

Helsinki, Finland, 9th of December 2021

IFF Central Board meeting 8/2021 9.12.2021 as a Hybrid meeting in Helsinki, Finland

Place: Meeting held as a Hybrid meeting in Sokos Hotel Tripla, Helsinki, Finland and simultaneously over Teams

Participants: (In Helsinki)	Tomas Eriksson	President
	Filip Suman	Vice President
	Tamuz Hidir	
	Steen Houman	
	Calle Karlsson	
	Martin Klabere	
	Carlos Lopez	
Over Teams	Agata Plechan	ATC Chair
	Kaarina Vuori	
	Jörg Beer	
	Stephen King	
	Monica Birdal	Treasurer
	Veli Halonen	Operations Manager
	Stefan Kratz	Competition Manager
John Liljelund	Secretary General	
Excused:	Pakkamol Siriwat	

Minutes

§ 1. Opening of the meeting

Mr. Eriksson welcomed all members to the ninth CB meeting of the year and opened the meeting at 09:00.

The meeting was held as a hybrid meeting with nine CB members physically on-site in Helsinki and then three members participating over Teams.

§ 2. Approval of the agenda

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

Appendix 9 - WFC 2020 TV List
Appendix 10 - WFC 2021 TV List

CB Decided: To approve the report, the new and updated appendixes and the agenda for the meeting

§ 3 **Minutes from the CB meeting: 08/2021 a Hybrid meeting (14.11.2021)**

The minutes from the last CB meeting 8/2021 were scrutinized, approved and put ad acta. (Appendix 1)

CB Decided: To approve the minutes of the IFF CB meetings 08/2021

§ 4. **Financial questions**

a) **Financial report 2021 by 30.11.2021 – with forecast**

Mrs. Birdal presented the financial report and the balance sheet by the 30.11.2021 (**Appendix 2**).

The outcome per 30th of November is CHF 327.067, which is some CHF 279.235 (2020: CHF 47.832) better than the same period last year. The double WFC's and the participation and organisers fees connected to these, the second instalment of the IOC Covid-19 support and continued more transfers has led to an increased income but also the costs (travels, daily allowances, TV production etc) with the WFCs played are naturally higher than last year.

The liquidity 30th of November is CHF 480.912, which is some CHF 281.945 higher compared with last year (CHF 198.967). The liquidity situation is such that currently we are not in need to take up the secured loan of 100.000 EUR from the Finnish Floorball Federation.

The situation with Covid-19 continues to negatively affect the expected income from material this year, a situation which might take a year before we expect to be back on more normal figures, so we must continue to be very careful and only invest in the most needed areas.

The forecasted outcome now shows a surplus of CHF 73.587, and if we don't face any negative surprises, we should reach the originally budgeted outcome (CHF 73.000), which Ms. Birdal finds to be very good in these circumstances.

The finances are continued to be monitored on a daily basis, and possible saves considered if and when we see signs of possible less income than now forecasted.

Mr. Liljelund expressed that there are still some TV costs to come from the Women's WFC TV production, otherwise the forecast should be sufficient.

Mr. Eriksson congratulated the IFF Office and the treasurer for a job well done in this situation.

CB Decided: To approve the reports

b) **Information on IFF claims – License system and WFC 2020-2021 – status December 6th,**

Mrs. Birdal presented the claims situation by the 06.12.2021 for Associations participating in the WFC 2020 and 2021 and separately for those not participating in any of the IFF Events. (**Appendix 3 and 4**). For the WFC's 2020 and 2021 no action is needed, as all participants have managed their duties.

For the next CB meeting the document will be prepared for the WFCs 2022.

Since last CB meeting nothing has happened with the pay-off plans (**Appendix 5**). Ukraine has informed that the bank problems continue due to a new law in Ukraine where they need to re-register in the Ministry of Justice. Their account is still blocked but they found another solution to make the first instalment which arrived on 9.12. Canada has their next instalment by 31st of December.2021, Slovenia has their next instalment 31.01.2022. Malaysia has informed

that they will pay the annual fee for 2020 but face problems with the annual fee 2021 and also participation fees which prevents them from participation. Cote d'Ivoire has communicated that they will restart the plan but has been informed that the idea with the plan is to pay-off the old debt but to pay all new fees in time and currently their debt has increased due to not paying new fees. Since Cote d'Ivoire has not yet paid the WFCQ 2022 participation fee this will need to be attended to.

