



INTERNATIONAL FLOORBALL FEDERATION (IFF)

Ordinary member of AGFIS/GAISF

MINUTES IFF GENERAL ASSEMBLY 08.12 2012

Place: Hallenstadion, Zurich, Switzerland

Participants: According to enclosure 11

§ 1 Opening of the General Assembly by IFF President Mr. Tomas Eriksson

Tomas Eriksson opened the General Assembly at 08:30 and greeted all the participants welcome to the 11th IFF General Assembly in Zurich, thanking the SUHV President Daniel Bareiss for an excellent ongoing WFC in Switzerland.

Mr. Eriksson addressed the General Assembly with among other things elaborating over challenging behaviour mentioning floorball's ability to adapt to new influences fast, the high sensitivity for change and the high social media penetration.

Key achievements between general assemblies were mentioned; Receiving the IOC recognition in July 2011 in Durban, Growth to 55 members of IFF (IOC need 70), Associations audit on its way, in order to support, with the slogan "Each One Teach One", IFF members, for implementation of IFF Licence system, Introducing an extended form of Partnership with Unihoc, where they are sponsoring a Development Coordinator for the IFF, Introduced successfully the Champions Cup in Mlada Boleslav, and in Umeå, New International Competition Calendar, and evaluated and change in place from 2013, with the updated WFC playing system, Securing Floorball's first participation in a multi-sport event – World Master Games 2015, Italy, Introduction of a new Marketing Strategy and a Brand Positioning for Floorball, Increased TV visibility from our Major Events – All matches from Final rounds broadcasted on Internet TV, First yearly agreement with a National Broadcaster for TV-visibility (YLE, 3-4 matches CC and 8-10 matches WFC)

Mr. Eriksson thanked the IFF sponsor Unihoc for their support for a three years sponsorship with the employment of a development coordinator and also Asics, Gerflor and Swerink which are helping to build the brand.

With these words Mr. Eriksson opened the IFF General Assembly 2012.

§ 2 Approval of present Associations and the voting roll

Mr. Liljelund conducted the roll call and the following ordinary member associations were present;

Ordinary members: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, Latvia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Russia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and USA which in accordance with the IFF Statutes § 32.2 have the right to vote at the General Assembly, as they have fulfilled their obligations towards IFF which is fulfilled by 24 of these.

A total of 24 votes are present, meaning that a simple majority is 13 votes and the 2/3 majority is 17 votes, according to the Statutes.

Approval of the voting roll.

Provisional members: Belarus, Israel, Jamaica, Turkey and Ukraine.

The General Assembly noted that 28 ordinary and 5 provisional member Associations were present.

The General Assembly decided, that the voting roll was 24 ordinary members and that 13 votes are needed for a simple majority and 17 votes are needed for a 2/3 majority.

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Greetings to the General Assembly

Greetings from the Swiss Floorball Federation, Mr. Daniel Bareiss, President of the Swiss Floorball Association

§ 3 Election of two scrutineers of the General Assembly

Mr. Liljelund proposed on behalf of the IFF CB to elect as scrutineers Mrs. Mervi Kilpikoski of the Finnish Floorball Federation and Mr. Tomas Frank, Czech Floorball Union, which was approved by the General Assembly.

The General Assembly decided accordingly to elect Mrs. Mervi Kilpikoski of the Finnish Floorball Federation and Mr. Tomas Frank, Czech Floorball Union to act as scrutineers.

§ 4 Approval of the agenda

The CB proposes to approve the proposed Agenda for the IFF General Assembly.

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

§ 5 Approval of the protocol of the last Congress in the case of article 33 paragraph 3

The General Assembly noted that the protocol from the last Congress has not been opposed to and is therefore automatically approved according to the statutes (IFF Statutes article 34 paragraph 3).

§ 6 Modification of the statutes (changes in statutes a 2/3 majority is needed) (Enclosure 10).

The GA decided to handle the CB proposal of changing the statutes already in § 6 instead of § 19.

Mr. Liljelund presented the CB proposal of the changes of the IFF Statutes and the reason for these.

