

Helsinki, Finland, 25th of May 2020

IFF Central Board meeting 3/2020 22.05. in Teams

Place: Meeting held as a Teams meeting

Schedule:

Friday, May 22nd Teams meeting 14:00 – 19:00 CET

Participants: Tomas Eriksson	President
Jörg Beer	
Monica Birdal	
Steen Houman	
Stephen King	§§ 1 – 7b)
Martin Klabere	
Carlos Lopez	
Lidwien Reehuis	ATC Chair
Kaarina Salomaa	
Ron Spence	
Filip Suman	Vice President
Veli Halonen	Operations Manager
Stefan Kratz	Competition Manager
John Liljelund	Secretary General

Excused:

Minutes

§ 1. Opening of the meeting

Mr. Eriksson opened the meeting and welcome the members to the third CB meeting of the year 2020. Mr. Eriksson to inform of how the meeting will be run and the one and half hour sessions and the 10-15 minutes breaks in between.

CB decided: To approve the report

§ 2. Approval of the agenda

Mr. Eriksson concluded that there are three updated or new appendix for the meeting.

Appex 32	-	IFF Material Board meeting report
Appex 33	-	CC 2021 preparation report
Appex 34	-	Latin America report

CB decided: To approve the report and include the new and updated annexes

§ 3 **Minutes from the CB meeting:
01/2020 Kloten, Switzerland, 16.02.2020 (Appendix 1) and
02/2020 Strategy over Teams 23.04.2020 (Appendix 2)**

The minutes from the last meeting are to be scrutinized, approved and put ad acta.

§ 4. **Economy**

a) **Financial report 2019, by 31.12.2019**

Mrs. Birdal presented the final financial report and balance sheet for the full year of 2019, by the 31.12.2019 (**Appendix 3**).

The outcome per 31st of December is -13.498 CHF, which is close to preliminary outcome (-13.000 CHF) presented in the CB meeting 16.2.2020. The main reason for this was the major issues with the U19 WFC 2019 problems. The IFF Office has been able to save small sums on different positions, like TV production costs, WFC accommodation costs and other WFC costs. There has also been more TV income than budgeted. The total saves of on the cost side for the full year, compared to budget, is around 250.000 CHF. On the Income side the big differences to the budget comes from the Material income and the Sponsorship sales and from the fact that the U19 WFC 2019 in Halifax, Canada were not able to pay any of their costs to the IFF and IFF in addition had to lend the LOC a lot. The IFF has spent more than budgeted for the WFC's and the U19 WFC. The aim has been to reach a zero result.

Mr. Liljelund felt that the fact that the IFF Office has been able to recover from the first forecast, which, from May 2019, showed a minus result of over 100.000 CHF, is a huge achievement given all circumstances.

Mr. Beer asked if there was any depreciation concerning the old debts, to which Mr. Kratz answered no that nothing has been made for 2019.

Mr. Suman asked if we managed to cover the whole investment that we made for the Canadian association. Mr. Eriksson answered that the investment made is in the claims.

CB decided: To approve the report.

Mrs. Birdal presented the financial report and the balance sheet by the 15.5.2020 (**Appendix 4**).

The outcome per 15th of May is 284.000 CHF, which is some 166.000 CHF better compared with the same period last year, mainly due to the prepaid part of the organisers fee for WFC 2020 on the income side and less travels and the postponed U19 WFC 2020 on the cost side.

The liquidity is 246.000 CHF which is 196.000 CHF better compared with last year, partly due to the loans (75.000 CHF) and less money spent. It is still very difficult to see what will happen, as the COVID-19 pandemic affects are still not known. The overall situation still looks ok.

Mr. Liljelund expressed that the savings for not having meetings or seminars are clearly visible now.

Mr. Klabere asked if the amount of claims have decreased this well and Mr. Kratz explained that there are usually a lot of TV, WFC and other yearend debts in the end of the year on the claim side.

CB decided: To approve the reports.

b) Information on IFF claims – License system and WFC 2020 – status May 15th, 2020

Mrs. Birdal presented the claims situation by the 15.05.2020 for Associations participating in the WFC 2020 and separately for those not participating (**Appendix 5 and 6**).

The efforts are ongoing to get all teams registered for the WFC 2020 to be in line with the License system, but the situation with COVID-19 has made the financial situation worse for most of the Associations.

The follow-up of payment plans (**Appendix 7**) shows that Austria has cleared their debt ahead of plan and that Canada is following the plan having made their first payment. China has paid the annual fee for 2019 and the annual fee 2020 will follow soon. Malaysia has paid all the old debts and informed that they currently have no funds to pay the annual fee 2020 until when the new season starts. This since they have not been able to get any income due to the pandemic which has caused a total stop in their activities.

Russia has not paid off anything and neither communicated this nor replied to reminders and their debt has increased. Russia stopped communicating with IFF way before the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in mid of March. In a messenger communication 5th of May President Chernov has informed that all floorball is on hold until the ending of their stay home orders. Cote d'Ivoire has not followed their plan and does not respond to reminders.

For Slovenia, the cancelled WUFC 2020 has affected the finances of the Association quite a lot since the activities to market the event and to prepare the national team were started long time before the cancellation. In addition to this also the government financing has been stopped. The Slovenian debt has not increased since they have paid the fees for this year.

Ukraine has asked to pay half the intended pay-off for April due to the financial problems in this COVID-19 situation. Their debt has not increased since they have paid their fees for this year.

Mr. Eriksson expressed that the COVID-19 might bring additional issues and it is problematic that for example Russia is not communicating with the IFF.

Mr. King asked at what point do we need to start looking upon the non-participants to have payment plans. Mr. Liljelund expressed that we need to start looking at this before the General Assembly in the autumn.

CB decided: To approve the reports and to continue to follow up on the pay-off plans for Canada, China, Russia, Malaysia, Slovenia, Ukraine, and Cote d'Ivoire.

Mr. Kratz and Mr. Liljelund presented the possible effects of COVID-19 related to possible further postponements or in the worst case even cancellations of the events. The preliminary calculations of financial impact of possible postponement and/or cancellation of the U19 WFC 2020 and the WFC 2020, and a proposal of saves outside the events is presented (**Appendix 8**).

The direct financial effect for the finances of 2020 if both events are postponed to 2021 is forecasted to be around -185.000 CHF. If the U19 WFC would need to be cancelled and the WFC postponed to 2021 the financial effect for the finances of 2020 is calculated to be around -235.000 CHF. The proposed saves to meet this scenario, 240.000 CHF, practically means that everything outside the IFF competitions, except the GA 2020, should from 16th of May be handled without travelling. This however only include the direct effect from these Events, but if participation fees and TV fees are to be returned the effect can raise up to over 400.000 CHF.

The overall financial situation is then of course also affected by the potential financial our member could be faced due to COVID-19 and then the pandemic will seriously affect the IFF Material income, as the Floorball market in principle collapsed totally in March when the restrictions for pandemic were set in place in mid of March. The IFF Office will start looking at a forecast for the rest of the year, which the CB will have to discuss in September.

Mr. Eriksson thanked the IFF Office for making these scenarios and it clearly shows that the effect is critical and will have a vast effect on the IFF activities.

Mr. Houman asked if there are any costs from the LOC's if the IFF cancel or postpone the events. Mr. Liljelund answered that all political decisions will have to be made in cooperation with the organising association.

Mr. Suman asked if there are all the costs, like for the IFF GA costs, the invented guests and Event study etc, these needs to be included in the calculation. Mr. Liljelund answered that these has already been included in the discussions.