Mr. Kratz proposed that there needs to be set a final date for Cote d'Ivoire to pay the required debt by the 31.12.2021 in accordance with the payment plan and paying the participation fee. Mr. King fully agreed to this proposal and Mr. Suman informed that we should use the previous CB decision that all will have to have paid the participation fee by the 31.12.2021, to be able to participate in the WFCQ2022.

CB Decided: To approve the reports and to continue to follow up on the pay-off plans for Canada, Russia, Malaysia, Slovenia and Ukraine. Regarding Cote d'Ivoire, in addition to follow up on their pay-off plan, the paying of the participation fee for WFCQ 2022 is mandatory for their participation by the 31.12.2021, which is the case for all federations.

c) **IFF Extraordinary General Assembly and Association meeting 2021**

Mr. Eriksson reported that the IFF CB has decided, in its previous meeting, about the program of the IFF Association meeting. (**Appendix 6**). The CB discussed the process for the running of the Association meeting and how the working groups and pair discussions shall be conducted. The IFF Office has prepared a proposal for this. The meeting will be held on Friday 10.12. between 9-14 and on Saturday between 9-12 in the Hartwall Arena.

Mr. Halonen explained that we can have more than 20 persons present in a meeting, for all those who have a Corona passport. The IFF Office has discussed that there could be three different options to run the meeting. The first option would be to run the meeting as planned, the second to have the meeting so that the present run it as planned and adopt the agenda for the participants over Teams.

There are presently 38 nations registered for the Association meeting and the Extraordinary General Assembly, out of which a total of 16 will participate online. The CB discussed how to run the interactive part of the Associations meeting for the country's participation online. The solution will be to run the working groups as planned and then build one or two meeting rooms for the online participants. The CB divided the tasks of the CB members in how to run the different groups.

Mr. Halonen made a recap of the Association meeting and how the group work will be done for all the participants.

In the present Covid19 pandemic situation, the CB also needed to discuss how to execute both the Association meeting and the IFF Extraordinary General Assembly and the possibility for the members who for Covid19 reasons can't participate in the meeting in Helsinki. The IFF Office is preparing a solution for this in the Hartwall Arena, where the meeting will be held.

The CB further discussed the running of the, the IFF Extraordinary General, in these difficult Covid19 pandemic times (**Appendix 7**). The meeting will be held as a continuation to the Association meeting in the same in the Hartwall Arena. The IFF Office is preparing the voting tool for the IFF Extraordinary General Assembly. The Singapore Floorball Federation has handed in a objection to the proposal to change the qualification system for the IWGA World Games, due to the inability for Australia and Japan to participate in the WFC 2020 and therefore compete in the World Games qualifications. (**Appendix 8**)

CB Decided: To approve the report and confirmed the Agenda for the Extraordinary General and the program for the invitation for the Extraordinary General Assembly.

§ 5. **World Championships**

a) **Men's WFC 2020, Helsinki Finland – played in December 2021**

Mrs. Vuori reported on the ongoing Men's WFC in Helsinki.

The recent Covid19 pandemic developments have caused several the international guests have cancelled their participation in the WFC 2020. There has been sold a total of 16.967 tickets so far and there has been a total of 23.298 spectators by the 7.12.

	December	% of the goal	Total capacity
3.12. day ticket	1.244	40 %	4700
4.12. day ticket	4.955	110 %	4700
5.12. day ticket	1.601	52 %	4700
6.12. day ticket	393	92 %	5100
7.12. day ticket	201	50 %	5100
8.12. day ticket	873	19 %	4700
9.12. day ticket	347	28 %	4900
Final Weekend (incl. 2 days)	7.353	78 %	9468
TOTAL SOLD TICKETS	16.967	63 %	43368

The ticket sales will decide what the financial outcome will be for the whole event. The LOC is releasing individual tickets for the Friday and Saturday. There is a small concern that not all who have bought tickets will participate. There has been one Covid-19 case in the LOC organisation. In addition, there has been another Covid-19 with the Host broadcaster YLE Studio crew. Mr. Suman asked if the plan was from the start to play in the B-arena. The signal which was sent by this to the countries has been really negative. Ms. Salomaa feels that the B-arena is not good enough. Mr. Klabere informed that USA ended up that they would not have played on the A-arena. The CB felt that in the present situation we need to look at the way the venues for the WFC's are selected.

In general there has been a lot of criticism from the participating teams about the B-venue and there has been extreme criticism towards the way the VIP was handled in Nordis, where there were no coffee or even water at a number of times, the room was very cold and the timing of the food service raised a lot of questions.

