



Olomouc, May 8th, 2010

**IFF Central Board meeting 2/2010
08.05.2010**

Place: Hotel Alley, Olomouc, Czech Republic

Participants: Tomas Eriksson **President**
Filip Suman **vice president**
Hans Botman
Risto Kauppinen
Stephen King

Stefan Kratz **Competition Manager**
Merita Bruun **Information Manger**
John Liljelund **Secretary General**

Excused: Per Jansson **Treasurer**

Minutes

§ 1. **Opening of the meeting**

Mr. Eriksson opened the meeting at 08.30 and greeted the CB members welcome to the meeting in Olomouc, Czech Republic in connection to the 4th U19 Women's World Floorball Championships.

§ 2. **Approval of the agenda**

Mr. Eriksson concluded that there was three updated appendix, namely the Appendix 3, IFF Claims situation as by the 06.05.2010.
Appendix 13, SUHV letter
Appendix 14, Lithuanian member association

The CB decided: The agenda was scrutinized, completed and approved.

§ 3 **Minutes from the CB meeting: 01/201 in Singapore (02.02.2010), (Appendix 1)**

The minutes from the last meetings were scrutinized, approved and put ad acta.

b) Election of a new vice president for the IFF Central Board

Mr. Eriksson explained the situation, due to the resignation of the IFF vice president Mr. Renato Orlando, the IFF CB needs to elect a new vice president, in accordance with the IFF Statutes. Mr. Eriksson proposed that Mr. Filip Suman would be elected as the new IFF Vice President.



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The CB decided: To elect Mr. Filip Suman as the new IFF Vice President and a member of the ExCo.

Mr. Suman thanked the CB for the given responsibility and felt that we need to involve more association into the IFF work.

Mr. Eriksson concluded that concerning the tasks held by Mr. Orlando, i.e. the IF representative for the World University Championships/FISU and the head of the Development Function, that Mr. Orlando will end his tasks until the end of the term. The Development Function will then present the final report concerning the Development Programme for the General Assembly.

The CB decided: That Mr. Renato Orlando will carry out his tasks related to the Development function and the WUC until the end of the term, ending at the General Assembly in Helsinki on the 10th of December 2010.

§ 4. Economy

a) Financial report for the Year 2010 per 30.04.2010 (Appendix 2)

Mr. Kratz gave a short report on the financial report by the 30.04.2010, in the absence of Mr. Jansson. The financial situation looks quite good and in accordance with the budget.

Mr. Eriksson felt that the progress is good and that we are on the right track when it comes to the direction we going in.

The CB decided: To approve the financial report and the balance sheet per 30.04.2010.

b) Information on IFF claims – status May 6th, 2010 (Appendix 3)

Mr. Kratz gave a report concerning the situation of the IFF claims per 06.05.2010, stating that India has started to pay off their debts, meaning that India has started to pay off their debts in accordance to their proposed plan and therefore the suspension of India can be lifted.

(Appendix 4)

The CB decided: To approve the report of the claims by 06.05.2010 and decided to lift the suspension of the Indian member associations with immediately effect.

§ 5. World Championships

a) WFC 2010 Helsinki-Vantaa, Finland

Mr. Suman gave a short report about the simultaneously held qualifications for the 8th Men's WFC 2010 played in El Escorial (Spain), Wolsztyn (Poland), Hamilton (Canada) and Singapore. The qualification system clearly showed that we are in position to organise a multiple number of events at the same time, including a bigger number of IFF persons. The issue of the late arrival of the Georgian team in Spain, proves that we need to change the Competition regulation, so that there will not be an effect on the result of the tournament, if a team is arriving late, which was the case in Spain. The following teams qualified to the WFC 2010; Australia, Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Italy, Japan, Poland and Singapore.

