

**Helsinki, Finland, 08.06.2022**

## **IFF Central Board meeting 4/2022 05.06.2022 as a Physical meeting in Madrid, Spain**

**Place:** Meeting held at the NH Madrid Ribera del Manzanares Hotel  
Paseo Virgen del Puerto 57, 28005 Madrid, Spain

<b>Participants:</b> Tomas Eriksson	<b>President</b>
Filip Suman	<b>Vice President</b>
Monica Birdal	<b>Treasurer (Virtual participation)</b>
Jörg Beer	
Tamuz Hidir	
Steen Houman	
Stephen King	
Martin Klabere	<b>(Virtual participation)</b>
Carlos Lopez	
Agata Plechan	<b>ATC Chair</b>
Kaarina Vuori	
Veli Halonen	<b>Operations Manager (Virtual participation)</b>
Stefan Kratz	<b>Competition Manager (Virtual participation)</b>
John Liljelund	<b>Secretary General</b>

**Excused:** Calle Karlsson  
Pakkamol Siriwat

## **Agenda**

### **§ 1. Opening of the meeting**

Mr. Eriksson welcomed all members to the fourth CB meeting of the year 2022 and opened the meeting at 09:00.

### **§ 2. Approval of the agenda**

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

Appendix 2b	-	Financial Report 2022 31.05.2022 with forecast (updated)
Appendix 11ad	-	IFF Strategy Implementation table (new)
Appendix 21	-	Digital White paper (new)
Appendix 22	-	Proposal for New IFF Coach Education structure (new)
Appendix 23	-	East Europe and Middle East report (new)
Appendix 24-25	-	Erasmus+ Fit 4 Future (new)

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

§ 3 **Minutes from the CB meetings: 03/2022 Zurich (26.03.2022) 1**

The minutes from the last CB meeting 03/2022 were scrutinized, approved and put ad acta. (Appendix 1)

**CB decided:** To approve the minutes of the IFF CB meeting 03/2022

§ 4. **Financial questions**

a) **Financial report 2021 by 31.12.2021 – final**

Mrs. Birdal presented the final financial report and balance sheet for 2021 (Appendix 2a).

The outcome per 31<sup>st</sup> of December is CHF 69.648, which is some CHF 61.797 (2020: CHF 7.851) better than last year. As reported in the last CB meeting the outcome was mainly due to the increased income from the double WFC's and the participation and organisers fees, the increased TV and marketing income connected to these, and the second instalment of the IOC Covid-19 support. Having been able to keep the TV production cost increase as low as possible and the saves on the cost side also turned out significantly better than forecasted which together with the income led to a better than forecasted financial year. The CB should be very pleased with the final outcome of 2021 as the financial planning has been quite difficult due to the Covid pandemic.

**CB decided:** To approve the reports and to put the Financial Report 2021 forward to the IFF General Assembly 2022 for approval.

b) **Financial report 2022 by 31.05.2022**

The outcome per 31<sup>st</sup> of May is CHF 295.298, which is some CHF 148.274 (2021: CHF 443.572) lower than last year. The difference is mainly due to the fact that we this year have again one WFC and one U19 WFC and are able to play the WFC qualifications. Further the cost for the TWG 2022 affects the outcome compared to last year.

The liquidity continues to be on a healthier level compared to the last years. Per 31<sup>st</sup> of May the liquidity is CHF 617.117 which is CHF 180.970 (2021: CHF 436.147) better than last year.

The finances are continued to be monitored on daily basis, and possible saves will be considered if and when we see signs of possible less income than now budgeted. The financial situation is on a healthy basis.

Mr. King asked if the loan promised by the Finnish federation is still a possibility if needed. Mr. Liljelund answered that IFF has already informed that there is no need for the loan at this stage.

**CB decided:** To approve the reports.

c) **Information on IFF claims – License system and WFC 2022 – status May 31<sup>st</sup> ,**

Mrs. Birdal presented the claims situation by the 31.05.2022 for Associations participating in the WFCs 2022 and separately for those not participating in any of the IFF Events. (Appendix 3 and 4).

For the WFC's 2022 the invoicing for the Women's U19 WFC 2022 qualified teams has been done and payments has started to come in.

