



INTERNATIONAL FLOORBALL FEDERATION (IFF)

Ordinary member of AGFIS/GAISF

Helsinki, April 7th , 2006

IFF Central Board meeting 2/2006 31.03.2006

Place: Quality Hotel Nacka, Sweden

Participants: Tomas Eriksson President
Renato Orlando Vice President
Tomas Jonsson Treasurer
Thomas Gilardi
Per Jansson
Risto Kauppinen
Peter Lindström
Martin Vaculik

Stefan Kratz Head of Technical Department
Merita Bruun Assistant
John Liljelund Secretary General

Minutes

- § 1. **Opening of the meeting**
Mr. Eriksson greeted all welcome and opened the meeting at 19.50.
- § 2. **Approval of the agenda**
The agenda was scrutinized, completed and approved.
- § 3. **Minutes from the CB meeting 01/2006 in Ostrava (07.01.2006) (Appendix 1)**
The minutes from the last meeting were scrutinized, approved and put ad acta.
- § 4. **Economy**
- a) **Preliminary financial report 31.03.2006 (Appendix 2)**
Mr. Jonsson presented the preliminary financial report per 31.03.2006. Mr. Liljelund presented the financial report by sector.
- Proposal:** To approve the report.
- b) **Information on IFF claims – status March 31st , 2006 (Appendix 3)**
- Mr. Jonsson presented the IFF claims per 30.03.2006. Mr. Jonsson raised the question of the Claims of Singapore and how they should be dealt with.
- Mr. Orlando raised a question regarding the claims of Belgium, how they were calculated, which Mr. Kratz and Mr. Liljelund replied on.
- Mr. Eriksson informed that only Singapore is an issue because the plan for settling the debts has not been sent in to the IFF.



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Proposal: To approve the report.

The CB decided to approve the financial reports.

§ 5. World Championships

a) WFC Men 2006

Mr. Kratz reported on the progress with the organisation of the WFC 2006 A- and B-division in Sweden.

Mr. Orlando reported on the meeting held with the WFC 2006 Organisation Committee (Mr. Krister Kalte and Mr. Axel Wester). The requirements were gone through and also issues like ticketing, accreditation and organisation were discussed. The organiser has asked for the right to have a Power break of 30 seconds for the TV in the televised matches, after the match has been played 10 minutes in each period. The right was given to the organiser. The organiser will also be allowed to have a 15 minutes intermission in the Globen Arena. However there will be no microphones for the referees during the WFC. The teams will be informed about these issues by the IFF Office in beginning of May.

Mr. Kratz reported on the progress concerning the organisation of the WFC C-division. He informed that the C-division has been diminished to a tournament of 6 teams, because of the fact that Belgium and Georgia are not taking part due to withdrawal and suspension. The IFF Officials are Mr. Martin Wolmhed as jury, Mr. Daniel Würmlin as referee manager and Mr. Stefan Kratz from the Office. The tournament will be played in San Lorenzo de El Escorial in Spain. All the teams have solved their accommodation.

Mr. Liljelund reported on the discussion with the WFC 2006 host broadcaster Swedish SVT and Eurosport. Eurosport has not yet given their final decision, about the number of televised matches. So far there have been responses from the Czech Republic, Finland and Switzerland and some inquiries from Denmark and Australia.

Proposal: To approve the reports

The CB decided to approve the reports.

b) WFC U19 Women 2006 Germany

Mr. Orlando reported that Dr. Ralf Kuhne has given a report to Mr. Orlando on the progress with the organisation of the U19 Women WFC in Germany. After the inspection trip it was decided that the tournament will only be played in Naunhof and that the finals will be played in Leipzig. There has also been hotel information sent out to the teams. The only possible problem, for the organiser, is the economical part because of the amount of teams which means extra days, but Mr. Orlando firmly believes that WFC U19 Women 2006 will be well organised.

The IFF Office will ask the organiser to send the information also to the IFF.

Proposal: To approve the report

The CB decided to approve the reports.



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c) Upcoming Events

Mr. Liljelund informed that the following federations have announced their interest to organise the following IFF events;

Czech Floorball Union (**Appendix 4**):

- EuroFloorball Cup 2012 (Men and Women)
- Women's 9th WFC 2013

Latvian Floorball Union (**Appendix 5**)

- Men's 9th WFC 2012

Norwegian Floorball Association (**Appendix 6**):

- Qualification round of the 2007-2008 EuroFloorball Cup (Men and Women), and
- Either the Men U19 WFC 2011 or the Women U19 WFC 2012.

