



Zürich, December 7th, 2012

IFF Central Board meeting 5/2012 07.12.2012

Place: Hotel Crowne Plaza, Badenerstrasse 420, Zürich, Switzerland

Participants:

Tomas Eriksson	President
Monica Bakke	Treasurer
Greg Beaudin	
Hans Botman	
Risto Kauppinen	
Stephen King	
Filip Suman	Vice president
Lars-Gunnar Tjärnquist	
Edwin Wiedmer	
Merita Bruun	Information Manager
John Liljelund	Secretary General

Excused: Oliver Stoll

Minutes

§ 1. Opening of the meeting

Mr. Eriksson opened the meeting at 12.30 and wished everyone welcomed to the CB meeting, in connection to the 9th Men's World Floorball Championships.

§ 2. Approval of the agenda

Mr. Eriksson concluded that there was in total four new or updated appendixes, namely the:

Appex 3	Information on IFF Claims, status 6.12.
Appex 4	Proposal for the Voting roll for the GA
Appex 5	Updated Agenda for the GA meeting
Appex 13	Election result Athletes Commission Male representatives

§ 3 Minutes from the previous CB meeting: 04/2012 in Helsinki, Finland – 03.11.2012, (Appendix 1),

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

§ 4. Economy

a) Financial report by the 29.11.2012 (Appendix 2)

Mrs. Bakke reported that the financial situation until now shows a small positive profit until the end of November, but we have to be cautious since we don't yet know what the outcome of the WFC will be.



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In addition Mr Liljelund gave a short report for the whole year situation, with the projected outcome of the year based on the forecast made. The forecast is the IFF will have a financial loss of around 100.000 CHF for 2012. The final figure is dependent on the outcome of the WFC 2012. The main reasons for this is additional costs for the organisation of the WFC, Material testing costs, WFC TV Production costs and the IFF Floorball Event application. Additionally there has been less income from the EuroFloorball Cup for registration fees.

The CB decided: To approve the report

**b) Information on IFF claims – status December 7th, 2012
(Appendix 3 – to be updated at meeting)**

Mr. Liljelund informed that those ordinary members with any outstanding two consecutive membership fees from 2012 and earlier have been notified that they are not entitled to vote at the General Assembly. It was further informed that is to present the IFF claims as per 07.12.2012 and the situation with the suspended member association Malaysia as well as the actions to be taken in advance of the IFF General Assembly.

The CB decided: To approve the report.

c) IFF General Assembly

Mr. Eriksson informed that the IFF General Assembly will be held on the 8th of December at the Frontline meeting room in the Hallenstadion in Zürich starting at 08.30.

Mr. Eriksson further expressed that the CB needs to approve the voting roll for the IFF GA, based on the claims situation. **(Appendix 4)**

The CB discussed the actions needed to be taken and proposals which need to be put forward to the General Assembly.

The CB proposes that Belarus, Israel, the Philippines and Ukraine shall be nominated for ordinary membership. Ukraine is the only of the above who has applied for ordinary membership.

Mr. Liljelund explained the GBFUA has not, despite a number of contacts, given a clear answer in relation to their availability for the proposed meeting by IFF. Promises have been given, but no action has been taken to settle the meeting dates. The proposal is that the IFF CB proposes to the IFF General Assembly to change the GBFUA membership to provisional, due to the unclear situation with the challenge from the UKFF and the fact that the GBFUA is not recognised by SportEngland, which was the requisite for the ordinary membership in the first place.

Mr. Eriksson went through the Agenda for the General Assembly and discussed the responsibilities during the meeting and responsibilities assigned. **(Appendix 5)**

Mr. Beaudin asked how the GA will deal with the late nomination for the CB from USA.

Mr. Eriksson explained that he will ask the member associations to give their views about the late nomination, since it is within the duty of the General Assembly to decide upon this.

The CB decided: To approve the Voting Roll, the proposal to appoint new ordinary members, to give the IFF CB the task to look over the GBFUA membership status and the Agenda for the General Assembly.