Since last CB meeting no payments have been done in accordance with the pay-off plans for Cote d'Ivoire, Malaysia, Russia, Slovenia and Ukraine (**Appendix 5**). For Canada the next payment is scheduled to be made by the end of June. Mr. Kratz informed that the Philippines paid their fee on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June, so now it is only the Cote d'Ivoire which has not paid.

Mr. Suman asked what happens if Canada doesn't follow their payment plan by last of June. Mr. Liljelund answered that if they don't pay in accordance with earlier decisions they will not play, but the CB will look over this in the next meeting.

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

#### **d) IFF General Assembly 2022**

Mr. Eriksson informed that the announcement for the IFF General Assembly 2022 needs to be sent out latest by the 10th of August 2022. The IFF statutes state that the first announcement needs to be sent out 90 full days prior to the meeting, which is scheduled to take place on Saturday the 12th of November 2022 in Swiss Life Arena starting at 8:30 in the morning.

The nominations and motions from the IFF member associations need to be handed over to the IFF latest 60 full days prior to the meeting and that date is the 12th of September 2022. The IFF needs to send out the Final announcement and the IFF reports, budget, and other documents to the member associations latest by 12th of October 2022, the full 30 days prior to the IFF GA. The registration for the General Assembly is open until the 20th of October 2022. (**Appendix 6**).

Mr. Liljelund informed that the topics the IFF CB needs to prepare are the Annual report 2021-2022, Plan of Action 2023-2024, Financial report 2020 and 2021 and auditors reports, Budget 2023-2024, Strategy Implementation process report, Motion on the Future of Floorball, Motion of the Euro Floorball Championships, Confirmation of the change of the ordinary membership of the Italian federation and Election of replacements/additions to the IFF Ethics Commission.

**CB decided:** To approve the report and approve the announcement for the IFF General Assembly 2022.

### **§ 5. World Championships**

#### **a) WFC 2022, Zurich, Switzerland**

Mr. Beer reported on the preparations of the WFC 2022 (**Appendix 7**).

The construction of the Swiss Life Arena is progressing as planned and should be ready in time. The LOC is a bit worried as only four teams have booked their hotels, even that there has been quite good cancellation policies in place. The LOC will now contact all the qualified teams in connection to the next Information Letter..

The ballot for the groups will be held in Berne on 8<sup>th</sup> June, after which the first match schedule will be published, so that the LOC can start the ticket sales on the 15.06.2022. The final is already sold out apart for some international packages. The ticket sales is now focusing on the opening weekend and the and the hospitality packages. The initial target of 20.000 school pupils attending day matches is already reached and the target has been raised to 25.000.

All the available sponsorship packages have been sold with the total income of 1,3 million CHF and a meeting with all sponsors have been held on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May, with 30 sponsor representatives and the SUHV hope to tie them to the federation. The LOC is looking to find some small additional slots for additional sponsors.

A total of 10 Mobilier Street Floorball Tour will be organised, with the first event organised in the French part in Sierre in May.

Mr. Eriksson and Mr. King congratulated Mr. Beer for a fantastic sponsoring sales situation. Mr. Suman feels the fact that there is a possibility to have also the opening weekend sold out will create some options for development activities and positive publicity for the event.

Mr. Liljelund reported that he together with Ms. Sarah Mitchell carried out a venue inspection on 28<sup>th</sup> March in both venues. A second venue inspection has been carried out with the IFF TV production company Polar HD in both Swiss Life Arena and AXA arena in May. The plans for the arenas are being prepared and there are only a few open questions left.

Mr. Liljelund reported that the process for making an agreement with PolarHD has started and IFF has contacted the main TV companies to start the planning process for the match program and TV times and has now received the wishes for the preferred TV times and the time conflicts they have. IFF has prepared this to be ready for the match schedule preparations after the Ballot.

**CB decided:** To approve the reports.

#### **WFC 2022 qualifications**

Mr. Kratz reported on the WFC 2022 qualifications.