The General Assembly decided, unanimously, to change the statutes according to the CB proposal.

§ 7 Admission or expulsion of official member Associations

Mr. Liljelund informed that Ukraine has applied for ordinary membership in writing. The CB proposes according to Article 13 paragraph 3, that they would be approved by the General Assembly to become ordinary members.

The General Assembly decided, unanimously, to approve Ukraine as ordinary member.

Mr. Liljelund continued and informed that the CB has decided to propose that the following provisional members shall automatically be considered ordinary members, since they have been provisional for at least four years and have not yet applied for ordinary membership. These associations are: Belarus, Israel and the Philippines, according to IFF Statutes, Article 13 paragraph 3.

The General Assembly decided to grant ordinary membership to Belarus, Israel and the Philippines.

The General Assembly decided to update the voting roll now to be 27 ordinary members with voting rights and that a simple majority is 14 votes and a 2/3 majority requires 19 votes.

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The IFF CB is proposing changing the membership status for the Great Britain, due to the lack of SportEngland recognition which was the pre-requisite for the approval of the ordinary membership, and that the CB shall be given the task to deal with the issue in the coming two year period.

The General Assembly decided according to the proposal to change the membership status for Great Britain to be conditional and gave the IFF CB the task to deal with the issue.

§ 8 Approval of the CB report (enclosure 1)

Mr. Suman presented the Annual Report for 2011-2012, which is based upon the Plan of Action for 2011-2012 decided upon in the GA in Helsinki, Finland in 2010.

The IFF has continued during the last two years to work with committees and functions consisting of persons from both inside and outside the IFF Central Board.

Mr. Suman noted that Mr. Eriksson had mentioned most of the key achievements already in the start of the meeting.

Mr. Eriksson is very pleased with the work done by the Associations, volunteers, committees and administration.

Mr. Eriksson asked the General Assembly to approve the Annual Report 2011 – 2012.

The General Assembly decided to approve the Annual report 2011 – 2012.

§ 9 Approval of the financial report and the auditors report

Calendar years 2010 and 2011 (enclosure 2 and 4)

Mrs. Bakke presented the Balance sheet and Statement of income for 2010 and 2011. The IFF made a surplus of 3,500 CHF in 2010 and a deficit of 57,299 CHF in 2011.

The equity of IFF is still positive, but not sufficient to run the operations for more than 3 months.

Mr. Eriksson asked if the IFF General Assembly had any questions regarding the finances.

Mr. Eriksson proposed the General Assembly to approve the financial reports of 2010 and 2011.

The General Assembly decided to approve the financial report for 2010 and 2011.

The Auditor Mr. Mikael Brandstam presented the Auditors report for 2010 and 2011 (enclosure 3 and enclosure 5) and informed that the annual accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act and, thereby, gives a true and fair view of the IFF's financial position and results of operations in accordance with generally agreed accounting principles in accordance to IAS.

Mr. Eriksson proposed the General Assembly to approve the auditor's report for 2010 and 2011.

The General Assembly decided to approve the auditor's report for 2010 and 2011.

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§ 10 Decision on freedom of responsibility for the CB

The Auditor Mr. Mikael Brandstam recommended to the IFF General Assembly that the IFF Central Board and secretary general shall be discharged from liability for the financial years 2010 and 2011.

Mr. Eriksson asked if the General Assembly can grant freedom of responsibility for the CB and secretary general.

The General Assembly decided to grant the Central Board, the President and the secretary general freedom of responsibility for 2010 and 2011.

§ 11 Decision on membership fee

The IFF Central Board proposes a change of the membership fees for the years 2013 and 2014, the first change since 2004 (enclosure 6).

The General Assembly decided to change the membership fees for the period 2013-2014 according to the proposal. The decision was unanimous.