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d) Association Audit

Mr. Liljelund informed that the first set of 15 interviews has been made and another 10 have been scheduled. The rest of the interviews will be made during December and January. IFF has had some issues with receiving dates for conducting interviews with the countries, so a new approach has been used. The work has continued during the WFC in Switzerland. **(Appendix 6)**

Mr. Suman asked if there have been any specific points and Mr. Kauppinen asked about if the associations have strategic plans for the coming years.

Mr. Liljelund answered that the relationship between strong organisational base and/or a strong competition structure is very interesting. Most of the federations have a strategic short or midterm plan.

Mr. Tjärnquist asked if there are any measures included for the development of players and pointed out that one needs to follow the sociodemographic development.

Mr. Suman agreed with this and gave some examples of the drop-out problem in Czech Republic.

The CB decided: To approve the report

§ 5. World Championships

a) WFC 2012 Switzerland

Mr. Wiedmer gave a short report concerning the ongoing 9th Men's WFC 2012 in Berne and Zürich and the official program organised by the SUHV and the Cities of Berne and Zürich. Mr. Wiedmer thanked the IFF Office for the launch of the IFF Mobil Event Application, which has been a good investment. There have been some problems with the electricity in the Wankdorf venue. Overall the event has been running very well in both cities.

The ticket sales for the Final week-end have gone well and the Final day is sold out and some 3000 tickets are still to be sold for the semi final day. The cooperation with the IFF has worked well and the LOC have had a lot of volunteers. The cooperation with Swiss Olympic could have been better. The news coverage has been good and even the French speaking press has reacted positively to the WFC and asking why Floorball is not played in the French part of Switzerland. The final result is not yet clear and will be affected by the

The Swiss TV has yesterday produced the Swiss quarter final and will continue in the Hallenstadion

Mr. Suman reported on behalf of the WFC Jury chairman Mr. Ari Vehniäinen about the WFC 2012 so far. The Event has been very well prepared and the cooperation has been very good. There are always some minor problems for the organiser.

The real problems have been caused by the teams, especially when it comes to start of the game and handing in the team lists. The power break in Bern indicates that there needs to be a continuance plan for such major problems.

The competition is very interesting, with surprises, which shows that the sport is going forward. This is a good rehearsal to adapt to changes for TV, schedule, sponsors and spectators. The level of the Event has been on a high level.

The CB decided: To approve the reports.

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Mr. Liljelund to give an update about the TV broadcasting situation with the different TV Companies and the host broadcaster Swiss TV (SRF) and the IFF broadcaster Eurovision (**Appendix 7**).

The CB decided: To approve the report.

b) WFCQ 2013

Mr Liljelund reported on behalf of Mr. Kratz on the preparations for the qualifications of the Women's WFC 2013 to be played in end of January and beginning of February in Canada, Korea, Latvia and Poland. The Canadian qualification has been set to the 24th to the 26th of January in Toronto.

The CB decided: To approve the report

b) U19 WFC 2013 Germany

Mr. Suman reported on behalf of Mr. Stoll to report on the preparations for the U19 WFC 2013 played in Hamburg, Germany. The only problem is that the Event is colliding with the Anniversary of the City of the Hamburg harbour. This also effects the price level of the hotels and the second venue is still open.

The CB decided: To approve the report

c) WFC and U19 WFC applications

Mr. Liljelund reported that the Latvian Floorball Union has received a letter of endorsement from the Latvian Minister of Education. The Czech Floorball Union is still investigating their possibilities for bidding. Despite the IFF CB pre-set system of appointing the organiser, 72 months in advance the office proposes to adjourn the decision to the first CB meeting 2013, so that a clear answer can be given by the CFbU.

Only Singapore has handed in their bid for the U19 WFC 2015, which is still dependent on the timing of the SEA Games and the participation of Floorball.

Both Canada and Switzerland has handed in the bid for the U19 WFC 2016.

The CB needs to make the decisions in May 2013 for the U19 WFC 2016 and due to the unclear situation with the SEA Games and the late clearing of the host for the WFCQ 2013 in Canada, the office proposes that the decision for the organiser of these two events shall be taken earliest in March 2013. The RACC supports the proposal.

