

**Place:** Hartwall Arena, Helsinki, Finland

**Participants:** According to enclosure 1.

**§ 1 Opening of the Congress**

Mr. Tomas Eriksson made a short review of the last two years, greeted the participants welcome and opened the Congress at 10.15.

Mr. Tomas Eriksson stated in particular the fact that the Assembly of GAISF in October 2000 granted floorball provisional membership of the General Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF). During the period from the last IFF Congress in Oslo in Norway the IFF has worked with strengthening the IFF administration and the plans, e.g. in order to ask for organisers of IFF events and appointing them four years in advance. The objective is not yet met but is well on its way. Good planning will enable IFF to speed up the Education and Development work.

Present Associations were approved according to enclosure 1.  
2/3 majority is six votes.

**§ 2 Election of Chairman of the Congress**

Mr. Lars Granqvist, Chairman of the IFF Appeal Committee, proposed the present IFF President Mr. Tomas Eriksson.

*Tomas Eriksson was elected as chairman of the Congress.*

**§ 3 Approval of the Agenda**

*The Congress decided to approve the agenda.*

**§ 4 Election of Secretary of the Congress**

Mr. Lars Granqvist, IFF AC, proposed the present Secretary General Mr. Stefan Kratz.

*Stefan Kratz was elected secretary of the Congress.*

**§ 5 Election of two person for counting of votes**

*Ewa Zoltowska, Polish Floorball Federation and Kjell Hovland-Olsen, Norwegian Bandy Federation were elected as voting counters of the Congress.*

**§ 6 Approval of the protocol of the last Congress in the case of article 34.2 and 34.3**

It was noted by the Congress that no objections to the minutes of the last Congress have arrived. The minutes are therefore approved and put ad acta.

**§ 7 Approval of the CB reports** (enclosure 2)

Mr. Liljelund presented the work done since the last Congress and the Annual Report for 2000-2002.

*The Congress decided to approve the Annual Report for 2000-2002.*

**§ 8 Approval of the financial report and the auditors report** (enclosure 3-8)

*a) 2000*

Tomas Jonsson presented the Balance sheet and Statement of Income for 2000.

Mikael Brandstam presented the Auditors report for 2000.

***The Congress decided to approve the Financial report for 2000.***

*b) 2001*

Tomas Jonsson presented the Balance sheet and Statement of Income for 2001.

Mikael Brandstam presented the Auditors report for 2001.

***The Congress decided to approve the Financial report for 2001.***

**§ 9 Decision on freedom of responsibility for the CB**

The Auditor Mikael Brandstam proposed the Central Board to be discharged from liability for the fiscal years 2000 and 2001.

***The Congress decided to grant the Central Board freedom of responsibility for 2000 and 2001. It was noted that that none were against.***

**§ 10 Decision on membership fee**

The IFF CB has proposed a change of the membership fee regarding the basic fee for ordinary member Associations from 1000 CHF to 2000 CHF.

NEFUB has handed in a motion that the club-based fee for the first 100 Clubs should be raised to 30 CHF instead of a raise of the basic fee.

4 associations were in favour and 4 associations were against the CB proposal. 4 in favour 2 against NEFUB proposal.

***The Congress decided not to change the membership fee.***

**§ 11 Approval of the budget and working plan for the next two years** (enclosure 9-10)

*a) Plan of action for 2002-2004*

Tomas Eriksson presented the Plan of Action for 2002-2004.

Mr. Peltola, Danish Floorball Federation, stated the Danish point-of-view of how to get more organizers etc.

***The Congress decided to approve the Plan of Action for 2002-2004, taking into account the point-of-view from Mr. Peltola.***

*b) Budget 2003-2004*

Tomas Jonsson presented the Budget proposal for 2003-2004.

***The Congress decided to approve the Budget for 2003-2004 according to the proposal, with the correction concerning the income from membership fees (to CB to carry out).***

**§ 12 Elections** (enclosure 11)

a) *IFF President for two years*

Mr. Liljelund informed that the only nomination for President is Tomas Eriksson, the present President.

***The Congress decided, unanimously, to elect Tomas Eriksson as IFF President for two years.***

**§ 12 Continuation**

b) *Six to nine CB members for two years*

The Congress noted that 8 persons have been nominated as CB members for two years.

***The Congress decided, unanimously, to elect eight CB members for two years as follows:***

|                                |               |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Thomas Gilardi, Switzerland    | (re-election) |
| Per Jansson, Sweden            | (re-election) |
| Tomas Jonsson, Norway          | (re-election) |
| Risto Kauppinen, Finland       | (re-election) |
| John Liljelund, Finland        | (re-election) |
| Peter Lindström, Norway        | (re-election) |
| Renato Orlando, Switzerland    | (new)         |
| Martin Vaculik, Czech Republic | (re-election) |

c) *Chairman and two members of the Disciplinary Committee*

***The Congress decided to elect Olav Hermansson, Finland as Chairman and Rudolf Buri, Switzerland as members of the Disciplinary Committee.***

Furthermore the Congress decided to put forward to the Central Board to ask for further nominations and to appoint an additional member and two substitutes of the Committee.

d) *Chairman and two members of the Appeal Committee*

***The Congress decided to elect Lars Granqvist, Sweden as Chairman, Tom Hedkrok, Finland and Kjell Hovland-Olsen, Norway, as members of the Appeal Committee.***

Furthermore the Congress decided to put forward to the Central Board to ask for further nominations and to appoint two substitutes of the Committee.

**§ 13 Appointment of a chartered auditor**

The Central Board proposed re-election of the present auditor Mikael Brandstam.