CB decided: To approve the reports and to decide to save according to the proposal.

c) **IFF General Assembly 2020**

Mr. Eriksson reported that the IFF General Assembly is to be held on the 11th of December at the Teacher Trade Union - OAJ buildings meeting room, starting at 08:30 am, in Pasila, within walking distance from both the IFF hotel and the Hartwall Arena. The IFF CB will summon for the General Assembly 2020 in its next meeting. The CB is to discuss how to organise the IFF GA if the WFC 2020 would not be played in December 2020. Invitation for IFF GA to be sent out latest 11.09.2020.

The IFF CB has in earlier CB Meeting in the Themes sessions, discussed the different needs for the change in the IFF Statutes in relation to the Good Governance questions in the CB meeting 01/2020 and based on this the secretary general has prepared a proposal for new IFF Statutes. The IFF Ethics Commission members had already earlier made some proposals for amendments to the IFF Statutes and these has been included in the proposal, as well as the IFF Office additions. (**Appendix 9**)

Mr. Klabere thinks it looks very good and it is in-line with what has been discussed. Ms Salomaa, Ms Birdal, and Mr King, and Mr Eriksson all agreed.

Mr. Suman wondered how to handle the Statutes discussions, as this is the first time the CB has seen the proposed text. Mr. Suman raised two main issues, that he felt that they would need to be discussed, with the rights of the Associated members and their rights and the final number of the number of the female representations and proposed to move the matter for the coming meetings. Mr. Eriksson answered that the discussions has been held in the previous meeting and now there has been made some additional remarks. Mr. Liljelund explained that the preparation has included discussions with the CB members, Ethics Committee and within the IFF Office.

Mr. Lopez asked if it in the future is possible to have more than one member per country and Mr. Liljelund answered that this is the case. Mr. Liljelund asked that the CB will have decide this during the summer, to avoid having to many documents on the table after the summer.

Mr. Eriksson concluded that the CB members are to hand in their questions and proposal for changes in the upcoming weeks. The IFF Office will prepare the other topics for the IFF CB meeting in June.

CB decided: To approve the reports and to decide to move the approval of the new statutes for the meeting during summer.

§ 5. World Championships

a) WFC 2020, Helsinki Finland

Mr. Kratz reported that due to the COVID19 the IFF was based on the recommendation of the Thai Floorball Association to cancel the AOFC WFC 2020 qualifications in Bangkok, Thailand in beginning of March. Due to this the top 4 ranked teams were directly qualified to the Final round in Helsinki.

Ms. Salomaa gave a short report from the WFC 2020. (**Appendix 10**) The LOC is continuing the preparations as normal and together with the IFF monitoring the situation concerning the COVID-19 and the parties met with the Ministry of Education and Culture on Friday on the 15th of May the different implications. The LOC and the IFF has preliminary set a Go/No-go date to 1st of October. In the meeting the Ministry of Education informed about the present restrictions for events in Finland and concluded that it is impossible to say what restrictions we will have in the autumn. The Ministry was positive towards the proposed Go/No-go date and the preparations taken so far in relation to the pandemic. It was agreed that a new meeting will be held in end of August, together with the both the representation of the Ministry of Education and Culture and the Ministry of Health, to then look over the situation. The LOC feels that the meeting in the end of August is very important for the execution of the event.

The Ticket Sales start for the Group stage was postponed from the 3.4. to the 15.5., with the pre-sales to the Floorball community started 8.5.2020, as the ticket sales stopped totally when COVID-19 hit Finland after the Ballot. Ever since the sales has been slow but has now starting to pick-up. The Final weekend at Hartwall has sold a little over half of the available capacity so far and for the most popular day of the group stages and quarter finals there has been sold some 300 tickets after the launch on Friday the 15th for Saturday the 5th of December. There have been some promotional events were cancelled during spring and early summer, which has been moved to August and September. Concerning the accommodation of the teams and the rules for cancellation of the hotels, have been looked over by the Elämys Group. The LOC is presently, after discussions with IFF working with Elämys Group, trying to secure with each of the teams hotels a special cancellation clause that would ensure that a full refund is given to the teams in the case of the event being postponed or in the worst case cancelled.

The ballot was successfully executed, on March 10 in Helsinki Casino, just before the COVID-19 restrictions took place in Finland.

The recruitment of volunteers has started a little delayed, due to the COVID-19, but has been quite positive so far, when it opened in mid-April. Many of the key roles have been filled by SSBL experienced staff and there has been groups of volunteers recruited from different colleges, like Haaga-Helia and Helsinki Business College among others.

Mr. King asked if there have been any thoughts given to the situation if any countries will not be able to participate. Mr. Kratz and Mr. Liljelund answered that no official discussions have yet started, but these will take place after defining the Go/Nogo date.

Mr. Liljelund reported on the TV broadcasts and that the organisation of the TV/Internet-TV production. IFF has the full responsibility for the production, sales and distribution of the signal for the WFC 2020. IFF has signed an agreement with Polar-HD, which executed the production for WFC 2015, 2016 and 2019. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 situation the planned venue checks have been postponed until summer or early autumn. IFF has discussed about security plans with Polar-HD. The plans with Finnish YLE are confirmed and all is set, even if there might be some other Events being moved to the time period of the WFC 2020, like the FIS Ski Jumping Fly Hill World Championships.

IFF has started the sales of the TV signal, which for obvious reasons has started quite slowly. So far contracts are being negotiated with Czech and Swiss TV. The Swedish TV has been contacted already in February, but we are still waiting for a response. Also discussions with Poland and Slovakia has started. IFF is waiting to start discussions with the other countries later in the year, when the situation is clearer. Also the option to give Protocol Sports the right to sell the TV rights for some countries if we can't get answers has been considered.

b) U19 WFC 2020, Uppsala, Sweden

Mr. Eriksson reported on the ExCo decision to postpone the U19 WFC 2020 to be played 2-6.9.2020 (**Appendix 11**)

Mr. Klabere gave a short report of the preparations for the U19 WFC 2020 to be played in Uppsala, Sweden in September. The LOC has continued to run the preparations, even if most of the operations has been stopped. The LOC is waiting for the Swedish government to tell what the guidelines and recommendations are for executing the event.

Mr. Eriksson reported that the IFF President and secretary general contacted the Swedish Association in end of April to discuss the necessary actions needed to safely be able to execute the U19 WFC 2020 in Uppsala in September 2nd to 6th and define a Go/No-go date for the event. This Go/No-go date is needed to secure the interest of the participating teams, so that they can make all necessary bookings and if the event would not be played in September have the possibility to make cancellations accordingly. There are still questions of how the teams can travel to Sweden, but the present development in Europe indicates that the likelihood for the Event at some level is increasing, with at least European teams participating.

This is also a question which needs to be discussed with the Swedish association, to clarify their needs when it comes to number of participating teams. The meeting has now been held on the 19th of May. The question whether there is sufficient information to go ahead with the U19 WFC 2020 as planned in September 2020 was discussed. It was first agreed to set a Go/Nogo date for the organisation for the U19 2020 for the 15.7.2020 and to make a re-assessment of the situation during the last week of June. At this time, many governments may have issued updated advice on their restrictions and we will have a better picture of what lies ahead. This would then allow us 2 weeks to consider the options for the event and then aim to make a final decision latest by mid of July.