The CB decided: To approve the report.

§ 6. EuroFloorball Cup

a) EuroFloorball Cup 2013

Mr. Liljelund reported on the actions taken to find an organiser for the EFC qualification and the Final round 2013. So far none of the potential organisers have shown any interest to organise the EuroFloorball Cup.

The CB decided: To approve the report



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b) Champions Cup

Mr. Kauppinen gave a short report about the preparations of the 3rd edition of the Champions Cup, to be played in Tampere, Finland. The City of Tampere has shown much interest to organise the Event in Tampere and sent a three person delegation to the WFC 2012. Mr. Ismo Haaponiemi is leading the organisation committee, which is consisting of representatives from SSBL, the club Classic and the City of Tampere. The main focus is to raise the awareness and interest towards the Event.

Mr. Liljelund reported that a minimum of six matches will be produced from the Champions Cup. YLE will pay for two, SSBL for two and IFF for two.

Mr. Suman reported on the situation concerning the Champions Cup and the actions which will be taken during the coming months, including the planned Champions Cup steering group meeting in January-February 2013. The meeting will focus on the fields where we can improve in issues related to marketing and competitions.

The CB decided: To approve the reports

§ 7. Committees and Function reports

a) ExCo reports

Mr. Eriksson reported on the preparations made by the ExCo in advance of the WFC and the IFF General Assembly. There have been a lot of questions to be discussed in the field of claims and the membership statutes.

The CB decided: To approve the reports.

b) Contacts to International Sports Organisations

Mr. Eriksson reported on the SportAccord IF Sport Forum, organised in Lausanne, Switzerland from the 12. - 14.11.2012. (**Appendix 8**) IFF met with a number of the International Organisations, the SportAccord, IOC and the FISU.

Mr. Liljelund explained that the SportAccord is seeking for an organisation for the first edition of the SportAccord in 2015.

Mr. Eriksson further reported on his trip to Indonesia, invited by the Indonesian Floorball Association. (**Appendix 9**) The Indonesian association organised a tournament with teams from 16 provinces and held their General Assembly in connection to the tournament. The Ministry of sport clearly expressed that Indonesia needs a new sport and it seems that the Indonesia Olympic Committee is supporting the inclusion of Floorball in the SEA Games.

Mr. Liljelund reported on the meetings held in Singapore in relation to the WUC 2014, the SEA Games 2015 and the Ministry of Education. (**Appendix 10**)

The CB decided: To approve the reports.

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c) RACC

Mr. Suman reported on the preparatory work done by the RACC for the remaining of the season. The qualifications will be played in end of January/February. The RACC is preparing what kind of changes the rule of all but the host country qualifying will require from a competition point of view. It is also interesting to know what effect it will have on the number of registrations teams.

Mr. Suman further presented that the RACC has for a long period time discussed the need to upgrade the Organisers Regulation. Mr. Suman thanked Ms. Mitchell, supported by the Office who has made the job to put together the proposal of the new Organisers Regulation (**Appendix 11**), in which the present IFF Guidelines for organisers have been included. The RACC wants to have a final evaluation of the proposal and will be ready to put it forward to the CB in a per capsulam meeting in end of January, to be able to include the proposes the learning's from the WFC 2012 will bring along.

The CB decided: To approve the report.

d) RC

Nothing to report

e) Development function

Mr. Liljelund reported that some plans are made concerning some education in Luxembourg, Dubai, Spain and in the AOFC region, but no actual dates have been settled yet.

The CB decided: To approve the report.

f) Marketing function

Mr. Kauppinen reported that the Core Country marketing Network group is to have its meeting during the WFC, to discuss among other items the building of a Fan culture in Floorball. The continuity has been an issue with a lot of persons dropping out from the meetings

The CB decided: To approve the report.

g) Medical committee

Ms. Bruun reported that the Say No To Doping campaign continues in the WFC 2012 with the new wristbands for the teams and referees, increasing the campaign visibility. The campaign has been well organized. We are waiting for the WADA to publish a report on the WADA web page. In addition IFF has received a letter from WADA Director General David Howman that Ms. Bruun continues in the WADA Education Committee.