Singapore Floorball Association (**Appendix 7**):

- Men's 9th WFC 2012

Swiss Floorball Federation (**Appendix 8 a-c**)

- Women's 8th WFC 2011
- Men's 9th WFC 2012

Mr. Liljelund proposed that the EFC would always be called the year the finals are played. Mr. Liljelund reported that there are still some organisers missing for the EFC qualifications and that the Secretary General will ask the associations that are in the process of qualifying.

Mr. Orlando felt that it is important that we need to inform the federation about the new procedure about the championships at the General Assembly. Mr. Orlando stressed that for example, the IFF CB has decided to change the system of qualification for the EuroFloorball Cup starting from 2007, when the qualification will be done in two or more groups, organised by the countries who's teams are not directly qualified.

Mr. Liljelund informed that Mr. Orlando and the secretary general are working on a requirement folder for the potential organisers, in which they will have to fill in a questionnaire, which will be the basis of the proposal for the CB. The new folder about organisers' requirements will be sent out to the associations.

Proposal: To continue the preparatory work and ask the associations about organising IFF events and to give the secretary general the task to prepare the issue for the IFF CB meeting in August 2006.

The CB decided to approve the proposals.

§ 6. European Cup

a) EC 2005/2006 Czech Republic

Mr. Orlando reported on the European Cup in Ostrava. Mr. Wolmhed and Mr. Koskela have given their reports in writing, which were collocated by Mr. Kratz. (**Appendix 21**)

Proposal: To approve the report.

The CB decided to approve the report.



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b) EC 2006/2007

Mr. Liljelund reported on the preparations of the European Floorball Cup 2007 in Sweden. Mr. Liljelund will have discussions with the organisers in May and more information will be given in the next CB meeting.

Proposal: To approve the report and give the secretary general the task to negotiate the agreement with the Swedish Floorball Federation.

The CB decided to approve the report and the proposal.

c) European Cup Qualifications 2006

Mr. Liljelund informed about the preparations for the ECQ in Frederikshavn, Denmark. An inspection trip will be organised in the end of April.

Proposal: To approve the report

The CB decided to approve the report.

§ 7. Committees and Function reports

a) ExCo reports

Mr. Eriksson reported on the ExCo meeting held in Jönköping, during the World Challenge 9.-11. of February.

Mr. Eriksson informed that the Georgian Floorball Association did not fulfil the requirements stated by the IFF CB in its last meeting, and therefore the IFF Executive Committee suspended the Georgian Floorball Associations starting from the 1st of February 2006.

(Appendix 9). Mr. Eriksson felt that it is positive for Georgia that they now must analyse the situation and also understand that they need to follow the IFF regulations. Mr. Eriksson hopes that after that process Georgia will come back with full strength and be an active partner once again within IFF.

Mr. Eriksson informed that the Belgian Floorball Federation informed the IFF that they withdraw from the WFC 2006 C-division, well knowing the possible sanction. The IFF Executive Committee gave the BFF a fine of 10.000 CHF and the sanction of not being allowed to participate in the two next upcoming IFF Events. **(Appendix 10).**

Mr. Eriksson explained that the reasons for the withdrawal of the Belgian Association were merely financial. Mr. Orlando informed the CB, that the Belgian Association has had problems for a longer time, and that there were discussions already in 2004. There was some progress reported, but then suddenly the Belgian team withdrew. The Belgian Association, when warned about the possible sanctions, replied that any IFF sanctions will have big impact on the BFF. Mr. Orlando felt that the BFF can now only plea for mercy.

Mr. Eriksson informed that the BFF sent in an appeal to the IFF Appeal Committee, but the Appeal Committee did not take the question up for consideration, due to the fact that the Appeal of the BFF did not fulfil the requirements.

Mr. Orlando reminded that the BFF may take part in all other IFF Events, apart for the Men's WFC including the WFC 2010.



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Mr. Eriksson reported on the contacts with the Chinese member of the IOC Mr. Zaiqing YU, provided for by Mr. Rene Fasel, IOC Member and that Mr. YU has supplied the IFF with a new contact in China, the Dean of the Sport University of Beijing, Mr. G.E. Chunlin. Mr. Eriksson has approached Mr. G.E. Chunlin.

Mr. Orlando pointed out that it is very important to create a link between the IFF CB and China and Mr. Eriksson added that it is equally important to start the contact the right way in China and he thought that the current direction was very good. The IFF will have a follow up meeting during the Sport Accord in Korea.