Mr. Liljelund reported on the decision made by the IFF Disciplinary Committee concerning the withdrawal of the Indian National Team from the WFC 2010 qualifications. **(Appendix 5)**



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Mr. Kauppinen gave a report about the ongoing preparations for the WFC 2010, which is to be played in Finland, from the 4th to the 11th of December 2010. The first information letter has been sent to the teams in February. The sale of the final weekend is going well and this gives a positive cash-flow for the event, before the costs starts coming in.

There are already over 200 volunteers and there is still a need for an additional 100 volunteers. The first volunteer manager training with 50 persons is taking place during the last week of May. In the WFC 2010 Facebook there is a group of 16.000 fans, which is an easy and effective way of marketing. The LOC is not at the moment foreseeing any major challenges and there has been a very good co-operation with the IFF office in all areas. The marketing rights sales are moving forward and it is closely followed by both the LOC and the IFF.

The CB decided: To approve the report

Mr. Liljelund gave a report on the situation concerning the TV-broadcasting from the WFC 2010. IFF has together with the LOC made an agreement with the host broadcaster YLE (Yleisradio), which secures the broadcasting of all Finland's matches and also secure the TV visibility from the event abroad. IFF has sent out a TV offer to the member associations and the TV channels that have broadcasted the earlier WFC's and to Eurosport. We are waiting the answers by the end of May, since this has an major impact on the match schedule.

The CB decided: To approve the report.

b) **WFC U19 Women 2010 Czech Republic**

Mr. Suman gave a short report on the ongoing Women's U19 WFC, being played in Olomouc in the Czech Republic 4th – 8th of May 2010. There has been a very good general coverage in national media, printed and TV. The Internet TV, produced in co-operation with IFF and the LOC has had a very high number of spectators, with over 5000 for the best matches. Overall the organiser is very pleased with how the event has worked.

One of the major problems has been that the Georgian team was not given visas by the Czech Foreign ministry to enter the Czech Republic, due to lack of trust from the Czech government towards the Georgian team and their reasons for applying for the visas. It seems that the Georgian team management was not clearly enough aware of their team members participation in the championships.

Mr. Suman further informed that the question raised by a number of the nations participating in the U19 WFC, namely the term of the event has to be looked over, since the U19 collides with the school exams.

The CB decided: To approve the report and decided to ask for a written explanation for the reasons for not receiving visas to the U19 WFC from the Georgian Floorball Association.

c) **WFC 2011**

Mr. Liljelund informed about the negotiations concerning the organisation started with the Swiss Floorball Federation for the 8th Women's WFC to be organised in St. Gallen in December 2011. IFF will try to end the discussions before the present SUHV secretary general leaves the SUHV by the end of June.

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Mr. Suman gave an update of how the qualifications will be organised for the WFC 2011. The RACC has originally been in favour to play smaller qualifications, i.e in three qualifications, but due to the recent events with the Georgian team, Mr. Suman proposes to play the European qualification in two groups, with three spots qualifying for the WFC. So the qualifications will then be played in accordance with the following:

Americas: Canada and USA to play for 1 spot (*Canada has shown informal interest to organise*)

AOFC: Japan and Singapore to play for 1 spot (*in connection with APAC in Australia*)

Europe: 2 groups á 6 teams to play for 3 spots per group (*Spain and Poland has shown interest to organise*)

EUR1: Denmark, Germany, Netherlands, Italy, Spain, Georgia

EUR2: Poland, Hungary, Slovakia, Estonia, Slovenia, Austria

The CB decided: To approve the report and decided to arrange four qualification tournaments in accordance to the above for the WFC 2011 and appointed Australia, Poland and Spain as organisers.

d) U19 WFC 2011

Mr. Liljelund reported on the change made concerning the organiser of the U19 WFC 2011. The Norwegian Bandy Federation was originally appointed as an organiser for the Men's U19 WFC in 2011. Due to financial and organisational reasons the NBF approached IFF and asked for a swop of events from 2011 to 2013. The IFF administration then made a number of enquiries and as a result of this received an application from Floorball Germany to arrange the U19 WFC in 2011 instead of their original plan of 2013. **(Appendix 6)**

Mr. Liljelund further informed that the negotiations for the organisers agreement with Floorball Germany has started and the parties have agreed upon how to move forward.