However after that the Swedish Association started analysing and researching the situation as a result of the discussions after the 19th of May, it became clear that a re-assessment by mid-June is needed, as it would be too late to only make a decision by mid-July. The IFF CB can then make a final decision directly in June, due to the issues related to the IFU Arena usability and Swedish employment law reasons, as well as the possible travel and gathering restriction for arrival to Sweden..

Mr. Eriksson stressed that we need to have clear directions from the Swedish Health authorities, the IFU venue and the other stakeholders

Mr. Steen thanked the President and secretary general for taking care of the question and asked if the IFF has started to look on the safety protocols for the event. Mr. Liljelund answered that we have started to look at this based on the IOC and WHO guidelines.

Mr. Suman asked if there have been discussions with the Swedish association to play with less teams. Mr. Liljelund answered that it was touched in the communication from IFF to the Swedish association, but not discussed yet.

Meanwhile the IFF Office has been working with the LOC closely to secure a safety protocol and Ms. Ebba Wengström has provided the LOC plans for how to operate in the venues, to endure safety for all participants and how to act if any participant of the Event would become sick. IFF has based on this and through consultation with the IOC and the World Health Organisation (WHO) prepared a proposal for a COVID-19 Safety protocol for IFF Events. (**Appendix 12**). This document will be changed accordingly to the changes in the recommendations and regulations of the organising country authorities but is a base for how to act.

CB decided: To approve the report.

c) **Next Events**

WFC 2021, Uppsala, Sweden

Mr. Klåber to give a report of the final round preparations. The LOC has sent out information concerning accommodation for the WFC 2021.

CB decided: To approve the report

U19 WFC 2021, Czech Republic

Mr. Suman gave a report of the final round preparations and the finalisation of the organisation agreement. During the last two months the focus of the Czech Floorball has been to recover the COVID-19 pandemic. The organising committee has been formed and the Event will be played in the same arena as the Women's WFC in 2013 in Brno. The city support is still open, as the city budget has been affected as well.

Mr. Kratz reported that there are three possible organisers in Europe (France, Italy, Poland) and one confirmed for AOFC (Singapore). The Americas qualification is planned for Birmingham, Alabama 29-30.08.2020 in connection with the US Nationals.

Due to travel and other restrictions and the uncertainty there have been communications with the organisers of AOFC and EUR about possibilities to organise August/September 2020 and possible alternative dates in connection with the international weekends, 3rd weekend of October (17.-18.10.) or 2nd weekend of November (14.-15.11.). The conclusion is that they have doubts about August/September and all, except France, could consider organising October/November. For France, the only option is in the week 24-30.8. The IFF Office have started evaluating an option if travel restrictions are still in place in the Asia-Oceania region that the option of playing two qualifications events could be considered – AUS & NZL and SGP, CHN & JPN.

Mr. Eriksson concluded the situation with a third folded action plan and thanked Mr. Kratz for a good preparation here.

CB decided: to postpone the U19 WFC 2021 qualifications for AOFC, to be played in Singapore in the period 11-18.10 (in connection with the 3rd weekend of October) and, for Europe, to be played in Italy and Poland 11-15.11 (in connection with the 2nd weekend of November) and to follow up on the Americas qualification.

d) Upcoming Events

WFC 2022, Zurich, Switzerland

Mr. Beer to inform of the Swiss plans of when to play the WFC 2022. The kick-off meeting was postponed from April to end of May. The dates 5th to 13th of November will be confirmed later. There will be a Steering Committee, which is not directly organised under the Swiss Floorball association. the LOC will run a Street Floorball in the summer of 2021. The sponsor search will start in the coming weeks.

CB decided: to approve the report

Invitation for WFC 2023 and WFC 2024 organiser

Mr. Kratz reported that a letter of interests to organise the WFCs 2023 and 2024 has arrived from Australia (U19 WFC 2023 and 2024), Denmark (U19 WFC 2023), Italy (U19 WFC 2023 and 2024), Slovakia (U19 WFC 2023) and Sweden (WFC 2024). The number of interested organisers is most probably negatively affected by the current situation.

CB decided: to ask the member Associations again and return with outcome to the September CB meeting when also the general situation might be clearer.

e) COVID-19 effects and possible solutions

Mr. Eriksson initiated a discussion of how to act if the any of the WFC's in 2020 would have to be further postponed or even cancelled. There have been different approaches within the Sports community. Some have moved their events with a year and other moved them differently, like with the Swimming which will have their World Championships starting a few days after the end of the Olympic Games. What approach would IFF take and how would we change the IFF Competition calendar for 2021 and what effects would this have for the coming years.

The CB discussed whether to either postpone or cancel an event. Mr. King was in favor to postpone than to cancel an event and to look for the possibility to play with less than the full number of teams. The CB members felt that postponing the event is a much better solution than to cancel the event and are therefore not in favor to cancel the event. Mr. Suman also felt that we shall try to play a modified tournament, if it is at all possible.

The CB discussed how to solve the set-up for how to play the U19 WFC and Adult WFC if they have to be postponed. The preferred timing for playing the U19 WFC 2020 in May 2021 after the Men's U19 WFC 2021 in Czech Republic. Mr. Houman asked if there are any problematic issues related to this proposal. Mr. Eriksson felt that this is a good solution for all, players, organisers and the IFF, if the U19 WFC 2020 would have to be postponed. Mr. Suman representing the

Brno organizer felt that it is a very good solution and thinks that it was vital to have the same players as originally registered.

Mr. King asked if there are a situation that we could play with less teams than the 16 teams. Mr. Liljelund and Mr. Klabere to expressed that this can only be discussed after we know what the Swedish government will define concerning the opportunity to organize the events. Mrs. Birdal think that it more important to secure the dates to run an event and know when it is possible to run the events.

Mr. Beer asked if there could not be a possibility to play the WFC 2020 in May 2021. Mr. Liljelund explained that there are far too many events already in the time window, with Ice Hockey and then Euro 2021 Football. The CB discussed the different options for a possible postponement of the WFC 2020. Mr. Klabere felt that it will be easier to move the events forward than to play two WFC's in the same year. Ms. Salomaa, Mr. King and Mrs. Birdal feels that it would be preferred to play both men's and Women's in 2021. Mr. Suman felt that it is really a discussion with the Finnish WFC 2020 of when we could play the event. It is vital to know of how this will be able to be solved by the organizer. Mr. Beer agreed with the perspective raised by Mr. Suman, so for the Swiss is very important to be able to play in 2022 as planned. Mr. Lopez felt that we have to take into consideration the big risk for the national competitions and the IFF Office and the operations. Mr. Klabere felt that it is problematic to have two Adult WFC's in the same year. Mr. Suman asked that when we shall discuss with the organiser we need to ask them if they are ready to play, in regard to the possibilities to play at any time during next year. Mr. Klabere and Mr. Suman expressed that we need to discuss with the organisers of what kind of what postponements they can manage.

Mr. Suman and Mr. Liljelund stated that we need to have the A-plan to play the event with even less teams if they can be played, for both the U19 WFC 2020 and WFC 2020 still during this year.

Mr. Eriksson concluded that firstly IFF needs to have a general understanding of what is the preferred solution for the running of a possible postponement. Then in a second phase we need to negotiate with the concerned associations of their possibilities to organize the events if the WFC 2020 would have to be postponed.

Further the IFF is preparing some safety protocols and medical aspects to be considered if events are being to be run in 2020 and after, based on the IOC and World Health Organisation (WHO) material and recommendations, as reported already concerning the U19 WFC 2020 in Uppsala, Sweden (**Appendix 12**)

CB decided: to approve the report and gave the task to the secretary general to prepare the matter further for the IFF CB meeting in September.