Mr. Liljelund reported the upcoming Sport Accord in Seoul with meetings with ARISF President Mr. Jan Fransoo, GAISF Director General Ms. Dominguez, and WADA Mr. Jean-Pierre Moser Director European Regional Office and Relations with International Federations. The Korean Floorball Federation has invited the IFF for a meeting during the Sport Accord and they have just reported that the World Leisure games, to be held in 2010 in South Korea, have accepted Floorball as an official sport.

Mr. Eriksson informed that Ms. Dominguez general secretary of GAISF had reacted very positively to the three International Federations on the approach of the WADA and the importance of the meetings during Sport Accord.

Mr. Orlando informed of the contacts he has had with Mr. Jan Fransoo and he also reported that the Field Hockey Federation is creating a sport in Australia called Plastic Hockey, which is played with our materials, thus challenging Floorball.

Proposal: To approve the reports.

The CB decided to approve the reports.

b) Contacts to International Sports Organisations

Nothing to report

c) EMSA

Nothing to report

d) WADA

Mr. Liljelund reported on the correspondence between the IFF and the World Anti-Doping Agency, concerning the position of IFF in WADA.

Proposal: To approve the report.

The CB decided to approve the report.



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RACC

Mr. Orlando reported of the working meeting of the RACC held during the World Challenge in Jönköping, Sweden. The discussion was focusing on how to implement the changes in the regulations. Everything is now under control, but Mr. Orlando proposed that we will still make a circular letter before the General Assembly, in order to inform the Member Associations of the changes in the regulations.

Proposal: To approve the proposal and report.

The CB decided to approve the proposal and the report

Mr. Orlando proposed that the IFF would specify a specific date for the FISU World University Championships in our calendar, so that it would be easier to plan for the National Associations. The fixed time would be during the two first week-ends of November, in even years.

Mr. Orlando also proposed that there would be made an amendment to the Friendly Internationals Regulation, so that the WUC would be considered an IFF Event. There need to be an agreement between FISU and IFF, that we recognise the event.

Mr. Kauppinen felt that it is not in the interest of the IFF to have the FISU event at the same week-end as the IFF International weekend.

Mr. Jansson was afraid that this would make it difficult for the national federations.

Mr. Gilardi remarked that it would be difficult to take an additional weekend for the FISU event.

Mr. Eriksson thought that the recognition of the event and sticking to the International weekend in November is the best solution for the time being and proposed that we officially recognise the FISU event and we will include it on the IFF Calendar in November.

Mr. Kauppinen informed that the Finnish Student organisation is planning to organise the tournament in 2008 and Mr. Liljelund informed that this tournament is planned to be held in November.

Proposal: To approve the proposals.

The CB decided to approve the report and the proposals as proposed.

f)

RC

Mr. Gilardi reported on the work of the RC and to inform of the nominations of referees and referee observers to the World Floorball Championships 2006 A-, B- and C-division. All nominated observers and referees have accepted their nominations which are as follows:

Referees C-division: Mikko Alakare/Jukka-Pekka Koskela (Finland), Vitalij Ksenzov/Andris Pilups (Latvia) and Jan Magnar Ingebrigtsli/Peter Holmberg (Norway).

Referee observer C-division: Daniel Würmlin (Switzerland)

Referees A- & B-division: Martin Sykora/Ondrej Sykora (Czech Republic), Erik Bilde/Brian Toftelund (Denmark), Tommi Rihimäki/Juha Sirkka (Finland), Kim Hofgaard-Jørstad/Rune Ali Zouhar (Norway), Mike Bengtsson/ Martin Polverari Sweden), Magnus Nordahl/Ulf Rehnfeldt

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(Sweden), Thomas Nystrand/Johan Råsbrink (Sweden) and Thomas Baumgartner/Thomas Kläsi (Switzerland).

Referee observers A- and B-division: Thomas Gilardi (Switzerland), Lukas Gyger (Switzerland), Klaus Koskela (Finland), Ronny Brännbacka (Finland) and Thomas Thim (Sweden).

Mr. Gilardi informed that the next step is to divide the observers into two groups.

Mr. Gilardi wants the IFF to inform all the member associations before the IFF GA that all international matches are to be refereed by an international referee starting from the next season. The RC will send out the guidelines for the nominations of international referees from the member associations, in order to have enough international referees for the future.

The member associations need to nominate international referees if they don't have any at the moment. Mr. Gilardi will discuss the information flow with Mr. Kratz.