The CB decided: To approve the report and officially appoint Floorball Germany as the organiser of the Men's U19 WFC in Germany in 2011.

e) WFC 2013

Mr. Suman gave an update of the status of the Czech application to organise the 9th Women's World Floorball Championships in the Czech Republic in 2013. The CFbU is confirming their interest to organise the WFC 2013.

The CB decided: To approve the report and appointed the Czech Floorball Union as the organiser of the 9th Women's WFC 2013.

§ 6. EuroFloorball Cup

a) EFC 2010

Mr. Kratz reported on the contract negotiations and the actions taken by the Latvian Floorball Union in order to organise the EFC. The EFC final round will be played in Valmiera and Koceni from the 5th to the 9th of October 2010. The invitation for the EFC 2010 has been sent out on the 26th of April and the registration ends on the 31st of May. The process for the basic schedule has been proposed to the organisers.



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IFF has asked all member Associations in Europe for organisers of the EFC qualifications but also approached Estonia and Netherlands separately, both Estonia and the Netherlands informed that they are not interested to organise the event. Mr. Kratz reported on the present situation. In addition Hungary has applied for the EFCQ East and Germany has applied for the Women's EFCQ West. There are at the moment no applicant for the Men's West EFCQ.

Mr. Kratz informed that for the 2nd ranked teams, Sweden has applied for the Men's qualification and Finland for both the Men's and Women's qualification. The Finnish Federation has also applied for the Women East qualification also the Czech Republic has applied for the 2nd ranked qualification. **(Appendix 12)**

The CB discussed in which qualification the Swedish Men's team Storvreta is to play in, the West qualification or the 2nd ranked. Mr. Suman proposed that the Swedish Men's team will play in the 2nd ranked qualification and in order to save the west EFCQ for the other teams in the tournament.

Mr. Kratz added that Sweden would be the organiser since it is their turn to organise the event, since it has already been organised in the Czech Republic, Finland and in Switzerland, after the set-up of the 2nd ranked qualification system.

Mr. Eriksson stressed that it is important to find a possible solution for the present problem.

Mr. Kauppinen was of the opinion that the Swedish team should play in the West qualification.

Mr. Botman feels that the Swedish team should play in the West qualification, but that we also need to look forward in order to bring around the change of the competition structure. The teams probably are split concerning their opinion of the Swedish team's participation in the EFCQ West or the 2nd ranked qualification.

Mr. King felt that from a competition point of view the Swedish Men's team shall be playing in the 2nd ranked, but the Swedish teams shall not be awarded the qualification.

Mr. Eriksson concluded that the Swedish champion Storvreta shall play in the 2nd ranked EFCQ and that the EFCQ shall be organised in Finland.

The CB decided: To approve the reports and decided unanimously that the Swedish Men's team will play in the 2nd ranked qualification. The 2nd ranked qualification was after discussion decided to be organised by Finland. The East EFC qualification was awarded to Hungary and Women West to Germany. IFF is now trying to find a solution for the Men's west qualification.

Mr. Suman reported about the work of the working group assigned to create a solution for the future European Top Club Competition. The working group is proposing to build the Champions Cup competition in the following way:

- The tournament shall be played with six men and women teams as a five day tournament in one venue.
- The tournament will in the beginning be played by the four National Champions from Czech Republic, Finland, Sweden and Switzerland based on the national team ranking 2008/2009, the winner of the EFC and a second team from the organizing country.
- The National Association can decide which will be the second team in the Champions Cup.
- The Champions Cup ranking shall in the future be built on a 3-year Club Teams ranking starting from 2011.

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The Champions Cup will be organized according to the following:

- 2011: Czech Republic
- 2012: Sweden
- 2013: Finland
- 2014: Switzerland

The working group will come with a proposal for the competition regulation, marketing, financial model and cost-allocation for the CB in September. Mr. Suman informed that the RACC will come with a detailed proposal for the future of the EFC.