Mr. Liljelund reported on the TV issues and that there have been some issues with the Nordis A-hall venue lighting, in combination to the use of the Teal coloured flooring in the Arena and the limited colour settings of the PolarHD cameras. Based on this the Mr. Liljelund initiated that the flooring for the Finals in the Hartwall Arena will be changed to a dark blue one, in order to avoid further criticism from either the TV or on social media. The IFF together with the LOC prepared the change.

Mr. Liljelund further reported on the visibility of the Men's WFC with some 25 different takers in 14 countries. **(Appendix 9)**

CB Decided: To approve the report.

b) WFC 2021, Uppsala, Sweden

Mr. Klabe reported of the final round for the Women's WFC played in Uppsala from 27th of November to 5th of December. It was a pretty smooth arena, with just a small number of problems

The Women's WFC 2021 had a total of 21.207 spectators, which is an average of 442 per match, which was partly due to the Covid restrictions, and the challenges caused by the changed restrictions during the event. The arena was quite suitable in the end for the tournament.

Mr. Liljelund further reported on the visibility of the Men's WFC with some 21 different takers in 15 countries. The IFF Office is still collecting the TV spectator figures, but in Sweden the SVT broadcasts from the WFC had a total of 1,6 million viewers and reached a total of 4,6 million spectators. In addition, there was a total of 335.000 starts on SVT Play. The number of matches and takers is reported separately. (**Appendix 10**)

Ms. Plechan felt that there should be some more work done to get more spectator to the games, than the Swedish matches, like including school kids. Mr. Suman felt that when we are in Finland and Sweden that the countries are only concentrating on the home country. IFF needs to say that this is not possible to have separate treatment of the athletes and the VIP between the home countries and all other countries. Mr. Karlsson asked Ms. Plechan if there was a difference between Neuchatel and Uppsala. In Uppsala there was a lot of practical problems, with the busses arriving late. Mr. Eriksson felt that we need to bring all the issues to the table. It is a very important discussion and IFF needs to find a way to treat all the participating parties equally.

Mr. Klabe expressed that it is imperative that the teams would report any issues or problem immediately to the IFF Jury/IFF Office, so that we can act early enough and they feel that they can approach the IFF with any problems.

CB Decided: To approve the reports.

c) Upcoming Events

WFC 2022, Zurich, Switzerland

Mr. Beer reported on the preparations of the WFC 2022. The preparations are ongoing and there has been sold a total of 5.000 tickets. An additional sponsor in the field of the hotel industry has been sold and two in the field of web-services. The LOC will promote the Event in both WFC 2021 in Uppsala and WFC 2020 and the shooting of the WFC 2022 documentary has started in Helsinki.

CB Decided: to approve the reports.

U19 WFC 2022

Mr. Kratz reported that Slovakia in the end could not get the needed support to organise the event. The search for an alternative organiser is ongoing and discussions have been started. Go/No-go dates will need to be set with the appointed organiser and it is important that we clearly confirm how replacement teams will be considered in the case of countries not being able to participate due to Covid-19. Replacement countries must be considered based on registration first, then regional considerations and ranking.

Mr. Eriksson asked when we must take the final decision about the playing, Mr. Kratz answered that we need to take the decision by end of January. The CB felt that we need to save the tournament in any way possible. There might be an interest in support from the nations to find a new organiser.

CB Decided: to approve the report and

U19 WFC 2023, 2024 and WFC 2024

Mr. Liljelund reported that the negotiations with the organiser of the WFC 2023 has started in October and the plan is to finalise the agreement latest in January 2022, to give the LOC and their partners enough time to prepare for the event. There will be organised a WFC 2020 Study trip for the Singaporean delegation on the 8th of December for representatives of the Singapore Floorball Association, the Event Production Company and the TV company. The Singapore Tourism Board was not able to travel due to restrictions.

The discussions with the Swedish association for the WFC 2024 will start during the first part of 2022. There will be representatives from the City of Malmö and the Malmö Arena together with the Swedish Floorball Federation for a Study trip on the 8th of December.

CB Decided: to approve the report

d) Covid-19 topics

WFC 2021

Mr. Kratz reported that all team delegation members had to be fully vaccinated or undergo antigen testing every day. There had in total been just approximately ~~just some~~ 10 unvaccinated only.