Mr. Orlando feels that the strategy chosen by the RC is a very good direction to start with. He thought that it is very good that the associations need to activate their referees and to have referee courses and that they are informed of it.

Mr. Eriksson thought that the information flow has developed in a good direction but pointed out the importance of the time limits being held. Mr. Eriksson stressed that the guidelines for the RC are still valid, that is more international referees from more countries, and better improved communication between IFF RC and the respective associations' RC. Mr. Eriksson was of the opinion that the communication must get better.

Mr. Jansson proposed that the newer elite referees from developing countries would be invited to the referee education of the more experienced National Associations.

Proposal: To approve the report and the proposals

The CB decided to approve the proposals and the report.

g) Development function

Mr. Liljelund reported on the status of the planned Development Programme Seminars in 2006 and of the fact that the seminar has been changed to a four day seminar.

The Office is negotiating with the Netherlands (September), Poland (October) and Singapore (December) to organise a seminar still during 2006. Also Canada and India have shown interest to organise a seminar.

Mr. Liljelund reported on the meeting held with the Development Board (**Appendix 11**). The biggest issue was the development program in Germany and it was decided to postpone the project for one year.

Mr. Orlando informed that Mr. Stötzner has written a letter asking the IFF to pay the second part of the Development support of 2005. Mr. Orlando answered that the money will not be paid. Mr. Stötzner has guaranteed that the U19 WFC will not be affected.

Mr. Liljelund informed that the Floorball material manufacturer Salming has applied for a position on the IFF Development Board, like the other bigger manufacturers.

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Proposal: To approve the reports and include Salming on the list of manufacturers on the Development Board.

The CB decided to approve the report and the proposal.

h) Marketing function

Mr. Jansson informed about the negotiations with Infront Nordic Sports in order to start a marketing contract and sales cooperation of the IFF Marketing and Media Rights. Infront is very interested in Floorball. Mr. Jansson believes that we in a few months will have a proposal for the CB. There will be a workshop to define the value of the sellable materials.

Mr. Liljelund informed that the IFF has signed an agreement with Gerflor for 2006 - 2010. He pointed out the importance of having the whole radius from flooring, Floorball materials and apparel for the competitions,

Mr. Jansson informed that we have made proposals to Exel and Puma. Puma has informed that they need two additional weeks to discuss with their Czech Company. Both companies have been told that it is not an option to wait until after the WFC 2006.

Proposal: To approve the reports.

The CB decided to approve the report.

§ 8. IFF Office

Ms. Bruun reported on the opening of the new IFF Home page. The total number of unique visitors from 02.03.-30.03.2006 is over 8.370, with more than 12.000 visits, from a total of approximately 70 countries.

Mr. Eriksson asked the Office to put pressure to the Associations to use the new logo, in order to get more visitors.

Proposal: To approve the reports.

The CB decided to approve the proposal and the report.

§ 9. Member Federations

a) Members under suspension

Mr. Eriksson informed that the Georgian Floorball Association is under suspension starting February 1st 2006.

b) New Member Applications

Mr. Liljelund informed that the United States Floorball Association and the Australian Floorball Association has applied for ordinary membership of the IFF – **(Appendix 12a-b)**



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Proposal: To include the USFbA and the AFA application to the agenda of the General Assembly.

The CB decided to approve the reports and decided to put the applications of USFbA and AFA on the Agenda of the General Assembly.

§ 10. IFF General Assembly, to be held on the 26th of May, 2006 in Stockholm.

Mr. Liljelund informed that the invitation and asking for proposals and motions from the Member associations has been sent, according to our statutes, on the 20th of February, 2006.

The member associations had until the 27th of March at the latest to send in their proposals, motions and nominations to the IFF. These proposals, motions and nominations were mailed to the IFF CB on the 28th of March (**Appendix 13**):

IFF President:

- Mr. Tomas Eriksson, Sweden nominated by SFF

IFF Central Board (in order of received nominations):

- Mr. Risto Kauppinen, Finland nominated by FFF
- Mr. Filip Suman, Czech Republic nominated by CFbU
- Mr. Thomas Gilardi, Switzerland nominated by SUHV
- Mr. Renato Orlando, Switzerland nominated by SUHV
- Mr. Tomas Jonsson, Norway nominated by NBF
- Mr. Per Jansson, Sweden nominated by SFF
- Mr. Marek Budziński, Poland nominated by PFF
- Ms. Mona Aagard, Denmark, nominated by DaFU

IFF Appeal Committee:

- Mr. Lasse Granqvist, Chairman, Sweden nominated by SFF
- Mr. Tom Hedkrok, Finland nominated by FFF
- Mr. Kjell Hovland Olsen, Norway nominated by NBF

IFF Disciplinary Committee:

- Mr. Krister Kalte, Sweden nominated by SFF
- Mr. Rainer Martiskin, Australia nominated by AFA
- Mr. Rudolf Buri, Switzerland nominated by SFF

Mr. Liljelund informed that the nomination of the Danish Association, sent in their nomination late on the 30th of March, due to internal communicational issues.