Mr. Eriksson felt that the working group has made a really good job and thanked the members for a good work. It was stressed that it is important that we find a positive solution for the top Club tournament in Europe, since we need more show cases for Floorball.

Mr. King asked about the ranking system. Mr. Suman gave a short explanation.

Mr. Kauppinen asked if there would be a possibility to find a solution to help the 5th and lower ranked teams to easily enter the event. Mr. Kauppinen also felt that it is important that the National Associations have to organise the Champions Cup tournaments.

Mr. Botman felt that it is important to open the competition and give all National Champions an even possibility to participate in the CC.

Mr. Eriksson felt that in the September meeting the CB will have to make a final decision about both the EFC and the CC.

The CB decided: To approve the report and the proposal of the Champions Cup competition system. The RACC will come with a proposal for the renewal of the EuroFloorball Cup for the September meeting.

§ 7. Committees and Function reports

a) ExCo reports

Mr. Eriksson gave a short report on the discussions held during the SportAccord convention in Dubai in end of April. Mr. Eriksson reported on the present situations concerning the steps to be taken in order to fulfil the IFF Vision to be on the program of some of the multisport programs latest in 2020, these being either the World Games, the Universiade or the Youth Olympic Games. IFF needs to go after a number of events, in order to secure the participation in at least one of the Games. Other options for IFF would be to try to enter the SEA-Games and the Commonwealth Games. The IFF ExCo will be working with this issue.

The CB decided: To approve the reports.

b) Contacts to International Sports Organisations

Mr. Eriksson informed about the meeting held with the IOC Sports department, during the SportAccord and the outcome of this meeting. The discussion touched upon the IOC full recognition process in 2010, development of IFF and the participation of IFF in the multi-sports events. IOC is clearly following the IFF activities closely, asking about the Champions Cup and the number of international transfers.



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Mr. Eriksson reported on the General Assembly of ARISF and the dissolution of GAISF and the General Assembly of SportAccord. The newly appointed Director General Ms. Nolvonn Dufay de Lavallaz has resigned directly after the SportAccord convention in Dubai.

The 4th World University Championships are being played in Umeå, Sweden from the 13th to 16th of May. Mr. Renato Orlando is the assigned ISF representative. IFF has been informed by FISU and the WUC organiser during the last days that the Russian teams are not participating in the Event, which is very bad for the reputation of Floorball in general.

Mr. Eriksson felt that there needs to be a clarification in the way the teams are making their registration, despite it in the first hand is a FISU matter, but in the end will also concern the IFF. Mr. Eriksson and Mr. Kratz will attend the WUC in Umeå.

Mr. Liljelund reported that the SportAccord SportsHub on YouTube has opened and we have our own portal there. **(Appendix 7)** The idea is to collect all available Floorball material to the portal and make it a generic platform for sharing Floorball DVD's.

Mr. Suman felt that it is important to continue with the co-operation with the ISF - School Sports Federation. The Swedish School Sport had first showed interest to organise the event in 2011, but apparently they have now declined to organise the event. Mr. Suman felt that for Floorball it would be very interesting to have the ISF Floorball Champions in 2011, so that Floorball could become a sport on the ISF program. IFF should inform its member associations about the situation.

The CB decided: To approve the reports.

Mr. Eriksson informed that the SUHV has sent in a letter to have the SUHV President Mr. Edwin Wiedmer as a co-opted member to the CB, since the resignation of Mr. Renato Orlando leaves a seat open in the CB. The IFF Statutes §36.3. stipulates the following "Vacancies during the term of office shall be co-opted by the CB upon proposal by the national Associations". **(Appendix 13)**

Mr. Kauppinen felt that the request is not really very clear when it comes to the essence of the request for co-opting Mr. Wiedmer.

Mr. King agreed with Mr. Kauppinen that Mr. Wiedmer was not seeking a co-opted position in the IFF Cb, but looking for the support of the CB for his possible CB candidacy at the IFF General Assembly in Helsinki in December 2010.