1 PCR positive Thai player – return travel PCR

1 Antigen positive Italy – departed prior to PCR testing. PCR positive test on return to Switzerland which need to be followed up by IFF for possible sanctions

2 PCR positive Estonia

1 Singapore positive Antigen test – waiting for PCR result

For all positive in Uppsala a 7 day quarantine is required

WFC 2020

All team delegation members had to be fully vaccinated or undergo PCR testing every 72hrs. We have had approximately some 10 unvaccinated only. All team delegation members had to do pre-competition PCR

1 PCR positive Slovakia team staff. In isolation at hotel. Finnish authorities requested PCR testing of whole team and all were negative. The person with the positive PCR test is currently in a 10-day quarantine.

1 PCR test has been positive for a member of the LOC, the person is in quarantine in accordance to Finnish laws

1 PCR test has been positive for the YLE Studio host, who is now in quarantine and YLE is looking on how to work with the studio for the final weekend, as they where not in the arena at all yesterday.

WFCQ 2022 EUR

Covid-19 implementation plans for all EUR qualifications have been sent to teams. Go/No-go date for teams is set for 13th Dec.

CC 2022

Current travel restrictions mean that Czech Republic would need to PCR test and quarantine for 10 days upon arrival to Switzerland, which makes participation impossible unless some exception can be granted. There is some discussion that these restrictions will be lifted, but no indication of when.

Teams have indicated that they are willing to travel if they can but would like a decision on the event by around 10th December as most have travel bookings that will be non-refundable after 13th December. LOC meeting on Monday 6th December to discuss the situation and will advise IFF after this.

CB Decided: To approve the report

§ 6. Club competitions

a) Champions Cup

Mr. Beer reported on the preparations of the Champions Cup 2022 to be played in Winterthur, Switzerland 15th – 16th January 2022.

The IFF Office has held a meeting with the Champions Cup LOC on the 7th of December, during which the LOC has informed that the SUHV is not able in these Covid19 pandemic situation to organise the Event in a safe matter. The IFF CB received a letter from the Champions Cup LOC chief Ms. Sophie Sutter (**Appendix 15**)

The latest developments of the COVID-19 pandemic, such as the newly emerged Omicron variant, the intensified measures of the Federal Council as of 6th of December, as well as the occupancy figures of the intensive care units forced Swiss unihockey to re-evaluate whether it is possible and reasonable to hold the international event in January 2022 or not.

Various scenarios were discussed in the project team, such as the cancellation at different times, the event without spectators or with only a few spectators. A cancellation now means costs of around CHF 20'000-25'000 for Swiss unihockey. Most teams can cancel their flights by 13th December without any costs. Any cancellation of the event at a later date, the costs for Swiss unihockey would be significantly higher and would amount to approximately CHF 120'000. In addition, costs would then also be incurred for the participating teams and the LOC in Winterthur. If the event is held with further protective measures (e.g. Bubble) and spectator restrictions, there is a risk that a loss of around CHF 200'000 may result.

In Switzerland as well as in the participating countries, the COVID-19 pandemic is still very dynamic and changing rapidly. The internationality of the event and the associated dependence on other countries and their COVID-19 policies increases the planning difficulties. Measures in the respective countries that go further than in Switzerland are possible. In the Czech Republic, a national state of emergency was declared on 25 November. In Sweden and Finland, the number of cases is currently significantly lower than in Switzerland. Further measures to restrict travel to or from Switzerland cannot be ruled out. The financial risk for Swiss unihockey is greatly increased by the uncertain and constantly changing COVID-19 situation.

Swiss unihockey requests the Central Board of the IFF to cancel the IFF Champions Cup due to the uncertain COVID-19 pandemic situation and the associated financial risks.

Mr. Suman felt that it is important that the teams and the federations should have the information from the IFF.

CB Decided: To approve the reports and decide to cancel the Champions Cup 2022 based on the application of the Swiss association.

b) Euro Floorball Cup 2021

Mr. Kratz reported that he is discussing with a potential organiser of the EFC 2022 with the aim to play late August.

CB Decided: To approve the report

§ 7. ExCo, Strategy Implementation and Ad Hoc group reports

a) ExCo reports

Mr. Eriksson reported on the ExCo activities after the previous CB meetings, which has mainly focused on the preparations and planning for Extraordinary General Assembly and the IFF Association Meeting.

The President has had several meetings with the secretary general to look over the present financial situation and the forecast related to the present situation with both WFC's being played.

During the WFC 2021 IFF held a meeting with the Italian Floorball Federation (FIUF) and the Italian Field Hockey Federation (FIH) about the inclusion of the FIUF in the FIH, in order to be able to join the Italian NOC (CONI). FIH has on the 6th of December confirmed that the FIH central board has confirmed the formation of a Floorball division of the FIH. The Italian NOC will confirm the merge in its AGM still during December.