##### AMERICAS 29-30.04.2022 in Fort Worth, Texas

The qualification was played 29-30.04 in Fort Worth, Texas, with Canada being the first team to qualify for the final round

##### EUR 1 25-28.05.2022 in Valmiera, Latvia

The qualification was played in Valmiera, Latvia, with the following teams qualifying for the final round: Finland, Latvia, Denmark, and Estonia.

As a part of the WFCQ in Latvia, IFF had initiated a charity game between Finland and Sweden to support the Ukraine Floorball Federation. The two federations agreed to the proposal and made their teams able to participate in the match. The game was played the day before the WFCQ started in Valmiera and Koceni on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May. There were 630 spectators at the venue, and the match was viewed by 8,500 online. A big thanks must go to all that supported the event – in particular the Finnish & Swedish federations, Latvian federation, Unihoc (who have donated approx. 1500 clothing items to UFF), and Olly Hogben whose commentary fee was donated to UFF. In total approximately EUR 4500 was raised for the Ukraine Federation. On the IFF YouTube there was a possibility for the viewers to donate to the Ukraine Floorball Federation.

Mr. Hidir explained that the Ukrainian Federation is presently sorting out how much the charity game generated. The Latvian federation helped the Ukraine teams with the accommodation and food and the Lithuanian federation donated a support of 1.000 EUR. The UFF is looking into the way community could support them.

##### EUR 2 25-28.05.2022 in Koceni, Latvia

The qualification was played in Koceni, Latvia, with the following teams qualifying for the final round: Sweden, Norway and Poland.

##### EUR 3, 24-27.05.2022 in Celano, Italy

The qualification was played in Celano, Italy, with the following teams qualifying for the final round: Slovakia, Czech Republic and Germany.

Cote d'Ivoire got the visas for their players very late but managed to arrive to Italy the day before their first match.

AOFC, 31.05-04.06.2022 in Singapore

The qualification was played in Singapore with the following teams qualifying for the final round: Thailand, the Philippines, Singapore and Australia.

Neither China nor India could participate due to Covid-19 reasons and Malaysia was, by way of exception, given the possibility to participate as replacement team with paying the shared referee cost only. But if qualified will have to pay the full fee.

The Events Manager Ms. Sarah Mitchell has reported that the WFCQ events were rather complicated to organise for all involved – IFF, LOCs, and National Associations. The teams in particular had a lot of issues, especially to do with player lists. The late finishing of some leagues and the effects of Covid on the number of players interested in, or able to commit to the national team was very clear. The IFF competition department granted a lot of exceptions for the movement of players between final and emergency lists, as well as the adding/changing of players past the due date, and the submission of lists at a later than normal time. Two National Associations also included players to their final lists who were ineligible due to not yet having their Sporting Nationality applications approved. This required additional work for the office to have to process these applications in a very short time frame.

On a positive note, Côte d'Ivoire, despite having their visas approved only the day prior to departure, participated with a team more than twice the size of in 2018. However, the match results indicate that the participation of teams from Africa in the European qualifications needs to be reviewed. The experience of the event may be significant for the players personally but perhaps there are better ways that the IFF could help them to develop and direct their resources more effectively. A single team's participation in the event does not really benefit the federation or the general development of floorball in Africa.

Mr. King felt that the analysis of not having any African teams in the European qualifications is right. It would be important to develop the game in Africa first and play more real friendly internationals in Africa. Mr. Halonen informed that the plan is to play a first three or four country tournament in 2024 between Burkina Faso, Nigeria, Kenya and Somalia. If more countries are willing they will be invited. Mr. Klabere informed that the IFF had informed in the technical meeting that IFF is looking for other ways of building events for them.

Mr. Klabere felt that the qualifications have been organized in a very smooth way, even if there were some issues in Italy. Everything was organised, but maybe a bit late by the organiser.

**CB decided:** To approve the reports and give the IFF RACC the task to evaluate and make a proposal for how to deal with the African teams in the future.

**b) Next Events**

**U19 WFC 2022, Katowice, Poland**

Mr. Kratz reported that the U19 WFC 2022 will be played 31.08-04.09.2022 in Katowice, Poland. There was a site-visit organised by Ms. Sarah Mitchell and Ms. Monika Kraus.