Mr. Botman felt that it is not possible to open the door for potential new candidates for the CB to start early in the CB room for education reasons. It is important to have a fully transparent picture when the IFF General Assembly makes the election of the CB. We need to have a good co-operation with the Swiss Federation taking into account the upcoming WFC 2011 and 2012.

Mr. Suman feels that in the letter is not a clear application for becoming a co-opted member to the CB. Mr. Suman proposed to invite the SUHV President Mr. Edwin Wiedmer for the September CB to discuss the Swiss situation.

The CB decided: To approve the reports and took cognisance of the Letter from the SUHV President Mr. Edwin Wiedmer. In order to strengthen the relations between the IFF and the SUHV, the IFF CB decided to invite Mr. Edwin Wiedmer to the September CB meeting to discuss the Swiss situation.

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c) RACC

Mr. Suman proposed some small changes in the Transfer regulations, related to the temporary play regulation and also a clarification on the handling of players having not played for more than two years (**Appendix 8**) additionally the RACC will further discuss the need for having some special rules for overseas transfer in the future.

The CB decided: To approve the report and the proposals.

d) RC

Mr. Botman gave an oral report on the RC meeting held in Zurich on April 24th discussing the topics on the table. The RC discussed the goals for 2015 and in which direction we need to go in, in order to reach these set goals. There is a need to look for both the quantity and the quality of the referees and the observers. The meeting was good and productive.

The RC proposes to renew the Nomination procedure for the International Referees. The National Associations would be invited to give their proposal of a number of International referees in August 2010 for the period of 2011 – 2012. Before we have always only nominated International Referees from August to August. The RC would then nominate the International referees in September/October, based on a possibility for the referees to specialize on either refereeing female or male matches.

Mr. Eriksson stressed that there are two main challenges in the referee field, the first being to increase the number of countries having International Referees and Observers, as well as the level of these and the second to have a good contact with National Referee Committees.

Mr. Botman agrees and also feels that it is important also to keep up the development of the referees, with the same speed as the game is developing. The RC will invite all the National Referee committees/functions to a meeting in Helsinki during the WFC. Additionally the IFF RC will start a Talent group of referees on the way to becoming International Referees, to support their development in club tournaments.

The CB decided: To approve the reports and decided to approve the process for nominating International Referees according to the RC proposal.

e) Development function

Mr. Liljelund reported on the planned Development Seminar to be held in St. Petersburg 24th to 26th of September and the ongoing discussions with the GBFUA to organise a seminar in the UK. Additionally there are plans to organise a seminar in Indonesia on the 22 – 24 of October, in co-ordination with the AOFC. An evaluation of the IFF Development Programme has to be done for the General Assembly in Helsinki 2010.

Mr. Eriksson stressed that the Development Programme has been really prosperous and IFF has received positive feedback from both IOC and a number of other IF's.

The CB decided: To approve the reports.

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f) Marketing function

Mr. Kauppinen gave an oral report concerning the IFF Tender Offer sent out to all potential Floorball Manufacturers for the IFF Material Provider for the period of 2011 – 2014 and the work done for the preparation of the IFF marketing strategy.

IFF has received a large number of offers and will analyse them during May and then invite some of them for further negotiations, presenting a proposal for the CB latest in October. The Marketing Strategy proposal is being finalised and will then be sent for commenting during June to the CB members.

The CB decided: To approve the reports.

g) Medical committee

Ms. Bruun reported about the WADA Symposium held in Lausanne in April 2010 and the discussions and fields of development raised there (**Appendix 9**). The focus was mainly put on the sizes of the RTP testing pools. IFF has made a good solution by making a small testing pool, where we can test all athletes.

The IFF Registered Testing Pool 1 has been formed, in accordance with our Anti-Doping Regulation and Ms. Bruun shortly informed about the process and the selected players. IFF organised the education for the RTP1 Athletes and it went very well.