§ 12 Approval of the budget and working plan for the next two years

a) Plan of action for the period 2013-2014 (enclosure 7)

Mr. Liljelund elaborated on the key points of the CB proposal of plan of action for the period between the General Assemblies 2012 and 2014, with the ultimate goal to be ready for the IOC Short List application for May 2015. The foundation for the work will still lie on the three strategical pillars defined in 2008, the political lobby work to increase the acceptance of Floorball, the enhanced marketing of the sport to be able to fund the development of the sport and the continued spreading of the sport and enhancing the operations of IFF and its members.

Mr. Eriksson asked if the General Assembly could approve the plan of action for 2013 and 2014.

The General Assembly decided to approve the plan of action for the period 2013-2014.

b) Budget for the calendar years 2013 and 2014 (enclosure 8)

Mr. Liljelund presented the budget for 2013 and 2014 pointing out some areas where extra efforts will be made.

Mr. Rene van Rijsselt, Secretary General of NeFUB, asked about the estimated result of 2012 and if the deficit is still there.

Mr. Eriksson replied that a loss of approximately 100,000 is forecasted for 2012 and that this will be taken from the equity. From 2013 the financial situation looks better again.

Mr. Eriksson asked if the General Assembly could approve the budget for 2013 and 2014.

The General Assembly decided to approve the budget for 2013 and 2014.

§ 13 Elections (enclosure 9)

IFF President for four years

Mr. Eriksson gave the word to the IFF Vice President Mr. Filip Suman, who informed that the only nomination for President is Mr. Tomas Eriksson, the present IFF President.

Mr. Suman proposed that the General Assembly would re-elect Mr. Tomas Eriksson as President of IFF for 2013-2016.

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The General Assembly decided to re-elect Mr. Tomas Eriksson as IFF President for four years.

Mr. Eriksson thanked the General Assembly for the support given to him.

Nine CB members for four years

Mr. Eriksson informed that there are 9 candidates nominated as members of the Central Board at least 60 full days before the General Assembly.

The IFF has received the USFbA nomination of Mr. Greg Beaudin 25 days late on the 3rd of November 2012. Based on the IFF Statutes the CB is not in a position to approve the nomination, since it is exclusively for the IFF General Assembly to approve it and if approved then Mr. Beaudin is eligible for election.

Eriksson asked the GA if they approve the nomination.

The representatives from Switzerland, Sweden, Denmark, Australia and Germany expressed that the IFF Statutes shall be followed and were not in favour to accept the late nomination.

Mr. van Rijsselt asked why the nomination arrived late from the USA.

Mr. Brown answered that it was due to a lack of information that the USFbA handed it in late.

Mr. Eriksson answered that he had personally been in email contact with the Presidents of both the USFbA and Floorball Canada on a number of times, so that could not have been the case that USFbA would not have been aware of the timelines.

The General Assembly decided not to approve the nomination of Mr. Greg Beaudin. Brazil and USA were against.

The candidates presented themselves in alphabetical order;

Mrs. Monica Bakke, Norway (re-election)
Mr. Daniel Bollinger, Switzerland (new)
Mr. Risto Kauppinen, Finland (re-election)
Mr. Stephen King, Australia (re-election)
Mr. Carlos Lopez, Spain (new)
Mrs. Johanna Mikkola, Canada (new)
Mr. Oliver Stoll, Germany (re-election)
Mr. Filip Suman, Czech Republic (re-election)
Mr. Martin Wolmhed, Sweden (new).

Mr. Eriksson proposed since there are 9 candidates for 9 positions, to elect all the CB members in one vote.

The General Assembly decided accordingly to elect for the two coming years;

Mrs. Monica Bakke, Norway (re-election)
Mr. Daniel Bollinger, Switzerland (new)
Mr. Risto Kauppinen, Finland (re-election)
Mr. Stephen King, Australia (re-election)
Mr. Carlos Lopez, Spain (new)
Mrs. Johanna Mikkola, Canada (new)
Mr. Oliver Stoll, Germany (re-election)
Mr. Filip Suman, Czech Republic (re-election)
Mr. Martin Wolmhed, Sweden (new)

Chairman and two members of the Appeal Committee

Mr. Liljelund informed of the candidates as chairman respective members to the IFF Appeal Committee.

