

Helsinki, Finland, 28th of April 2020

IFF Central Board meeting 2/2020 23.04.2020

Place: Teams meetings, Thursday, April 23rd at 15:00 CET

Participants: Tomas Eriksson	President	
Jörg Beer		
Monica Birdal	Treasurer	§§ 1 - 5
Steen Houman		
Stephen King		
Martin Klabere		
Carlos Lopez		
Lidwien Reehuis	ATC Chair	§§ 1- 5
Kaarina Salomaa		
Ron Spence		
Filip Suman	Vice President	§§ 4 -
John Liljelund	Secretary General	

Agenda

§ 1. Opening of the meeting

Mr. Eriksson opened the meeting at 15:00 CET and welcome the IFF CB members to the meeting to discuss and approve the IFF Strategy Task Force 1st submission for the IFF Strategy 2021 – 2032 – Strengthening the Foundations.

Mr. Eriksson informed that Mr. Suman will join the meeting latest at 15:30 CET, due to an ongoing meeting.

CB decided: To approve the report

§ 2. Approval of the agenda

Mr. Eriksson concluded that there are no updates of the Agenda and Appendixes

Mr. Eriksson further made a proposal of how the meeting shall be handled. Mr. Eriksson will lead the meeting and run the discussion going through each paragraph per paragraph and the CB member whom has made comments could shortly motivate their proposed proposal, if needed. Mr. King would comment upon the view of the Strategy Task Force (STF) and explain and motivate for the STF views and formulations. Mr. Liljelund would then work on the text itself and make the changes in the document during the meeting.

CB decided: To approve the report and proposal

§ 3 IFF Strategy timetable

Mr. King made a re-cap of the timetable of the IFF Strategy process from here onwards. The Invitation for the 1st Commentary round is to be sent out on the 24th of April to IFF members, IFF committees and commissions, IFF staff and other stakeholders to comment upon the 1st submission until the end of June, as long as the CB has approved the draft.

The STF is then to evaluate the feedback in a meeting on the 24th of August and prepare a 2nd submission for the IFF CB meeting on the 5th and 6th of September.

Based on the CB evaluation and approval of the possible additions made as a result of the 1st commentary round the Strategy Document will then be sent out to the members for a 2nd consultation round. The STF will propose a final draft for the Strategy for the CB meeting on the 30th of October – 1st of November 2020.

CB decided: To approve the report and take cognisance of the STF timetable

§ 4. General discussion about the STF Strategy Document

Mr. Eriksson initiated a general discussion about the STF proposal for the IFF Strategy – Strengthening the Foundations within the IFF CB.

Mr Eriksson felt that the STF has done an excellent job and prepared a very balanced and action-oriented proposal well in time for the CB meeting. Further Mr. Eriksson concluded that the CB members had praised the proposal already when providing feedback and comments to the IFF Office. Mr. King thanked all the STF members for their excellent work so far.

CB decided: To approve the report

§ 5. Presentation of the STF 1st submission

Mr. King, in his capacity as the chair of the STF, made a short presentation of the work done by the STF in preparation of the present Strategy proposal and presented the purpose of the CB meeting as well as the background and approach the STF has taken with the proposal and to provide the outline for the discussion in the CB meeting. (**Appendix 1**).

The objective of the STF was to create an easy to read document with concrete action points and direction for the future. Mr. King went through the different chapters of the document and described the set-up for them. The STF agreed that there are no restrictions during the preparation of what ideas can be presented for the document and the idea is that the 1st submission would trigger discussion among the membership, rather than having the membership simply saying yes to it. The main priority for the CB meeting, is to have a clear view if the CB is agreeing to the general ide of the document. The idea is to have an English language professional to check the language for the final version and we have thought to have different level of targets for the IFF.

Mr. Liljelund proposed that the process will be conducted in the following way.

Mr. Eriksson stressed that that we should concentrate on the big picture during the discussion.

The IFF Central Board discussed the proposals for text changes, content proposals and more principal comments made by the IFF CB members to the IFF Strategy Task Force 1st submission in detail. During the discussion the STF members gave explanations for the proposed text, which to most parts were approved as such by the CB.

During the discussion, there was a number of questions raised by the IFF CB members that were forwarded to the IFF STF, in order to look upon them further and see how they could be included into the 2nd submission of the document. The questions which need further evaluation of the STF are:

General:

- Include a glossary in the final version
- Each time there is an abbreviation used, it needs to be defined the first time in brackets and it should be in only one format NA (national associations) or MA (members association)

Specific:

- Create a definition for Professional leagues (6.1. Target 1)
- Define the difference between registered and licensed Players (5.1. and 6.3. Target 5)
- For the Values we need to look at the I C IFF as the order of the values. (5.3.)
- Include present situation for Target 2 in IFF numbers and multisport games for GA presentation
- In the big picture, should we have a WFC in this version, for small/new associations.
- Would also prefer that somehow a positive attitude from the audience is included.
- Would it be an idea to have this as separate target, labelled nr. 3
- Need to clarify the situation in the lower ranked countries and how to add it to the 6.3. Target 1 / Target 4
- Insert a link to license system

Mr. Liljelund presented the solution on how to ask the membership and stakeholders to rank the Targets and KPI's by importance. It was agreed that the IFF Office will create a digital tool to make it easier to make the ranking of the Targets and KPI's. This will be sent out to the community in the midst of May.