The Central Board discussed the DaFU nomination and decided that it will accept it to the as a nomination for the General Assembly.

Mr. Gilardi informed, in the role of the vice president of SUHV, that SUHV removes its motion concerning the requirements of the nominated candidates for the CB.

The CB decided to approve all the nominations made by the IFF member associations including the DaFU nomination and put them forward to the General Assembly.

Mr. Liljelund informed that the following documents must be presented by the Central Board to the General Assembly and be sent out to the member associations 30 full days in advance (26th of April) of the General Assembly.

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Proposal for the agenda of the General Assembly (**Appendix 20**)

The CB decided to approve the agenda for the General Assembly.

§ 5. Annual Report 2004 – 2006.

Mr. Liljelund presented the first draft of this document that has been sent out to the responsible CB members and they have commented upon it (**Appendix 14**)

Mr. Eriksson proposed that point 10 Senior adviser group will be taken away from the annual report

The CB decided to approve the Annual report and the proposal..

§ 6. Financial report from 2004 and 2005 and the auditors reports.

Mr. Kratz presented the Financial report 2004 and 2005 that the CB has already approved the. The auditor has given his report to the CB. (**Appendix 15 a – b and the 15 c – d**)

The CB decided to approve the financial reports and the auditor's reports for 2004 and 2005.

§ 9. Plan of Action 2006 – 2008 and budgets for the 2007 and 2008.

Mr. Liljelund presented the ExCo proposal of a Plan of Action 2006 – 2008 and the Treasurer and the General Secretary proposed a budget for 2007 and 2008. (**Appendix 16 – 17**)

Mr. Orlando remarked that the Congress shall be changed to General Assembly and that SAG shall be taken away from the budget proposal.

The CB decided to approve the Plan of Action 2006 – 2008, the budgets for 2007 and 2008 and the proposals.

§ 16. Modification of the IFF Statutes.

Mr. Orlando presented the proposed amended statutes for IFF (**Appendix 18**)

Mr. Jansson proposed that in article 23.1 f) the "Central Board" needs to be changed to "the Central Board of the Confederation" concerned.

The CB decided to approve the proposed changes of the IFF Statutes.

§ 12. Proposals from the CB

Mr. Orlando informed on the work done with the new Juridical regulations and proposed the procedure for approving it before the 26th of April. The regulations are updated to meet the requirements of today and procedures are included in the regulations. The new proposal will be sent out to the CB in order to give comments to it before the 26th of April.

Mr. Liljelund proposed the new Material regulations (**Appendix 19**). The major change is that the marking of the stick is easier and the family-certificate for some models.

The CB discussed whether the IFF General Assembly needs to approve the regulations. It was decided that the proposed documents are to be approved by the IFF CB, since it is the task of the CB to decide upon and implement regulations.

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Mr. Liljelund proposed therefor that the Material Regulations will be stroked from the agenda of the General Assembly and that he will submit it to the next CB meeting to be decided upon then.

Mr. Liljelund opened a discussion about if the CB wishes to give some additional information to be put on the agenda of the General Assembly. It was concluded that these issues could be put under point 15.

Proposal: To discuss the proposed documents and approve them according to the proposals.

The CB discussed the proposed documents and decided to approve them according to the proposals.

§ 11. Next CB meeting

The next CB meetings will be held in Stockholm in Sweden, taking place on the 25th of May, 2006, at 8.30 – 10.30.

The IFF General Assembly May 26th, will be held at the Quality hotel Nacka, Stockholm, starting at 1230, followed by reception at 1700 hours at City Hall of Stockholm.

The newly elected CB will have its constitution meeting on May 27, 0900-1100 hours.

§ 12. Closing of the meeting

Mr. Eriksson thanked everyone for an effective meeting and closed the meeting at 23.00.

John Liljelund
Secretary General

Tomas Eriksson
President