§ 6. Euro Floorball Cup

a) Euro Floorball Cup 2020

Mr. Kratz reported that the IFF has sent out a questionnaire to the Associations which has participated in the EFC/EFCh previously. In which they have been asked firstly, about their possibility to and system for selecting a Champion to participate, and secondly, whether they think there is a realistic possibility for teams to plan and organise travel for these events, even if government travel restrictions are lifted.

1. Will you be able to select champions for participation?

2. Will your teams be willing to participate and able to travel (subject to the lifting of government travel restrictions)? Replies having arrived until 08.05 are as follows:

Date	Association	Q1	Q2
200406	Ukraine	Yes	Wants to organise the EFCh. If this crisis will not be prolonged it should be no problem.
200407	Slovenia	No	No. Have postponed own championship to September
200407	Spain	No	Doubt it will be possible to be in the EFCh. Possibly EFC since later.
200407	Denmark	No.	Have not participated very much earlier due to financials
200422	Slovakia	Yes	Preliminary willing to participate. Depends on restrictions etc
200427	Austria	Yes	None of the teams ready to participate
200427	Estonia	Yes	Wants to organise EFC and will, if organising, participate with two Men's and two Women's teams
200428	GB	No	Not likely
200429	Norway	Yes	No participation for Men. Women interested if in the EFC
200430	Germany	No	Difficult to realize
200430	Poland	Yes	Both men and women interested in participation but difficult to decide in this situation
200508	Italy	No	The clubs are reluctant to take any decision now. Currently it looks quite difficult to have teams travelling in August.

Based on the results from the survey, it is clear that there is not enough clarity to try to execute the EFC and the EFCh in this situation, as the clubs and associations are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Eriksson thanked the IFF Office for investigating the situation so carefully and have a solid proposal for the meeting.

CB decided: To cancel the EFCh and EFC for 2020 based on the current uncertainty with the development of COVID-19 and restrictions affecting travels and other preparations for both organisers and teams.

b) **Champions Cup 2021**

Mr. Beer to report on the CC 2021 in Winterthur 9.-10.1.2021. The logo for the event has been approved and the website has been opened. So far there are three teams registered, but there is still time until the end of registration 30.06.2020. (**Appendix 33**) Most of the contracts by the LOC are finalised and the contract for the venue will be signed in the coming in the next weeks. The big question is what will happen if the WFC 2020 will have to be postponed and how will affect execution of the Champions Cup. Mr. Beer asked if we should not set as Go/Nogo-date also for this event.

Mr. Liljelund answered that it is important to treat all events a separate event, as there are different governmental restrictions in the organising and participating countries. Therefore, it would be good that the CC 2021 LOC proposes a date for a Go/Nogo-date. Mr. Suman felt that having the event after the 1st of January might increase as it is on the side of the new year.

Mr. Liljelund reported on the approval process of the Champions Cup Home & Away concept, where Czech Republic, Finland and Switzerland has confirmed and approved the concept. Sweden has made a positive decision concerning the concept and the push from 2023 to 2024

for the implementation of the new concept in their CB meeting on the 18th of May. The IFF Office has been working on the Sales presentation for the Champions Cup in order to start the sales required for end of September to be able to start the project. The proposal is attached and will still be updated before going to the market with it. The COVID-19 has of course heavily affected the possibilities to sell any event presently. **(Appendix 13)**

Mr. Suman expressed that the CC sales presentation needs to be updated with the latest statistics, which Mr. Liljelund confirmed that will happen

CB decided: To approve the reports

§ 7. Committees and Ad Hoc group reports

a) ExCo reports

Mr. Eriksson reported on the ExCo activities after the previous CB meeting which has mostly been related to different COVID-19 related matters and the two ExCo meetings held accordingly on the 26th of February to decide upon the cancellation of the AOFC WFCQ in Bangkok, Thailand and on the 20th of March to decide upon the postponement of the U19 WFC 2020 in Uppsala, Sweden **(Appendix 11 and 14)**

Mr. Eriksson met with the Estonian Olympic Committee and Estonian and Finnish FF in Tallinn on February 8th – 9th in relation to the Finnish Cup Finals.

Mr. Eriksson reported that many meetings were cancelled starting from mid-March, and hence the IFF President meeting with the German Association in Berlin at the Final 4 was cancelled, as well as plans to meet with Ukraine Floorball Association, and neighbouring countries Russia and Belarus and Moldavia during Ukraine Open. Plans are on its way to have a Teams/Zoom meeting where these said countries can meet with IFF President during May.

Mr. Eriksson has had talks with the Swedish Table Tennis/Mrs. Sörling and Ice hockey Federation/Mr. Larsson on how the impact of the COVID-19 has struck their organization and events and how to handle their upcoming WFC and events at large, and their planned still during 2020 AGM.

Mr. Eriksson has had talks and received information on how to ask for funds from the EU and the EOC on other projects run by Sports IF besides the ERASMUS+ projects, which are supported and run by EU directly with a more simplified application process.

Mr. Eriksson has been involved in a number of AGM run by NSA's digitally and hence learnt the benefits by EASY Meet and application such as VOTEIT, which have worked very well even with a high number of participants.

During the COVID-19 a lot of decisions has been taken within the Sports World and IFF has answered a number of questions and questionnaires from the IOC, GAISF, ARISF and IWGA among others concerning the effects and what the sport community can do to help. One of them were sent by GAISF in which it was asked how the IF's are affected by the COVID-19 and what kind of help the IF's would need. This was related to the Swiss government aid project towards International Sport Federations resigning in Switzerland but sent to all GAISF members. IFF made a proposal of a loan system and a joint approach for opening up for organising Events, which received some positive feedback.

Mr. King reported on the continued process of the Strategy work after that the CB has approved the 1st submission of the IFF Strategy 2021 – 2032 – Strengthening the Foundations and it has been sent out for the 1st Commentary round to the IFF member associations, the IFF committees

and commissions, the IFF Staff and other stakeholders. The IFF has asked for feedback until the end of June. The different IFF bodies will or have discussed the proposal in Teams or Skype meetings. IFF has also prepared a tool in Webropol where one can easily rank the importance of the different Targets and KPI's defined as the tools for reaching our Key Priorities. This has been sent to the IFF community on the 14th of May. So far there has been already 23 responses so far on the ranking tool. the STF will after a preparation by the IFF Office to make a revised version of the Strategy draft. **(Appendix 30)**

Mr. Eriksson felt that the STF has done a very good job asking for feedback and through the webropol tools. We are looking forward to receiving a lot of feedback.

Mr. Eriksson reported that IFF has provided the files requested by the Czech Floorball related to the Czech Floorball application for a multi-country EU project focused on the development of Floorball associations and creating strategic development tools. Mr. Suman reported that the application was handed-in, in time with all needed materials. The EU will make their decision later in the year, in October. The countries towards which the project is directed towards are Denmark, Germany, Poland, Slovakia and Spain. Czech Republic is the project owner, with Switzerland, Sweden as partners.

CB decided: To approve the reports.

b) CB members responsibilities

Mr. Houman reported on the Six Nation Floorball group plans and next activities. Germany is the host for the upcoming Six nations Tournament, which will, if possible, be played in Weissenfels during the international weekend in October. The tournament is played between Denmark, Germany, Latvia, Norway, Poland and Slovakia. In conjunction with the Tournament a coaching seminar will be arranged. This year the seminar will be open for other countries to participate. The Six countries steering group held a skype meeting on April the 16th, 2020, where the main topic was the concern for the tournament because of Covid-19. The steering group didn't decide anything regarding the tournament but will have a meeting again later in May, to decide if the tournament will be able to be played. If there are no possibilities to organise the Event in 2020, it will either be postponed to 2021 in the same venue or just cancelled.