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The General Assembly decided to elect Mr. Lars Granqvist, Sweden as Chairman (re-election) and Mr. Tom Hedkrok, Finland (re-election) and Mr. Kjell Hovland-Olsen, Norway, (re-election) as members.

As substitutes the General Assembly elected Mr. Martins Jarohovics, Latvia and Mr. Juha Mikkola, Canada.

Chairman and two members of the Disciplinary Committee

Mr. Liljelund informed of the candidates as chairman respective members to the IFF Disciplinary Committee.

The General Assembly decided to elect Mr. Ismo Haaponiemi, Finland (re-election) as chairman and Mrs. Linda Noppa, Sweden (new) and Mr. Tomas Vaculik, Czech Republic (re-election) as members of the IFF Disciplinary Committee.

As substitutes the General Assembly elected Mr. Rudolf Buri, Switzerland, Mr. Rainer Martiskin, Australia, Mr. Anthony MacNeil, Canada and Ralfs Svagers, Latvia.

§ 14 Appointment of a chartered auditor

Mr. Eriksson informed that the IFF CB proposes re-election of the present auditor Mr. Mikael Brandstam.

The General Assembly decided to re-elect Mr. Mikael Brandstam as auditor of IFF for two years.

§ 15 Examinations and decisions on proposals and motions of the members

No motions have arrived from the member Associations.

§ 16 Approval of Regulations within the meaning of article 15 paragraph 2 littera c)

The General Assembly noted that there are no objections against any regulations.

§ 17 Decision on all affairs being reserved for the General Assembly by the statutes or by law

The IFF Central Board proposes to the General Assembly to approve the resolution defining that the legal seat of the IFF will be in Lausanne, Switzerland.

The General Assembly decided according to the proposal to define the IFF legal seat to be in Lausanne, Switzerland.

§ 18 Appointment to be honorary member

The General Assembly noted that there is no proposal on honorary membership.

§ 19 Modification of the statutes (changes in statutes a 2/3 majority is needed)

The General Assembly noted that the CB proposal regarding modifications of the Statutes were decided already in § 6.

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§ 20 Decision on the meeting place for the next General Assembly

Mr. Eriksson informed that the IFF CB proposes that the next General Assembly shall preliminary be held on the 13.12.2014 at 09:00, during the WFC 2014 in Gothenburg, Sweden.

The General Assembly decided accordingly to have the next General Assembly during the WFC 2014.

§ 21 Presentations on coming World Floorball Championships

The General Assembly continued with presentations on the upcoming WFC's in 2013 - 2014

- WFC 2013 Men U19 in Germany by Floorball Germany
Mr. Oliver Stoll, President of Floorball Germany, presented the Men's U19 World Championships 2013, to be played in Hamburg, Germany in May 8 - 12, 2013.
- WFC 2013 Women in Czech Republic by CFbU
Mrs. Vendula Kmonickova, CFbU, presented the Women's World Championships 2013, to be played in Brno & Ostrava, Czech Republic, December 7 - 15, 2013.
- WFC 2014 Men in Gothenburg, Sweden by SIBF
Mr. Thomas Engholm, President of SIBF, informed about the Men's World Championships 2014, to be played in Gothenburg, Sweden, December 6 - 14, 2014.
- Presentation of Floorball4all organisation about possible cooperation
Mr. Benjamin Lüthi, Floorball4all informed about their work in e.g. Brazil, Djibouti and Mozambique.

§ 22 Closing of the General Assembly

Before closing the General Assembly Mr. Eriksson thanked resigning CB members with a small gift;

Mr. Hans Botman, the Netherlands – in the CB 2008-2012
Mr. Lars-Gunnar Tjärnquist, Sweden – in the CB 2010-2012
Mr. Edwin Wiedmer, Switzerland – in the CB 2010-2012
Mr. Greg Beaudin, Canada – in the CB 2010-2012

Mr. Eriksson thanked the participants for their efficient work during the General Assembly and declared the General Assembly as closed at 11:30.

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IFF Secretary General

Tomas Eriksson
IFF President

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