The IFF Consultative meeting concerning the Euro Floorball Championships will be held on the 12th of December, in connection to the WFC 2020 in Helsinki.

The planned meeting of the IFF Ethics Commission has been postponed based on the proposal of the ETC chair Harri Syväsalmi, due to the present Covid19 pandemic situation. The ETC is to have its face-to-face meeting in March-April.

CB Decided: to approve the report.

b) Strategy Implementation

Mr. King reported on the work of the IFF Strategy Implementation working group (SWG) and the Strategy Sub-group chairs to prepare the strategy workshop for the IFF Association meeting. The target is to have some concrete tasks and timetable in which way we are moving, as the different sub-groups have had a quite different activity so far. Mr. King asked the CB members to re-activate the sub-groups after the Christmas times.

CB Decided: To approve the report

c) CB Member responsibilities

Mr. Hidir reported that the following have taken place in Eastern Europe. Floorball in Ukraine is growing even though Covid19 restrictions has been a big challenge. For the past 2 seasons the National Championship in all categories has been played according as plans. The number of clubs are growing and is now 43 registered clubs. As an indicator this year 15 teams 5 referee pairs teams have registered and will participate in Storvreta Cup. UFF has 3 out of 4 National Trams up and running. The next step would be to hold a minor IFF event.

As in Ukraine in Russia they have managed to find ways to continue and develop Floorball during covid 19 pandemic. Many good local initiatives and on the National level NFFR managed to create a competition structure that attracts more and more teams. Also live streaming and commentating has been successfully introduced during last season. The biggest challenge for the National Federation is to have a solid organization. NFFR has all 4 National Trams up and running.

Floorball in Belarus is very Minsk centred. They have started this season with 4 teams in the National Championship. Previous years it has been 6-8 teams. They have also good referee activity running and the plan was for 1-2 referee pairs to come to Storvreta Cup but due to covid restrictions this has been put on hold.

In Moldova, unfortunately many floorball activities have been put out on hold in Moldavia during the Covid 19 pandemic. In Moldavia there is a registered Moldavian Floorball Federation, 2 registered clubs, and several floorball groups. They are still playing but only locally.

Kazakhstan has informed that they are ready to start the process of handing in a formal application of membership to the IFF. They have several groups playing Floorball in the country and are registered as a federation. I have been given them practical advice regarding the application for example, reading the IFF statute, and finding a person in their organization that speaks English and understand and calculate how to generate income in order to pay IFFs membership fees and have money left for its ordinary activities?

CB Decided: To approve the report

§ 8. International Sports

International Olympic Committee/IOC

Mr. Eriksson reported that the IOC has published the Framework on Fairness, Inclusion and Non-Discrimination. Through this approach, the IOC seeks to promote a safe and welcoming environment for everyone involved in sport, consistent with the principles enshrined in the Olympic Charter. Whilst the Framework focuses on elite level, a large part is applicable to recreational and grassroots sport. The Framework also acknowledges the central role that eligibility criteria play in ensuring fairness, in high-level organized sport, in particular in the women's category, while recommending a comprehensive approach grounded on the respect for internationally recognized human rights, robust evidence, and athlete's consultation. This Framework replaces all previous IOC statements on this topic, including the 2015 IOC Consensus Statement. (**Appendix 10**)

General Association of International Sport Associations/GAISF

Mr. Eriksson reported that the newly elected GAISF President Ivo Ferriani has in the first GAISF Council meeting informed that he will for the GAISF AGM during the SportAccord convention in Ekaterinburg, Russia 15th to 23rd of May 2022 propose the dissolution of GAISF. This decision needs a 2/3 majority. (**Appendix 11**)

The ARISF Council has discussed the new situation in a number of meetings and written a letter to the GAISF Council. In the letter the ARISF Council declares that the ARISF Council was unanimous in concluding that the potential dissolution of GAISF was a matter which would require significant stakeholder consultation. Any consultation must be prefaced by a clear description of the motivations and objectives for any potential change, the potential consequences for all stakeholders and alternative approaches for reaching the objectives.

A reasonable time to collect consultation answers from all GAISF members and other stakeholders must be allowed for. Many ARISF members have expressed concerns to the ARISF Council regarding this issue and in our opinion, it will not be possible to reach a decision at the GAISF General Assembly in May 2022.