Mr Lopez to report about the on the development in Central and Latin America and the plans for the future. An email has been sent to all our contacts to get answers about how the situation is within this COVID-19 in the region and how it affects Floorball. So far answers have been received from Argentina, Brazil and Chile. From Argentina Ms. Analia Jensen reports that floorball is being use for some practices in roller hockey and ice hockey clubs. From Chile Mr. Felipe Quiroz reposts that everything is being suddenly stopped due to the pandemic, but they are ready to come back as soon as allowed. in Brazil there has been quite a lot of activities before the COVID-19 lockdown, where they are working on documents towards the Brazilian NOC. They have been able to increase the number of players with 87 % in 2023 and try to reach 100.000 players by 2023. There are some issues about the situation in Colombia and Venezuela. From the other countries there are no answer by today. If any comes, they will be updated during the meeting. **(Appendix 34)**

Mr. Eriksson felt that it is very positive that there is such a strong growth of players, to which the CB agreed. Mr. Houman informed that in handball the development has grown a lot after that they have been included to the schools.

Mr. King reported on the on the present status of the AOFC activities. There has not been too much happening lately. In Australia sport will be back on track in a few months.

Mr. Spence reported on the on the present status of the North America situation. There is not very much going on, but there are two issues as the Canada Cup had to be cancelled for this year, which will affect the financial situation. The border between Canada and USA is closed, which also affects the possibility to play between USA and Canada.

Ms. Salomaa reported that she is as part of the studies preparing a Digital Service design project for communication between the IFF and our members, which will be presented for the CB in the September meeting.

CB decided: To approve the reports

c) Contacts to International Sports Organisations

SportAccord

Mr. Eriksson reported that due to the Corona virus outbreak the SportAccord which was already moved from Beijing to Lausanne has been cancelled for 2020. The next Sport Accord Convention will be held in Ekaterinburg, in Russia from the 23rd to 28th of May 2021. The GAISF AGM has therefore first been moved to the IF Forum in November (4.-6.11.2020), but last week again moved to the 10th of November in Lausanne, Switzerland, due to other simultaneous meetings taking place in Lausanne at the same time as the IF Forum.

ARISF

Mr. Liljelund reported that the proposal on the ARISF short clarification of the Role of ARISF is proceeding and the proposal has been submitted to the Council and shall be discussed in the next Council meeting in June. The ARISF AGM has been moved to the IF Forum, but exact timing is still open.

Mr. Eriksson stressed that it is important that the Mr. Liljelund has been given this task. Mr. Suman asked how the council is working, which Mr. Liljelund answer that a lot is related to the cooperation with GAISF and IOC.

IOC

Mr. Eriksson reported that the IOC has been very active in the last months in providing information to the IF's concerning the impacts of the COVID-19 and how to move forward. The IOC President sent out a letter to the Olympic community in end of April (**Appendix 15**). In addition to this IOC has provided a lot of input on how to build safety protocols and provided information from the WHO.

IFF has also received the invitation to apply for the IOC development support for 2020, where IFF applied to run three projects, namely related to the IFF Strategy process and the two commentary rounds, the implantation of the IFF Licence system and the continuation of the Mentor Coach programme. IFF has also received the confirmation from the IOC Sport department that these more operational projects are approved this year due to the COVID-19 situation. (**Appendix 16ab**)

IFF also received a letter on the 14th of May from the IOC Sports Director Mr. Kit McConnel and the IOC COO Lana Haddad about Financial support for International Federations situated in Switzerland, from the IOC and the Swiss Government. As IFF is only registered in Switzerland, the Office has asked if we are in position to apply for this from both the IOC and the Canton du Vaud, in Switzerland. The issue is that IFF has no employees in Switzerland. (**Appendix 17**) Based on the answer IFF received from Canton du Vaud it looks that IFF won't be able to receive

any support from the Canton de Vaud as your main activity is still abroad, even if you are registered at the register du commerce in Vaud. The financial support will be dedicated to the international sport federations and organisations who have their headquarters with the majority of their staff and then current activities in our region.

The Marketing Case Study made for the ARISF IF's, in which Mr. Liljelund has been the responsible from ARISF side has been finalised and will be shortly presented to the ARISF AGM in November and the IOC-ARISF workshop will be conducted around this in the SportAccord 2021 in Russia.

IWGA/TWG

Mr. Liljelund informed that The World Games 2021 has been moved to the 7th -17th of July 2022 and it is now the TWG 2022. (**Appendix 24**)

IFF participated in a number of briefing meeting discussing the move and the time of the move before the IWGA made the decision to move, due to the clash of dates with the Tokyo 2021 Olympic Games. The whole process has been pushed forward with a year and IFF has signed a new IF passport for the Event with the same tights as before. The USFbA is still planning for the execution of the US nationals in the end of August in the TWG 2022 Floorball venue and the American qualification for the U19 WFC 2021 was planned for the same time. It is still unclear if the event and the planned activities can take place as it is unclear if foreigners can travel and enter the USA. IFF has had a joint meeting with the International Korfball Federation and the TWG Sports Director to discuss the build-up of the venue and IFF has provided the contacts for the TWG to Gerflor.

The IWGA AGM will be held during the IF Forum in November.

Other Events

Mr. Eriksson informed that the Asia Indoor and Martial Art Games will be played in Bangkok and Pattaya preliminary during the third week of May in 2021 and Floorball is on the program among only 24 sports: There are in total 45 Asian countries, as well as Oceania 17 countries which are eligible to register through their respective NOC, this is s a huge step towards form Floorball to be included in the Asian Games. There are only two new sports on the program, Floorball and Netball.

Mr. Eriksson congratulated Mr. Chaiyapak for this election for the vice president of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) and the success of having Floorball on the program of the Asian Indoor and martial Arts Games 2021. The IFF CB joined into the congratulations.

Mr. Eriksson further informed that the World University Championships 2020 in Koper, Slovenia has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 situation. (**Appendix 18**). IFF was to meet with FISU to discuss the continuation regarding the World University Championships during the SportAccord, but this has been put on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Suman informed that the Czech University Sport Association approached the Czech Floorball that they would support the application for the candidacy for the Liberec University. It seems that the university has got the organisation of the Event. Mr. Eriksson felt that this is very positive and the IFF Office will try to continue the discussions with FISU concerning the WUC in 2022.

IFF has taken part in the Peace & Sport organisations International Day for Developing and Peace, by participating in the #whitecard campaign. The organisation has proposed to the International Federations to include this date in the International Federations calendars.

CB decided: To approve the reports and including the International Day for Development and Peace in our competition calendar.

d) RACC

Mr. Klabere reported that the RACC will have a meeting on May 28th through Teams to discuss the following topics with the IFF Strategy 2021-2032, New proposed Game Rules and what to be tested the basis for a new system for the Adult WFC's Quota and CB-decisions regarding EFC and EFCChallenge 2020 and U19 WFC 2021 Qualification. There will be a number of meetings during the summer to solve all open questions.

Further Mr. Klabere reported on the meeting of the rule reference group and the proposal for the test Association and their applications to test different new rules (**Appendix 19**). All rule proposals have been sent to Member Associations, IFF RC, IFF RACC, IFF Athletes Commission and office for feedback until 31st of May. The rule reference group will then handle the feedback in a meeting in June.