The preparations are ongoing, and an arena inspection was carried out 13-14.05. The arenas are sufficient for this event, even if there is very little space in the venues for TV cameras and other.

LOC has presented a plan for ticket sales and are to start the sales on the 13.06 via ebilet.pl  
The logo and graphics for the event are finalised and the website will be launched in early June.

**CB decided:** to approve the report.

**c) Upcoming Events**

**U19 WFC 2023, WFC 2023 and WFC 2024**

Mr. Liljelund reported that a venue inspection for the WFC 2023 in Singapore was carried out 01-02.06.2022 in connection with the WFCQ 2022. Discussions are to be held during the WFCQ in Singapore to play also the inaugural 3vs3 Urban Floorball World championships alongside the Women's WFC 2023.

Ms. Vuori asked if the idea to have national teams playing and Ms. Plechan asked if the plan is to play both men and women. Mr. Liljelund answered that it has not yet been decided if it will be one national team or if it is open and it will be for men and women. Mr. Suman felt that we need to discuss the organisation of the 3vs3 WFC in the CB workshop in September.

The contract with Floorball Denmark regarding the U19 WFC 2023 has been signed and the preparations are ongoing. Communication with the LOC has really only just begun. The logo and graphics for the event will be finalised soon and the website will be launched prior to the Women's U19 WFC.

The discussions with the Swedish Floorball Federation regarding the WFC 2024 contract will start now when the WFC 2023 contract is signed after the summer.

Mr. Kratz reported that he will enter negotiations with Italy and Latvia to organise the WFCQ 2023 EUR.

The interest to organise the U19 WFC 2023 qualifications in Europe is very low and despite reminders to the registered teams only Slovenia has shown interest to organise. A complication this year is that these qualifications are in a date clash with the new dates for the U19 WFC 2022 final round. Mr. Kratz is planning to start looking for other dates, in order to find organisers for the U19 WFC 2023 qualifications in Europe. Uganda has registered, but not paid yet which causes an issue. The RACC needs to look over the situation and if Uganda is allowed to play the qualification in Europe.

Mr. Suman asked which countries are playing the qualifications in Europe. Mr. Kratz answered that there are 11 European countries (Austria, Belgium, Estonia, France, at Britain, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Slovenia and Spain). Russia has also registered but is suspended participating for four sports in the final round in Denmark. The IFF Office needs to clarify the situation for registration and payment of the participation fees.

The Americas U19 WFC qualification will be played in USA, date and place to be announced.

For the AOFC U19 WFC qualification the AOFC is internally discussing date and place considering that Australia, New Zealand and Singapore are the only registered teams.

The Competition department will prepare for the invitation for the organisation of the WFC 2025 and WFC 2026. The IFF CB is to take the decision prior to the IFF General Assembly in 2022.

**CB decided:** to approve the reports and give the IFF office the task to clarify the situation of the U19 WFC 2023 European qualification.

**d) Covid-19 and other Event Status Update**

Mr. Kratz reported on the current status regarding the Covid-19.

In Europe there are basically no travel or local restrictions. IFF still requires that all participants be fully vaccinated and those who are not should take daily antigen tests, but we are not checking any vaccination status or certificates in connection with the events. There has been some Covid positive cases in Great Britain after the event.

In Asia-Oceania all participants must be fully vaccinated, which is checked, but no test requirements for entry to Singapore. All participants will undertake self-antigen tests on day 1, 4 & 7. Some teams require exit test for return to their home country.

In Americas entry is open to everyone with ESTA or visa but must be vaccinated and must do pre-departure test (PCR or antigen).

**CB decided:** To approve the reports

**§ 6. Club competitions**

**a) Champions Cup**

Mrs. Vuori reported on the preparations of the Champions Cup 2023 to be played in the Bläk Boks arena in Lempäälä next to Tampere, Finland, 7th – 8th January 2023. The Finnish federation had a competition between the Classic, Tampere and TPS, Turku and the Finnish federation got a very good deal. The EFT's last autumn was played in this arena.

