to the IFF Juridical Regulations Chapter 2 § 2.8 c) with the amount 7500 CHF. The fine is due to be paid within 30 days that is latest on October 3, 2004. The decision of the CB was unanimous.

b) EC 2004/2005 Final round

Mr. Orlando reported on the progress with the organization and Mr. Liljelund reported on the contract negotiations of the EC Final round.

§ 6 c) EC 2005/2006

Mr. Liljelund reported on the negotiations on contracts for ECQ (DAFU) for august 2005 and 2006, and the Final round (CFBU) in January 2006.

The IFF Central Board has discussed the importance of getting new organizers to IFF events.

Preliminary the ECQ 2005 will be played in Aalborg and the ECQ 2006 in Copenhagen. Dates and locations will be fixed in the invitations.

The EC Final round 2006 will be played in Ostrava 04-08.01.2006.

The CB decided to approve the report.

The CB decided to appoint DAFU as organizers of the ECQ 2005 and 2006.

The CB decided to appoint CFbU as the organizer for the EC final rounds in January 2006.

§ 7 Constitution of Committees (enclosure 6)

The CB discussed the upcoming increase of IFF staff and the implications on the IFF work.

The CB noted with pleasure that the ordinary members of IFF had nominated many competent and committed members as Floorball specialists for the IFF committees (see enclosed nominations).

The CB discussed thoroughly the positive implications of strengthening the IFF administration and office due to increased human resources. The IFF General Assembly was positive to the proposal from Finland to move the IFF office to Helsinki as a new home base, and as a result of this gladly accepted also new financial resources. The CB also discussed recruiting new office staff.

As a result of these discussions and actions taken the CB was of the opinion that the new administration together with the IFF President should put forth to the CB to decide upon at its next meeting in January 2005 about the roles of the IFF employees and all IFF committees. Until this is set and discussed internally the CB was of the opinion that this shall be ready before further constitutions of committee members are made.

The CB decided to postpone the constitution of the Committees to the next CB meeting and that a new structure and guidelines of the IFF work shall be worked out until the next meeting.

§ 8 Committees – Reports

a) ExCo

IOC recognition process

Mr. Eriksson reported on IOC and the answer from IOC Mr Fairweather that Floorball, for the moment is not being granted IOC recognition, but that the process is ongoing.

The CB discussed the information to all parties within IFF, and the future lobby work.

IFF has received the IOC decision concerning the process for granting recognition. The Executive Board of the IOC has decided, for the time being, not to grant Floorball IOC provisional recognition. Floorball is, according to the IOC charter, a summer sport.

The IFF has had, during summer, talks with the IOC administration and with different representatives of the IOC and was informed, however, positively, that the process is to be an ongoing one, i.e. Floorball does not have to wait another four years to get IOC recognition if we fulfil the requirements of the IOC charter.

IFF has also been informed, that the main reason for not being granted IOC recognition is that we only consist of 32 members in IFF. Required are, in the new process started in November 2003, to have 50 members. Floorball already meet with other requirements as work against doping, attracting the youth and media.

As we all know there is a process going on within the IOC where deep discussions are held concerning the number of disciplines on the Summer Olympics, thus to reduce some of them. The IFF follows this issue with the highest interest.

The CB decided to approve the report and to inform all IFF members accordingly.

§ 8 a) continuation

FISU

Mr. Orlando reported on FISU and the WUC 2006 in Switzerland (dossier prepared by Mr Martin Hodler Swiss University and Mr Orlando, Swiss FA). The plan is that the WUC 2006 should be played in September.

The CB decided to approve the report.

IWGA

Mr. Eriksson reported on the IWGA and the IFF application for ordinary membership in IWGA and observer status at the World Games July 14-24, 2005 in Duisburg, Germany. IFF has asked twice officially, on April 11th, 2003, and on June 3, 2004 for observer status to the Duisburg games. The answer from the IWGA President Mr Ron Froehlich has been that it is to be dealt with by the IWGA Executive Board in October 2003 and in October 2004, but IFF has up till now not received an answer. Concerning the IWGA application for Floorball, the answer was that no new members are for the time being accepted.

The CB discussed this discrepancy between the answer and what is stipulated in the IWGA regulations and statutes.

The CB noted that the first possible World Games for Floorball to take part in is organized in July 16-26, 2009, in Kaohsiung City, Chinese Taipei.

The CB decided to apply for membership in IWGA, and again ask for observer status at the World Games in Duisburg, in Germany in 2005.

WADA

Mr. Kratz reported on the communication with Mr. Dielen, at the WADA bureau in Lausanne, and the following of the plans for fully implementing the WADA anti-doping code in all IFF regulations.