A proposal of a new quota system, based on both geographical participation and performance from the last WFC only, has been worked on and will be discussed by the RACC in its summer meeting and then brought to the IFF CB in September

Further Mr. Klabere proposed the updates to the Organiser Regulations (**Appendix 20**). The RACC has given a lot of comments and the IFF Competition department has clarified a number of issues based on the discussions. Mr. Suman asked a technical question regarding the § 35.1 and 35.2., which seems to in principle the same paragraph. Mr. Klabere explained that it had been a separation of tournaments in different points.

In regard to the IFF Consultative meeting concerning the organisation of the Euro Floorball Championships planned for the 5th of September in connection to the U19 WFC, the CB needs to refer to this if the Event will not be able to be organised in Sweden in September. The Background paper has been sent out in April as decided earlier to the invited countries. (**Appendix 21**)

Mr. Eriksson thanked Mr. Klabere and Mr. Kratz for the preparation of the Background paper and Mr. Klabere informed that it was Mr. Liljelund who prepared the paper.

Mr. Kratz further informed that IFF has today sent out the usual reminder to Member Associations about the September International weekend (5-6 Sept) but have informed that, in order to help them as much as possible, we will accept forms (at no charge) up until 30 days prior to the event, instead of the normal 90 days. Any forms received within 30 days of the event will be approved subject to the availability of international referees.

CB decided: To approve the reports and to decide to update the Organiser regulations and to appoint test Associations according to the proposals.

e) RC

Mr. Lopez reported, that The IFF RC had scheduled a meeting planned to be held on the 21st to 22nd of March 2020 but the meeting was cancelled due to the present COVID-19 situation. Even though, we have worked in the "rule proposals document" online and sent the RC proposals to the Rule Group.

The RC members have received the document “first draft of IFF Strategy 2021-2032” for evaluation. The RC will have a Teams meeting on the 3rd of June mainly to approve the referee and observer nomination documents for the upcoming nominations for 2021-2022.

The referees and observers who were nominated for the Women’s U19 WFC 2019, have all been informed of the change and their availability for the tournament with the new dates in September 2020 has been secured. Mr. Lopez stressed the importance to have and follow the Go/Nogo-date to avoid any unnecessary issues.

The new web-based video rulebook is under construction and should be ready for the test use for the IFF educators in the beginning of June 2020.

Mr. Liljelund informed that there will be WFC 2020 specific referee shorts for the Event.

CB decided: To approve the report

f) Medical committee

Mr. Halonen, in the absence of Ms. Bruun, reported that the IFF is in the process of drafting the first version of the IFF Anti-Doping Rules. The aim is to have the first version ready during summer and to clarify some open questions after IFF has received the Draft Model Rules from GAISF.

The coronavirus situation has had an effect on the testing activity of the IFF as both competitions, national team and club team events have been cancelled. The WADA IFs Symposium, which was meant to be organised in March, was also cancelled.

CB decided: To approve the report

g) Athletes Commission

Ms. Reehuis informed on the present activities of the ATC.

The male members of the ATC were elected during the WFC 2020 qualification tournaments and for the cancelled event in Asia-Oceania the teams were invited to vote by email. Also the organising country (FIN) and directly qualified countries (USA & CAN) voted by email. The result of the election was as followed (**Appendix 22**).

Jarno Ihme	(FIN) 220
Tomas Sladky	(CZE) 186 (re-election)
Sergio Garcés	(ESP) 158
Junoh Lee	(KOR) 130 (re-election)
Anže Šneberger	(SLO) 125
He Xiaolong	(CHN) 86
Marian Hrabovyk	(UKR) 56

The ATC has held its first meeting on the 9th of May discussing among other things the IFF Strategy, Athletes presence in IFF Social media and planned the work. Mr. Sladky will join the IFF Rules group.

CB decided: To approve the report

h) Marketing function

Mr. Beer, reported about the current sales and marketing situation. **(Appendix 23)**

The global pandemic has had a strong influence on sales activities as there is much uncertainty about which events will be taking place as well as financial turmoil in companies. Therefore, there is little very little to report on sales. Floorball has been actively promoted to broadcasters by Protocol Sports Media as “new and fresh” in the absence of live sports and a lot of re-runs from old material.

Regardless of the circumstances the discussions with Hummel and Puma have been kept on-going, but without any concrete results yet. Both parties will receive information about the new sustainability initiative which the IFF is launching.

During the pandemic the IFF has kept pushing past highlights of WFC events to keep the social media channels active and interesting. Further three new TOP10 clips (goals/saves/penalties) were produced and distributed on the IFF social media channels.

Mr. Kalsta is attending a digital Sponsorship Sales Certificate course (by the European Sponsorship Association) during May. The aim of the course is in addition to improving professionally is to seek for results in critically observing the IFF sales material and a revised version is due in June.

The sales material for the IFF Champions Cup 2021 is ready and sales has started. Good discussions with floorball manufacturers. The IFF has drafted a sponsorship deck based on the new Champions Cup format (=>2023) **(Appendix 13)**

An IFF brand image survey project will be carried out in autumn to evaluate how well the new brand has been established and how it is perceived. The study will be made by the Glion Institute of Higher Education students.

CB decided: To approve the reports

i) Development & Equality Ad Hoc group

Mr. Halonen reported that a number of Development Seminars were planned for the spring of 2020, but everything has naturally been cancelled due to the Covid-19 situation. The plans however remain and if the situation allows later during the autumn the plan is to run seminars in USA, Singapore, India and in Europe. The IFF is also checking the possibility to provide an on-line individual education organized by an outside company. The pricing for the participants is not yet decided, but the cost per person is planned to be very reasonable.

The IFF has applied a development support funding from the IOC and the support, 32.000 USD was granted to IFF. The IFF Secretary General Mr. Liljelund corresponded with the IOC before the application was sent and very much thank to that, the support was granted despite the very challenging situation regarding the development work.

The projects IFF is running related to the IOC support are the IFF strategy planning and evaluation, Implementing the License system 2.0 and to continue the mentor coaching program the way it's possible.

CB decided: To approve the report

j) International Lobbying Ad Hoc group

Nothing to report

CB decided: To approve the report

§ 8. IFF Office

Mr. Eriksson reported that the Agreements for the Hosting of the IFF Office and the Employment of the IFF Secretary General on behalf of IFF with the Finnish Federation has been signed for 2021-2024.

Mr. Halonen further reported that the transfer period 2020 has started on the 1st of May and despite the present situation it seems that the start of the transfer period has started with a quite decent number of transfers and very similar compared to the start of the transfer period last year in 2019. Due to the fact that no tournaments are organized there are no temporary play transfers made so far, but the number of those transfers have been very small annually.

Mr. Liljelund further reported that the Sportcal Report for the WFC 2019 in Neuchâtel, Switzerland has been published (**Appendix 25**). IFF has an agreement with Sportcal for a study also for the WFC 2020, but as the most part of the GSI-team, whom have conducted the studies have left Sportcal, it is unclear if the company is able to conduct the study in the same way as the previous ones have been done and with the same level of quality. IFF has asked for a meeting with Sportcal since December, but so far there has been no response from Sportcal and IFF has therefore looked for other opportunities. IFF has discussed the possibility to continue the series of studies with a new company called Quantum Consultancy, formed by a number of previous Sportcal employees. Attached is a proposal for a study for 2020 – 2022, which gives the same kind of information as the previous studies, which helps to evaluate the success of the Events. (**Appendix 26**)

Mr. Suman felt that Mr. Liljelund is offering a good solution for the IFF, with both closing the old contract and finding a new supplier.