We propose that the GAISF Council set a clear roadmap, including a reasonable timeline, for conducting a review of the matter including the consultation as mentioned above.

Furthermore, we suggest that a letter clarifying the process going forward be sent to all GAISF members so as to lessen concerns about an expedited process.

Association of IOC Recognised International Sport Federations/ARISF

Mr. Eriksson reported that the ARISF AGM will be held on the 15th of December as a virtual meeting, based on an announcement made by President Chiulli.

The ARISF Council has in two council meetings discussed the proposals made by the President for a change of the Statutes to include the possibility for ARISF to promote and organise multi-sport games. The council has decided to not propose the change of the statutes, but propose a motion to the ARISF Council to prepare for a possible dissolution of GAISF and asking the membership to give the ARISF Council the task to act in the interest of the ARISF members and conduct consultations with the ARISF members.

The AGM will be held in order to secure the elections still during 2021. The candidate for the presidency is Mr. Chiulli (powerboating/re-election), vice president Ms. Arzhanova (underwater sports/re-election) and the secretary general Mr. Fraccari (baseball-softball/re-election). There are in total six candidates for the three council members. They are Ms. Claire Briegal (netball/new), Mr. Claude Azema (boule sports/re-election), Mr. Espen Lund (kickboxing/new), Mr. John Liljelund (floorball/re-election), Mr. Jose Priego (wakeboarding/new), and Mr. Tom Hollowell (orienteering/re-election).

Mr. Eriksson has been in contact with a number of ARISF member to discuss the upcoming elections.

International World Games Association/IWGA

The TWG 2022 Birmingham 2nd Competition manager meeting was unfortunately held during the IFF Women's WFC 2021 in Uppsala, Sweden on the 29th to 30th of November. The IFF Event manager Ms. Sarah Mitchell and the IFF secretary general participated over Zoom in most of the sessions. IFF is still asking for a site-visit to clarify several issues that still seems to exist with the venue and other issues.

IFF has had discussions with the International Korfbal Federation (IKF) about the set-up of the venue and how the transition from Floorball to Korfbal shall be made. IFF will in December receive a report from the 2nd Competition managers meeting from the IKF delegation of the problems they have found in the BJCC venue where both Floorball and korfbal will be played.

After the questions raised in the previous IFF CB meeting, Mr. Liljelund has received the confirmation that Floorball is among the demo sports in the TWG Sports Garden/TWG Plaza. There had been some misunderstandings made by the BOC.

IFF has further nominated the Czech U19 WFC 2021 Champions for the IWGA Athlete of the Year competition. IFF will together with the Czech Floorball promote this candidate as soon as the y have been published.

Mr. Eriksson stressed that the countries should promote the IWGA Athlete of the Year to their fans. Mr. Karlsson informed that the communication with the BOC, has been quite slow after the USFbA test-event. Mr. Suman informed that the Czech NOC participated in the BOC meeting for the NOC's and they felt it will be a good looking event.

University Sport/FISU

Mr. Lopez reported on the present situation of the preparations of the upcoming FISU World University Cup in Floorball in 2022. As FISU has cancelled the Universiade, Mr. Lopez has pushed FISU to postpone the dates for the registration. There are now there are only three universities, two from Czech Republic and one from Slovakia. The LOC has said that there needs to be 10 universities from outside the host country. Katowice has made an bid for the UWC 2024.

Mr. Eriksson felt that we can do more for the event and it was discussed that there should be some posts made about the University World Cup

Multi-Sport Games

Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games 2022, Bangkok, Thailand

Ms. Siriwat reported of the development of the preparations of the Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games 2022, which will be played in November 17th -26th, 2023 in Thailand and in Bangkok/Chon Buri.

As the next edition of the Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games 2024 will be played in Saudi Arabia, there is a need to support the formation of a Saudi Floorball federation in Saudi Arabia, to facilitate Floorball on the next edition of the AIMAG in Saudi Arabia in 2024.

SEA Games 2021

Ms. Siriwat reported on the preparations with regards to the upcoming Southeast Asian Games (SEA GAMES) which are to be hosted in Vietnam in 2021. Based on recent news it seems that the SEA Games has been moved to July 2022 and there is a possibility that the event will be cancelled totally.

The next edition of the SEA Games will be played in May 5th -16th, 2023, in Phnom Penh Cambodia, and Floorball will appear on the program. There is a need to assist with coaching seminars, setting up the national team of Cambodia, and materials of sticks, balls, and a rink.

CB decided: To approve the reports.