Mr. Eriksson concluded that based on the detail discussion the CB is ready to approve the STF proposal for the IFF Strategy – Strengthening the Foundations and to agree upon the document to be sent out for the 1st Commentary round to the member associations, IFF committees and commissions, the IFF Staff and all other stakeholders.

CB decided: To approve the IFF Strategy document for the 1st Commentary round after discussions and to send it out to the IFF Members and IFF stakeholders for the 1st Commentary round.

§ 6. Information topics

Mr. Eriksson and Mr. Liljelund informed shortly about some topics that are being worked with and have been raised by some CB members:

U19 WFC 2020:

The IFF have invited the Swedish MA for a meeting to discuss a possible Go/No-go date for the U19 Event and effects of the different options. IFF is also communicating with the LOC of their plans to secure the health of all participants and spectators if we play. The outcome of this will be reported in the CB meeting in May.

WFC 2020:

Discussions will be held with the Finnish MA and the LOC about setting a Go/No-go date for the Event and the different scenarios for all the what-if-questions, in case of a need for postponing or even cancellation of the Event in May and outcome will be reported in the May CB meeting.

Mr. Suman asked what time frame there is for the idea for the Go/No-go date, to which Mr. Liljelund answered that this would most likely be in beginning of October, in order to secure all details.

Other Events:

EFC and EFCh:

The IFF has a system to fill the Euro Floorball Cup (EFC) first with teams and only then starts to place teams in the Euro Floorball Challenge (EFCh) and we have already asked the nations if they will be able to participate in the EFC/EFCh this year. The deadline for answering is on the 6th of May. The answers so far are YES: UKR, NOR? And SVK, NO: DEN and SLO and then Maybe is ESP for EFC only – so it looks like we will not have the EFCh and maybe could play the EFC.

Champions Cup:

No actions needed at the moment, but there is a concern about the teams' capability to participate. We will know more after the registration time is ended, 30th of June.

U19 WFC 2021 qualifications

The situation is on hold until mid-May, as the potential organisers first need to confirm the status for their possibility to be able to organise their qualifications. The IFF Competition office will send out some information to the registered teams in beginning of May.

World Games 2022

The World Games has today launched a new theme: New Name Same Games. The TWG 2022 will be played 7.-17.7.2022 and all operations have been pushed forward. We have bi-monthly meetings with them and the USFBA is planning to organise the US Nationals in Birmingham in end of August. We are following the situation, if there are possibilities to arrange a seminar in connection to the US nationals and the U19 WFC qualification between USA and Canada.

Organisation:

The CB will have its next meeting will be organised on the 22nd and 23rd of May over Teams etc., which will be discussed during the meeting.

Committees:

The Committees will continue working as normal but using the technical means necessary to work in these extraordinary times. Responsibility within the office to work with each respective committee in regard to the Strategy, so there is contacts and activities in May-June.

Office:

The IFF employees are working from home and we have introduced a bi-weekly office meeting to keep everyone on track of the present developments, share information and deal with matters we are facing. There has been a lot more work than before, despite that we are not preparing for the U19 WFC in May.

Finance:

We have started to make an analysis with Mr. Kratz on how a possible postponement or cancellation of the U19 WFC 2020, the WFC 2020 or any other event will financially affect the IFF finances and what options we have to deal with these challenges. This will be ready for the meeting in May.

CB decided: To approve the report

§ 7. Next CB meeting

Mr. Eriksson concluded that the next CB meeting, which was planned to be held on the 23.-24.05.2020, in Arlanda/Uppsala, Sweden, will have to be conducted as a Teams meeting. The CB agreed to have the meeting on the 22nd and 23rd of May, with some 5 hours working time for each day between 14:00 – 19:00 CET. It also might be needed to have an Extra CB meeting in end of June, but this can be decided later.

The other meetings are preliminary planned as follows:

M3: 05.-06.09.2020 – Invitation for IFF GA to be sent out latest 11.09.2020

M4: 30.10-01.11.2020 – All documents and nominations have to be sent out latest 04.11.2020.

M5: 09. Or 10.12.2020

IFF General Assembly 11.12.2020

M6: 12.12.2020

CB decided: To approve the report and decide accordingly

§ 8. Closing of the meeting

Mr. Eriksson closed the meeting at 18:35 and thanking the CB members for an efficient meeting over Teams.

**John Liljelund
Secretary General**

**Tomas Eriksson
President**