CB decided: To approve the report and the proposal to work with Quantum Consultancy.

a) Development operations

Mr. Halonen informed how the IFF will use the WFC 2021 registration as a test, before the Tier system takes full effect in 2023. In relation to the License System the IFF will concentrate mainly to update the tier groups for the members based on the facts from the survey IFF ran in 2019 and on a mutual consulting between the member association and the IFF. The idea is to build development plans for a three-year period.

CB decided: To approve the report

b) Communications operations

Mr. Halonen informed on behalf of Ms. Bruun that the IFF received a record amount of applications for the IFF Kids with Sticks support packages, with 55 complete applications from 30 different countries, and the campaign was actively promoted through the IFF communication channels. The IFF Office then made the first selection of projects and then the floorball fans also have their say by voting for the projects they find most important on Facebook. The ten best

based on the vote on Facebook will receive a set of sticks and balls and a set of goalkeeper equipment. IFF is also supporting six other projects with a set of sticks and balls. The campaign in Facebook reached a total of 83.000 fans and around 20.000 comments

The #floorballathome campaign has been running on IFF Instagram during the coronavirus and IG fans have actively taken part in it.

CB decided: To approve the report

c) Material operations

Mr. Liljelund to report that IFF has held its yearly meeting with RISE/Mr. Lars-Åke Henriksson concerning the running of the IFF Material System (**Appendix 27**). The only alarming fact is that the sales of Floorball sticks has decreased two years in a row:

The amount of pre-sold marking stickers for total year 2019:

Balls	2.200.841 pcs	(2.220.701 pcs)	-0,9 %
Sticks	514.663 pcs	(627.455 pcs)	-18,0 %
Goals	2.010 pcs	(2.410 pcs)	-16,6 %
Rinks	465 pcs	(466 pcs)	-0,4 %
Face masks	1.970 pcs	(1.410 pcs)	39,7%

The decrease in stick sales is around -112.792 sticks, equalling -18,0 % compared to 2019. The sales of sticks have now dropped the second year in row.

The IFF Material Board had its meeting on the 20th of May to discuss the present questions regarding the approval of materials, the Material regulation 2020 and the development Floorball Materials in general. The IFF material Board approved the updated version of the Material Regulation and decided to give the development support for the preparations of The World Games 2022 and the IFF Sustainability activation "Stick with It" floorball material recycling project. The Material Board also discussed the IFF proposal for the new strategy and it was agreed that the members of the Material board will provide their own feedback separately before end of June. (**Appendix 32**)

Mr. Suman informed that the sales in the Czech market is developing with a few per cent on a yearly basis.

The IFF CB is to re-approve the final small editions to the IFF Material Regulations, where the Major changes have been listed in the appendix (**Appendix 28**)

CB decided: To approve the report and the final version of the IFF Material Regulation

d) ParaFloorball information

Mr. Houman reported that Special Olympics have moved their World Winter Games 2021 to 2022. A new host has been appointed, but not yet officially communicated. In total some 1.800 athletes will participate in six different sports. Floorball will be the sport with most teams, with an allocation of teams between 50-60, which will make floorball as the sport with most participants at the Winter World Games 2022. There will be several teams who will be at the World Winter Games, who are not yet a member of the IFF. There are two seminars that have been cancelled, due to COVID-19. There has been a Floorball resource team founded in the USA, which is good news for the development.

Mr. Halonen, reported on behalf of Ms. Bruun, that IFF is waiting for the official announcement of where and when the SO World Winter Games will be organised.

CB decided: To approve the reports

e) Equality operations

Mr. Halonen reported on behalf of Ms. Mitchell that IFF has discussed about the possibility to take use of the Swedish Equality project Fifty-Fifty and its interactive materials. It seems that there is a willingness to share the material, but the details still need to be clarified as the material is made by a regional organisation and there are plans to build it for the Swedish Sports Confederation. Mr. Eriksson has been part of the discussions concerning this with the Swedish Floorball.

CB decided: To approve the report

f) Sustainability operations

Mr. Halonen reported on behalf of Mr. Kalsta on the actions taken in regard to the IFF Sustainability actions. Following the signing of the UN Sports for Climate Action the IFF has worked for an active solution to build its sustainability initiative. The IFF has agreed on a partnership with the sustainability consultancy myclimate (www.myclimate.com), which is a Swiss company. This cooperation will support the sustainability goals defined in the new strategy draft. **(Appendix 29).**

The myclimate partnership was negotiated to have access to professional help in matters regarding sustainability. The only financial commitment that is being made is to compensate for IFF staff travel CO2 emissions in 2020 (based on 2019 emissions this a few thousand euros). Further elements are as follows:

- Official partnership status (right to use the myclimate logo and vice versa)
- Communications partnership: we will distribute news and information around sustainability in each other's channels. A media plan for the next 12 months is in place
 - myclimate newsletter reach over 30k
- Access to editorial and graphic sustainability material of myclimate
- Consultation help on sustainability for IFF member federations and partners (discounted)
- IFF compensates for staff travel CO2-emissions (year 2020). The compensation payments will go to a chosen climate protection project
- Potential lead generation in sponsorship through the myclimate customer network

The IFF can choose which climate protection project it will finance through its compensation payments. The projects are of highest quality and standardized by a third-party auditor. Moreover, myclimate promotes quantifiable climate protection and long-lasting development worldwide. Through these projects, emissions are reduced by replacing fossil fuel sources with renewable energies and by implementing energy-efficient technologies.

In autumn the IFF will apply for the IOC / DOW Carbon Initiative for the Olympic Movement (the prize is carbon emission credits by the IOC sponsor DOW). There is a very good possibility to win based on the listed criteria.

The floorball material recycling initiative “Stick with it!” is being prepared together with the WFC2020 LOC for the WFC 2020 in Helsinki. (**Appendix 31**) We have received a value-in-kind offer for producing the cardboard collection boxes.

CB decided: To approve the report

§ 9. Member Federations

a) Membership questions

Mr. Halonen informed that there has arisen a slight conflict between the IFF member association and another federation in Cameroon, which both have the same name and both still lacking the recognition from the national sport authorities. The one, which has been a member of the IFF since 2013 has been active and organised the development seminar in Douala 2016 and has been working with Floorball all the time. The other one is stating to hold the rights of running Floorball operations in Cameroon and has also sent in documents signed by the Cameroonian NOC.

The IFF has approached both sides and has demanded a joint meeting between these two sides, to clarify the possibilities for cooperation. IFF has also informed that we will and have now seek advice from the IOC Sport Department and through them the NOC Relations department, before the IFF decides anything further. Mr. Liljelund has been in contact with the IOC and asked for advice. The IFF has informed both associations that the main concern for the IFF is that Floorball is running in Cameroon and keeps developing as it has developed during the last years.

CB decided: To approve the report

b) Members under suspension

No members under suspension

CB decided: To approve the report.

c) New Member Applications

Mr. Halonen informed that there are a few applications (Jordanian, Cyprus and Chinese Taipei) to be presented to the IFF CB most likely in the September meeting. The negotiations are still ongoing and it takes slightly more time to get all the official documents and paperwork provided at the time by the applicants.

CB decided: To approve the report

§ 10. Next CB meeting

Mr. Eriksson concluded that the next CB meeting, will be held on the 05.-06.09.2020, in connection with the U19 WFC 2020 in Uppsala, Sweden – Invitation for IFF GA to be sent out latest 11.09.2020.