§ 9. Committees and Commissions

a) Rules and Competition Committee (RACC)

Mr. Klabere reported that the RACC has discussed the new concept proposal for the Euro Floorball Championship.

Since there are still too many uncertainties and the consultative meeting is after the next CB-meeting the RACC haven't been able to prepare a full evaluation of the pros and cons of the

proposal. However, the RACC will provide some short comments to some of the topics in the changes in made in the new concept proposal.

RACC have the following opinion:

- Change of starting year is a natural step due to Covid-19 and the RACC doesn't have any objections to that.
- Change of men odd and women even is connected to the proposal to play in September instead of January-February and this is one of the topics to be discussed at the consultative meeting since this is a new proposal. RACC will, within the work regarding Strategy Implementation, propose a new calendar where September is workable as the calendar looks now.
- Regarding all participating countries in Euro Floorball Championships, being directly qualified to WFC, the RACC is waiting for the result of the consultative meeting 12.12.2021.

Mr. Suman asked if the RACC discussed the playing system, especially concerning the quarterfinal, to which the Mr. Klabere answered that as nothing has changed and the event concept includes the quarterfinals, the RACC found no need to discuss the system.

CB Decided: To approve the report

b) Referee Committee (RC)

Mr. Lopez reported that the case with the former international referees Mr. Mikko Alakare and Mr. Vesa Vilkki is continuing. The IFF office has received a letter from a lawyer representing the referees. The IFF in this matter is represented by Master of Law, CAS juror Mr. Olli Rauste, the former chair of the IFF ETC. The IFF reply has been sent to the representative of Mr. Alakare and Mr. Vilkki on the 7th of December 2021.

Their open claim, which was not yet a subpoena to the court of law, was merely based on work law related issues and since the IFF is not or never has been an employer of the referees it remains to be seen what the next steps will be.

CB Decided: To approve the report

c) Medical committee

Nothing reported.

CB Decided: To approve the report

d) Athletes commission

Ms. Plechan reported that WADA has advised that Ms. Agata Plechan has not been elected to the WADA Athlete Standing Committee. (Appendix 12) There was a short meeting of part of the four ATC member during the WFC in Uppsala, also recording a short video for the Stick It to It.

Mr. Halonen reported concerning the survey conducted during both the Women's and Men's WFC's among the Athletes on the future colour of the flooring in the IFF Events.

Mr. Eriksson felt that it is very good that we have the ATC members being part of the Ceremonies in the WFC's

CB decided: To approve the report

e) Development Committee (DevC)

Mr. Houman reported on the activities of the Development Committee. The next meeting will be held in January and the preparations will continue after the WFC.

CB Decided: To approve the report

f) Entourage Commission (ENC)

Mr. Hidir reported on the work in relation to the IFF Entourage Commission and the discussions held with the members of the commission.

CB Decided: To approve the report

§ 10. Functions

a) Communication function

Nothing reported.

CB Decided: To approve the report

b) Marketing function

Mr. Beer, reported about the current sales and marketing situation.

The cooperation with the Finnish sales agency RCBA is showing first signs of success. As a result of their prospecting, they will be bringing some prospects to watch games during the World Floorball Championships in Finland. The CEO will also be interviewed by Quantum Consultancy for the event study. A further interview is also taking place with i2 to discuss the success in achieving a big number of LOC partners for WFC 2020.

The IFF managed to sell a campaign for F-liiga to promote their new streaming platform (fliigatv.com). The campaign included a floor sticker, an YouTube game highlight outro clip, a banner on the WFC 2021 web site and a social media campaign (several post during the group phase, one during semi-finals and one on the final day). It will be a good learning for us to evaluate the results of this campaign together to better productize this for partners in the future.

The IFF and the 2021 WFC LOC made a combined offer to one of the Swedish Federation partners, FROMM. The offer included visibility on the floor and rinks in Uppsala and in the mid-circle in Helsinki. The offer was accepted, and the visibility elements implemented.

PSM was able to secure several new broadcasters for the 2020 and 2021 WFC's: nine broadcasters for Uppsala and seven broadcasters for Helsinki

The WFC 2020 LOC sales agency has created two innovative partner brand concepts in cooperation with IFF: the custom-made Fisherman's Friend referee shirts and Stark (hardware store) toolbox penalty benches. Both have been published as articles and promoted on social media channels to create more interest in the IFF as a potential partner.