***The Congress decided to elect Mikael Brandstam as auditor of IFF for two years.***

**§ 14 Examinations and decisions on proposals and motions of the members** (enclosure 12)

1) SUHV has proposed to the Congress to decide that only officials from ordinary member-associations shall be eligible to be elected for the Central Board.

The IFF CB has decided to be in favour of the proposal.

***The Congress decided, unanimously, according to the proposal***

## **§ 14 continuation**

2) SUHV has proposed to the Congress to decide all member associations may participate at the election of the members of the Central Board and the Disciplinary Bodies and the voting of all other business according to the statutes at the General Assembly (whether they are full members or provisional members)

The IFF CB has decided to be against the proposal since this would counteract to the general idea of urging provisional members to become ordinary members.

The Swiss FA was in favour of the CB's standpoint.

***The Congress decided to reject the proposal.***

## **§ 15 Examinations and decisions on proposals from the CB** (enclosure 13)

### **1) Proposed Vision of IFF**

The CB proposes the Congress to decide that the IFF vision shall be:

“To become the true efficient governing body of an internationally recognised sport, played on five continents with over 50 members before year 2012 and have participated in one or more international multi-sport events (IWGA - World Games, FISU - Universiade). To be recognised by the IOC before the year 2006 and to be an Olympic sport before year 2020.”

***The Congress decided according to the proposal and set the IFF Vision.***

### **2) Proposed changes of statutes for IFF**

The CB proposes to the Congress to decide about the following changes in the Statutes:

#### **a) Article 34.2 The Bodies of the Central Board are:**

The system for approval of floorball equipment has been in full force since 01.05.1999.

The CB has come to the conclusion that the handling of material issues is more of a function than a work of a Committee. Due to this the CB is of the opinion that there is no need of a separate committee to handle the material issues.

The CB therefore proposes the Congress to decide to delete point f) Material Committee (MC) and to put forward to the IFF CB to make the editorial changes that follows on the decision.

***The Congress decided, unanimously, according to the proposal.***

#### **b) Article 13.4: Change provisional membership from two year cycles to four year cycles**

The IFF has two kinds of memberships for Associations – provisional membership and ordinary membership.

The last years has showed that the development required to change status from provisional to ordinary member is a process that requires a longer time than assumed in the statutes. Due to this the CB is of the opinion that there is a need to change the statutes in that respect.

The CB proposes the Congress to decide to change the provisional membership from two year cycles to four year cycles by changing article 13.4 to be “The provisional membership has to be recalled by the CB every four years. Otherwise it gets lost.”

***The Congress decided, unanimously, according to the proposal.***

**c) Article 23.2: Change provisional membership fee**

The IFF has, this far, in many aspects treated a provisional member equal to an ordinary member i.e. by inviting also provisional members to participate in the IFF competitions. This might have led to a situation where striving for an ordinary membership of IFF has had a low priority.

To implement a certain amount of pressure for the provisional members to fasten the process to become ordinary members the CB opinion is that the size of the membership fee could be one way to go.

The CB proposes the Congress to change the membership fee for provisional members concerning the Associations having been provisional members for four years by adding the following text to article 23.2: “After four years as a provisional member an ordinary members full fee shall be paid regardless of having applied for ordinary membership or not.”

***The Congress decided, with 8 in favour, none against, according to the proposal.***

**d) Article 35.1: Change the composition of the Central Board**

The CB proposes the Congress to decide to change the composition of the Central Board from the Congress 2006 by changing article 35.1 to be:

“The CB, elected by the Congress, shall consist of a President and six members. Not more than one person per Nation may be elected as member of the Central Board. In case of a draw in a CB voting the President’s vote is decisive.”

***The Congress decided, 4 in favour, 2 against, to reject the proposal.***

**3) Material Regulations**

The valid version of the Material Regulations was decided by the Congress 1998. Since then a lot of experiences has been made and the requirements from both players and manufacturers has developed.

In co-operation with the Swedish Testing and Research Institute – SP and the manufacturers of floorball equipment a new version of the Material Regulations has been worked out.

The CB proposes the Congress to approve the Material Regulations Edition 2002 to be in force from 01.07.2002.

***The Congress decided according to the proposal.***

**§ 16 Approval of Regulations within the meaning of article 14 paragraph 2 littera c)**

The Congress noted that there are no objections against any regulations.

**§ 17 Decision on all affairs being reserved for the Congress by the statutes or by law**

The Congress noted that there are no affairs being reserved for the Congress by the statutes or by law not already treated in other paragraphs.

**§ 18 Appointment to be honorary member**

The Congress noted that there is no proposal on honorary membership.

**§ 19 Dissolution of the IFF**

The Congress noted that there is no proposal on dissolution of the IFF.

**§ 20 Admission or expulsion of official member Associations**

The Congress noted that there is neither any application for ordinary membership nor any proposal of expulsion any member Association from the IFF.

**§ 21 Decision on the meeting place for the next Congress**

Tomas Eriksson presented the CB proposal on having the next Congress in Switzerland during the Men's World Championships 2004.

***The Congress decided according to the CB proposal.***

**§ 22 Closing of the Congress**

Before closing the Congress Mr. Eriksson, thanked Ain Lillepalu, from Estonia, for his six years in the IFF Central Board presenting him with an IFF pendant and a gift. Mr Eriksson also conveyed many thanks to Mr Karl-Heinz Seiler who after many years in the field of refereeing leaves the IFF as Referee Committee Chairman, and after that he thanked the participants for their efficient work during the Congress and declared the Congress as closed at 12.15.

***Stefan Kratz***  
***Secretary of the Congress***

***Tomas Eriksson***  
***Chairman of the Congress***