IFF and the Finnish Anti-Doping Committee/WADA is planning to organise a “Say “No” to Doping”-campaign during the WFC 2010 in Finland. During the event we will have green (and gold) balls during the warm-up and some activities for both the athletes and the spectators.

The CB decided: To approve the reports.

h) Material function

Mr. Liljelund gave a short report about the discussions being held in order to arrange the ispo Floorball Village 2011, to be held in February 2011. The manufactures are still very interested to participate in the event, but the ispo organiser is not anymore as interested to participate in the cost of the village, due to a big demand for exhibition space at the ispo.

The CB decided: To approve the report.

i) Athletes Commission

Mr. Eriksson gave a report on behalf of Mr. Jansson, about the plans for the Athletes Commission. The CB will need to discuss in the September meeting which are the tasks of the Athletes Commission and how shall it be elected in 2010. We have received some advice from the IOC Sports Department.

The CB decided: To approve the report and gave the task for Mr. Jansson and the office to prepare it for the CB September.

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j) Information function

Ms. Bruun reported about the Information function activities taken to update the IFF web-page during the spring of 2010. **(Appendix 11)** There will be included some quick links and news for the member associations on their own web-page on our site and collecting the RSS news feeds from Floorball portals.

The IFF Office has also built a page on Facebook which has developed very positively during the last months. The IFF Facebook site has over 4.900 fans and an average of over 700 visits per week.

The proposed Media Manual for the organisers will be built-in in to the IFF Events Handbook, which is being produced for the autumn.

Mr. Eriksson felt that we are on the right path, with producing a lot of material for the members.

Mr. Suman feels that internet is a key thing for us in Floorball. The IFF web-page has improved here significantly during the last years.

The CB decided: To approve the reports.

k) Equality function

Mr. Eriksson gave a report on behalf of Mr. Jansson, about the Equality function and the need to secure the representation of both genders in the CB and the other IFF committees in the future.

The CB decided: To approve the report and gave the task for Mr. Jansson and the office to prepare it for the CB September.

§ 8. IFF Office

Mr. Liljelund informed about the preparations for building the IFF Event Handbook, which shall be published in connection to the IFF General Assembly. **(Appendix 10)**. The first version of the Handbook will be sent for a comment round to the IFF CB, Committees and other related persons by end of May.

Mr. Suman feels that this is a key for our further development. It was stressed that the Handbook may in the future have the regulations included r related to it.

The CB decided: To approve the report.

§ 9. Member Federations

a) Members under suspension

The CB concluded: that Ukraine is still under suspension, since no actions have been taken to clear the debts of the federation. The suspension of the Indian federation was lifted, since they have started paying off their debts in accordance with their plan.



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b) New Member Applications

Mr. Liljelund report that, the Lithuanian Floorball Federation (LFF) has sent in their application for membership of the IFF. The documents of the Lithuanian application, clearly states that the federation can't yet achieve the official recognition of the Department of Physical Education and Sports under the Government of the of the Republic of Lithuania and the Lithuanian Sports Federations Union, before having organised a Lithuanian Floorball Championship, which will be played on the 15th of May, 2010. According to our statutes, the CB can approve the applicant as a provisional member, giving the federation time to fulfil all criteria's for ordinary membership. **(Appendix 14 a-c)**

The CB decided: To approve the report and to approve the Lithuanian Floorball Federation (LFF) as IFF provisional member nr. 52.

§ 10. Next CB meeting

The CB decided: That the next upcoming IFF CB meetings for 2010 will be held accordingly;
03/2010: 04.09.2010 – Amsterdam (need to be held 90 full days prior to the IFF GA)
04/2010: 16.10.2010 – Helsinki (to be held after 60 full days prior to the IFF GA)
05/2010: 09.12.2010 – Helsinki, Finland
IFF General Assembly 10.12.2010.

Proposal: To decide about the next CB meetings.

§ 11. Closing of the meeting

Mr. Eriksson closed the meeting at 12.25 thanking the CB members for a good meeting.

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