The CB decided: To approve the report.

h) Material function

Mr. Liljelund informed that the IFF and SP have made two interpretations to the Material Regulation edition 2012, in order to facilitate the constant product development. (**Appendix 12**)



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The CB decided: To approve the report

i) Athletes Commission

Mr. Liljelund reported on behalf of Mr. Kratz reported on the result of the election of the Athletes Commission on conducted by the Athletes during the WFC. The IFF CB is then to elect the fourth male member of the Athletes Commission (**Appendix 13**). The Males are elected for a two year period.

A total of 163 election forms were given and the following were elected by their peers Mr. Mika Kohonen Finland (133 votes), Karl-Johan Nilsson Sweden (85 votes) and Mr. Andis Blinds Latvia (74 votes). The CB proposed to elect Mr. Emanuel Antener Switzerland (48 votes) to the Athletes Committee as the fourth member.

The newly elected CB is then to appoint a Chairman for the Athletes Commission in its constitution meeting, which will then be ex officio become a member of the CB.

The CB decided: To approve the report and concluded that Mr. Kohonen, Mr. Nilsson, Mr. Blinds and Mr. Antener were elected to the IFF Athletes Committee.

j) Information Function

Ms. Bruun reported that the new IFF Events Mobile app has been launched in both an Android and an iOS version for the WFC 2012. So far the Application has been downloaded into around 5000 devices. The app had been installed on 1800 active Android devices and 3200 iOS devices (until Friday 7th of December).

IFF is to meet with the producer, the OK-system representatives, Mr. Vitezslav Ciml, Business Development Director and Mr. Rauscher Čeněk, senior programmer, who both will attend the WFC for a meeting on the future development of the app.

The IFF web page has set new records with 17.000 unique users and a total of 28.540 visitors for the 5th of December on a daily basis. The servers running the statistical program and the IFF web site has been updated and more space has been purchased.

IFF is to organize the Press Conference at the Hallenstadion on Saturday at 15:30, to inform of the election of the new CB and the Plan of Action.

The CB decided: To approve the report

k) Equality function

Mr. Liljelund reported of the meeting of the IFF and the EFT-countries to be held during the WFC, to discuss a female Floorball project.

The CB decided: To approve the report

l) ParaFloorball function

Ms. Bruun reported about the ParaFloorball day in the WFC 2012 on December 8th, Special Olympics Floorball demo during the 2nd intermission of the 1st semi-final and Electric Wheelchair demo is to be held during the 1st intermission of the second semi-final. The intermission matches will be streamed on our YouTube channel.



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The Special Olympics Head of Media and Public Awareness at Special Olympics Europe/Eurasia, Suzanne Coogan, will attend the WFC 2012 and we will make promotional material for the SO World Winter Games 2013. In addition to Dominika Steglova also Tero Tiitu and Mika Kohonen are now SO Floorball Ambassadors. We are still waiting for one answer from a possible SO Ambassador. Also ICEWH Chairman John Teunissen (NED) attending the WFC 2012.

Mr. Beaudin informed that he has been asked to participate in a steering committee of a PowerHockey in Canada.

Proposal: To approve the report

§ 8. IFF Office

Nothing to report

§ 9. Member Federations

a) Members under suspension

Mr. Liljelund reported on the situation of the suspended associations Malaysia.

Proposal: To approve the report.

b) New Member Applications

Nothing to report.

§ 10. Next CB meeting

Mr. Eriksson informed that the constitution meeting of the new CB meeting will be held in the hotel Crowne Plaza in Zurich on the 9th of December 2012 starting at 09.30.

Mr. Eriksson thanked the CB members for a good work during the last two years and expressed his gratitude to the CB members leaving the CB.

§ 11. Closing of the meeting

Mr. Eriksson closed the meeting at 14.45.

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