The CB decided to approve the report.

Asian Summit during the APAC in Singapore

The CB discussed the roadmap and strategy for Asia and Oceania. The CB was of the opinion that in view of the close cooperation between the nations concerned, the start, amongst other vital issues, of an Asian confederation and the strategy for the region may be taken up. Together with the National Associations a strategy as well as a roadmap for the coming years shall be laid down. The roadmap must be in accordance with the IFF statutes.

In view of the fact, that in December 8-12, 2004, most of the Associations concerned participate at the above-mentioned tournament in Singapore, it is an excellent opportunity to organise such a conference, which will no doubt have a great effect for Floorball in Asia and Oceania.

The CB decided to approve the report.

The CB decided to give task for the organisation to the ExCo of IFF, Tomas Eriksson, President, John Liljelund and Renato Orlando, Vice-presidents, the latter being responsible for the agenda, which will be forwarded to all participants early November.

Workshop

Mr. Orlando reported on a workshop held with the Presidents of SSBL, SUHV, SIBF, with the IFF President as guest.

The CB decided to approve the report.

CAS

The CB discussed affiliation to the Court of Arbitration for Sport, www.tas-cas.org.

The CB noted that any disputes directly or indirectly linked to sport might be submitted to the CAS. Furthermore IFF adopted this in its statutes at the last GA on May 21, 2004, in Zürich.

The CB decided to approve the report and ask the CAS for the requirements to affiliate to the CAS.

b) RACC

Mr. Orlando reported on the ongoing tasks of the RACC.

§ 8 c) RC

Mr. Gilardi reported on the ongoing tasks of the RC.

d) EDC

Mr. Vaculik reported on the ongoing tasks of the EDC.

e) Material questions

Mr. Liljelund reported on the ITC process to be approved as the second testing site under coordination of SP. SP has evaluated the ITC recognition and given its approval.

The CB decided to approve ITC as a testing site under the coordination of SP to be operational from 01.01.2005.

The German plan

Mr. Liljelund reported on the German FA and the status on the German development.

The Development Board meet with the DUB in Zürich on May 22, 2004. The progress and results as said seem to be good.

The CB discussed the German plan, and that the last report is lacking, as promised by DUB at the last meeting in Zürich on May 22, 2004.

The CB decided to give the task to Mr Orlando and Mr Liljelund as responsible within the CB for the German plan to write a letter to DUB stating the CB's disappointment concerning the lack of information and asking for their report.

f) MIC

Mr. Lindström reported on the IFF sales material completed by Mr. Kauppinen and Mr. Liljelund.

Further Mr. Lindström informed on the new temporary contact person at Exel OYJ, Tuija Paananen.

The CB decided to approve the report and give the task to Mr Lindström and Mr Liljelund to carry on the work into the next phase, i.e. start coordinating the sales work between the associations concerned.

g) DC

The CB noted that the IFF DC has decided on the case from Georgian FA and that the decision will be informed after the signing of the minutes.

The CB also discussed the political part of the case. The Georgian FA wants costs covered by either the Spanish FA or IFF because of not being granted visas to Spain. The CB was of the opinion that it cannot be the International sports body neither the National sports bodies obligations to make sure that visas are granted to participants. Whether a supreme country grants visas or not is not for a sports organization to judge or interfere with. Furthermore the CB concluded that IFF did, at a number of times, make efforts to try and speed up the granting of visas. IFF asked the Spanish Embassy in Moscow latest on April 1st, 2004.

The CB decided not to take any costs or grant any funds to the Georgian FA.

§ 9 Coming members- status on membership applications

Mr Kratz reported on the progress in Korea, Ukraine and Iceland. Mr. Jonsson and Mr. Jansson reported that they have had a meeting with the Iceland Sports Confederation. A Rink, sticks and balls have been provided by the Swedish Floorball Federation and 3 instructors will go to Iceland in September.

The CB decided to approve the report and noted with pleasure that new members are in the coming months to apply for membership in IFF.

§ 10 Next CB meeting

The next CB meeting will be held on the 08-09.01.2005 in Zürich. Arrivals 07.01.2005. (During the EC finals in Switzerland.)

The next ExCo meeting will be held in Singapore (during the APAC) in December, on 8-12, 2004. All member associations in Asia and Oceania will be invited for discussions on strategy and roadmap for Asia including a possible Asian FF.

§ 11 Closing of the meeting

Mr. Eriksson thanked the CB for the efficient and fruitful meeting and closed the meeting at 16:00 hours.

Stefan Kratz
Secretary General

Tomas Eriksson
President