There might be a need to hold an extra Teams CB meeting M4 in middle of June on the 15th at 15.00 CET, in relation to the COVID-19 crisis. Mr. Halonen will make the invitation for the meeting over Teams.

The other meetings are preliminary planned as follows:

M5 30.10-01.11.2020 – All documents and nominations have to be sent out latest 04.11.2020.

M6: 09.12.2020

IFF General Assembly 11.12.2020

M7: 12.12.2020

CB decided: To approve the report and decide accordingly

§ 11. Closing of the meeting

Mr. Eriksson thanked the CB for a very good and efficient meeting. even if it would be much more effective to have meetings face to face. The CB felt that it has been a very effective and productive meeting, despite having it over Teams. Mr. Eriksson closed the meeting at the 19:00 CET.

**John Liljelund
Secretary General**

**Tomas Eriksson
President**

International Floorball Federation (IFF)

Regarding the U19 WFC 2020 in Uppsala, Sweden

The Swedish Floorball Federation, Uppsala Municipality and IFU Arena are very proud of hosting the IFF World Floorball Championships in 2020 and 2021. The IFF is the sole owner of the competitions, and the local organizers understands your and the participating nations' challenges in the difficult situation we still are all in.

Based on the prevailing situation in the world we understand that some of the participating nations, especially the ones who need to have an intercontinental travel to/from the U19 World Floorball Championships 2020, are hesitating about and will have limited possibilities to participate if the competition will be arranged as planned in September. The LOC are concerned about these nations and their players, as well as all the others, but we will do our best to organize a safe championship. However, there are also risks that are not under our control as a LOC, mainly during the travel arrangement to and from Sweden.

Nationally in Sweden public gatherings with more than 50 people are still not allowed, and there is no final date set, or forecast from The Public Health Agency of Sweden, when this could be changed. That means what the championships in September does not seem to be able to be arranged with spectators, which means that the sales revenue for both the Swedish Floorball Federation and for the IFU Arena will be lost.

In addition, the LOC as local organizers, will also lose values unless the championships can be arranged with all 16 nations. We do not consider it likely that the current travel restrictions to and from Sweden will change significantly before September.

With the above in mind, we do not consider it justifiable to carry out the championship as planned. Therefore, we now offer the IFF the opportunity to move the championships 2020 to instead be held in Uppsala, Sweden on May 5-9th 2021. This based on previously agreed conditions.

We appreciate that the further communication on this issue will be handled jointly.

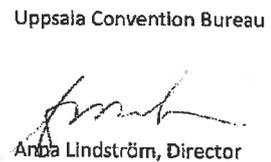
For the local organization of the IFF U19 World Floorball Championships 2020

Swedish Floorball Federation

Mikael Ahlerup, Secretary General

IFU Arena

Tobias Svensson, CEO

Uppsala Convention Bureau

Anja Lindström, Director

To the IFF Executive Committee

Firstly, Floorball New Zealand (FNZ) acknowledges the work that you are putting in at this difficult time and that you are facing challenges where there is no rule book, different rules around the world and the playing field keeps changing. Thank you for the extensive consideration you are putting into your decisions.

We have read through the minutes of the Central Boards last meeting, and are very grateful for the very good questions being asked to make the Women's U19 World Floorball Championships tournament as safe as possible.

Floorball New Zealand would like to take this opportunity to present our position.

The Covid-19 situation in NZ

Some of you may be aware, NZ has had a very tight lock down, and managed to get on top of Covid-19. As at 9 June have had 17 consecutive days with no new cases and now has no active cases in the country. Our government has very strict border controls in place. As an organisation we are in contact with Sport NZ and NZ Immigration and at this time international travel is banned. We have a 14 day isolation period when returning to New Zealand, and more importantly do not have direct flights to Sweden meaning we would have to transit through countries. Players and Parents are very anxious of what is happening in Europe, especially Sweden, and New Zealanders in general are very concerned about people from overseas bringing Covid-19 back into the country.

Floorball currently in NZ

A very few clubs are just starting to get back into training this month and others have indicated that they are not able within the current restrictions. Travel around the country remains difficult and players are reluctant to travel for training camps etc. As of 7 June some competition has been able to start.

The Women U19 World Floorball Championships

FNZ would very much like to take part in this tournament. It is the only opportunity we have to play teams from outside New Zealand and Australia, so we agree with your sentiment that it is important for an U19 Women World Floorball Championship tournament to take place. We also think it is important that countries from outside Europe remain part of the tournament as it demonstrates that Floorball is truly an international sport and deserves to be part of the other tournaments such as the World Games and the Olympic Games. However, FNZ have extreme concerns regarding a World Floorball Championship tournament in September and recommend a postponement to May 2021 for the following reasons:

- Sweden is still having a significant number of increased cases of Covid-19 on a daily basis. Sweden appears to be the country in Europe who has the least control of the virus and numbers are still increasing at high levels.
- Travel for us in September will be near impossible. Our government is advising not to travel internationally at all and our borders remain closed and no indication has been given of when this will change. The government has indicated that travel to Australia might be possible again in August or September, but not beyond to any other countries. Should the current travel restrictions be reduced, the cost of travel and insurance will be extremely high.
- Due to the not having been able to access our training or fitness venues for training or fitness for the past 2 months the general strength, fitness and lack of game time has meant of players ability has declined. There is an increased risk of player injuries with a September tournament. This must also apply to a lot of other countries and we question whether a fair and equal

preparation is possible for all participating countries.

- On returning to New Zealand players are currently required to self-isolate for two weeks. This will add another 14 days to the overall campaign., under the current situation, to take two weeks for travel and the tournament plus 2 weeks for self-isolation. The time cost is so great at a time for U19 players especially as this is happening in a time of school exams in New Zealand, it will have major effects on player availability for the campaign.

- If we are unable to attend the 2020 competition it will jeopardise our ability to host the 2022 World Championship tournament, as a lack of involvement will affect our chances of attracting government and business funding.

We are a small developing nation and representing the country is a huge opportunity for all of our players. We have invested a lot into Floorball and the development of teams and are still on a large learning curve. The World Championships and Qualifiers are currently our only opportunity for overseas competition and to see what floorball looks like outside of NZ and Australia. It is also our only opportunity to show the rest of NZ that Floorball is a serious sport and that we can be competitive in this sport which is a vital puzzle piece to attract more players into the sport.

New Zealand has taken it hard this year in Floorball and we are struggling.

The NZ Mens team had their opportunity to qualify for the Men WFC taken from them when the qualifiers in Thailand were cancelled at very short notice due to Covid-19. This has had a massive effect on the players who had been preparing for several years for this opportunity. To have this happen also to our U19 Women and then possibly our U19 Men will be extremely detrimental to the development of floorball in NZ.

We are aware that you are very keen to make this event happen rather than cancelling it all together. We fully support you in that. However when we observe that most other international tournaments are moving their events to next year, even sports currently scheduled for late in 2020, then we strongly question the reason to go ahead with the tournament in September and even 2020. Other sports have realised that the only fair thing to do is to push events out, do the right thing and enable everyone to prepare properly and to take part. Surely some of those postponements have far greater consequences compared to moving the WU19 WFC. If IFF continue to push for a tournament in September, it will mean that it is unachievable for countries outside of Europe to attend. We think that this sends a clear message to the rest of the world that contradicts the proposed IFF Strategy 2021 -2032 and the aspirations to become a truly global sport.

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