The IFF Hall of Fame was successfully launched during the WFC 2021 final. The awards were sponsored and produced by ifolor. In exchange the IFF included their logo in the end of the Hall

of Fame tribute video shown in the venue during the ceremony (eventually the video was also included into the YouTube world feed). The company (ifolor) will also be tagged in social media posts about the Hall of Fame ceremony and have a link to ifolor pages in our news publications.

We also received support from Fleurop as they covered the cost for the Hall of Fame ceremony flower bouquets.

CB Decided: To approve the report

c) Material function

Mr. Liljelund reported that the yearly surveillance testing of certified materials have found only one infraction and an explanation has been asked from the company in question.

CB Decided: To approve the report

d) Membership services

Ms. Vuori shortly reported on the plans of how the function will work. The project for the electronical Team list is advancing and it will be solved in the future.

CB Decided: To approve the report

e) Equality function

Nothing reported

CB decided: To approve the report

f) Parafloorball function

Mr. Houman reported on the preparations of the preparations for the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Kazan. Everything is ongoing as planned and there will be a test event in Kazan next year with 23 teams, as the main Event will be held in 2023.

The CB discussed why it is so easy to work with Special Olympics, which is mainly due to the fact that the Special Olympics have much easier to gain financial support. Mr. Lopez explained that the Special Olympics will help the smaller federations towards the recognition of the national associations. Mr. Hidir felt that Special Olympics is much more open to cooperation, than in the case of example university sports. Mr. Houman thinks that IFF has provided all the needed formats of support for the Special Olympics.

CB Decided: To approve the report

g) Sustainability function

Mr. Halonen reported on behalf of Mr. Kalsta that the IFF has received the CO2 footprint report from myclimate (office and staff). This will now act as bench mark for future reports for UN Sports for Climate Network (S4CA) reporting. The WFC 2022 is leading the way for event sustainability in meeting S4CA goals by providing concrete numbers about CO2-emissions from Prague 2018,

setting the goals for reducing them and how that will be done during the 2022 edition of the event.

Based on the proposal and approval of the CB the IFF has signed the Letter of Commitment to join the Race to Zero network. The signed letter has been submitted to UN Sports for Climate action contact person. Once that has been acknowledged by the UN we will write a news article for the IFF website.

The new sustainability campaign FairFloorball been launched during the WFC's. A lot of promotion is happening in the venues as well as digital channels. The IFF media is also producing new footage that can be utilised for further promotion on lines of the launch video that was published on YouTube.

UNIHOOC decided to use their ECO stick as the spearhead product in their WFC promotion. Their promotional material in the arena is focused on this launch and they also published a press release (also promoted by myclimate and sustainability.sport).

The recycling initiative "Stick with it!" was promoted in the WFC 2021 in Uppsala and we created footage with ATC members and players donating further material in the collection boxes. The boxes have also been placed in the venues in Helsinki and it's being promoted on social media.

The IOC is planning to organise the next IOC Carbon Action Award. The IFF had a consultative meeting with the IOC Sustainability Manager Julie Duffus. The renewed concept will be launched early 2022.

CB Decided: To approve the report

§ 11. IFF Office

Mr. Halonen reported that Quantum Consultancy has made the interviews and the spectator survey during the Women's WFC in Uppsala and working on the interviews during the WFC in Helsinki.

CB Decided: To approve the report

§ 12. Members

Membership questions

Mr. Halonen reported that as soon as the Italian National Olympic Committee (CONI) has approved the inclusion of the Italian Floorball Association (FIUF) as a part of the Italian Field Hockey Federation, FIUF will apply the change of membership of the Italian IFF member.

The CB will discuss this in its next meeting.

CB Decided: To approve the report

Members under suspension

Nothing reported

CB Decided: To approve the report

New Member applications

Nothing reported

CB Decided: To approve the report

§ 13. Next meeting

Mr. Eriksson concluded that the following meetings are held during the Men's WFC 2020 in Helsinki.

IFF Association meeting 10.-11.12.
IFF Extraordinary General Assembly 11.12.
IFF Consultative meeting 12.12.

The proposal for the IFF CB meetings during 2022 are as follows:

M1	26.-27.3.	Zurich/Hybrid
M2	4.-5.6.	Madrid
M3	3.-4.9.	Prague
M4	8.-9.10.	Copenhagen
M5	11.11.	Zürich (WFC 2022)
GA	12.11.	Zürich (WFC 2022)

CB Decided: To approve the report, date and place of the CB meetings

§ 14. Closing of the meeting

Mr. Eriksson closed the meeting at 12:25

John Liljelund
Secretary General

Tomas Eriksson
President