Mr. Kratz reported that the invitation has been sent and that last day to register is 30<sup>th</sup> June. So far the men's teams Falun and Mlada Boleslav have registered

Mr. Liljelund reported that the Champions Cup Steering group has held its first meeting for the year to discuss the process forward for the start of the new Champions Cup format Home & Away in the autumn of 2023. (**Appendix 8**)

The IFF Office is preparing a sales material for the sponsorship sales of the Champions Cup and the possible re-branding of the competition. The CCSG will have its next meeting on the 16.08.2022 to discuss these topics and prepare an information sheet that the EFT-countries can provide to their top league clubs before the start of the National leagues next autumn.

**CB decided:** To approve the report

**b) Euro Floorball Cup 2021**

Mr. Kratz reported that he is still discussing with potential organisers of the EFC and the EFCh 2022 with the aim to play last weekend of August. This far there is an interest from Slovakia to organise the EFC and from Poland to organise the EFCh. Slovakia has informed that they are not able to take the event and Mr. Kratz has asked if Poland can take the event. There is an interest from France to run the Euro Challenge.

**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 ordinary CB meeting, which has mainly focused on the preparations of the annual general meetings of GAISF and IWGA, in the turbulent phase within International Sports. There are still several open questions regarding the proposal made by the GAISF council to dissolve GAISF and liquidate its assets. Another topic which has required actions taken in regard to the solidarity actions for Ukraine Floorball Federation, namely, to execute the charity match between Sweden and Finland in advance of the start of the WFCQ EUR 1 and EUR2 in Latvia.

Mr. Eriksson further reported that the plan was to hold the next meeting with the Presidents and secretary generals of the Euro Floorball Tour countries in May. Due to the illness of the secretary general this was not possible to arrange. The plan is now to have it after the vacations most likely in connection to the U19 WFC 2022 in Katowice, Poland. It will also then be easiest to organise the TOP 15 meeting in Zurich, during the WFC 2022.

The IFF held a meeting with the secretary generals of the EFT countries to discuss and seek political support for the implementation of the IFF Physical Play project. IFF will organise an evaluation meeting after the WFCQ's have been played in June.

Mr. Liljelund reported that the IFF Disciplinary Committee has dealt with the case concerning the possible breach of IFF Code of Ethics by Wendy Kuan, General manager Singapore Floorball Association (SFA) and Kenneth Ho, President Singapore Floorball Association (SFA) in connection with elections to the SFA Management Committee (MC) in the SFA AGM September 2021, based on the investigation made by the IFF Ethics Commission. The IFF DC made the decision to sanction Mrs. Wendy Kuan to be discharged from the IFF Ethics Commission, due to breach of the IFF Good Governance Policy §3.11. Mr. Kenneth Ho is sanctioned according to Article 47 Failure to cooperate in investigation, with a Warning, requesting for the future to better cooperate with any reasonable investigation carried out by the IFF. **(Appendix 9)**

Mr. Eriksson felt that the Ethics Commission has handled this matter in the correct way, as a stand alone body of the IFF.

Mr. Liljelund informed that due to the illness of the ETC Chair Mr. Harri Syväsalmi and therefore has not been able to participate in the work of the ETC since beginning of the year, there is a need to find additional members for the ETC, as it is unsure when Mr. Syväsalmi can revert to the ETC. This especially as Ms. Kuan has also been suspended from participating in the work of the ETC. Mr. Liljelund has discussed with the ETC members and proposes to elect Mr. David Sharpe (IRL), who is a member of the World Sailing ETC and Mr. Bill Howitt (AUS) the Integrity Officer of Floorball Australia as new members of the ETC to secure the functionality of the commission. This decision will then have to be confirmed by the IFF General Assembly 2022.

Mr. Liljelund further reported that the IFF has met with Sportradar to investigate in which way IFF could start the monitoring of the betting activities during IFF competitions but also to explore into the education and prevention space. Based on the meeting the next immediate steps, as mentioned, the Sportradar team will review the upcoming IFF events (e.g. Women's U19 WFC 2022) and assess their historical betting relevancy. Once the list of betting-relevant competitions has been determined, they can be included in the draft agreement to kickstart the partnership between the IFF and Sportradar.

**CB decided:** to approve the report and elect Mr. David Sharpe and Mr. Bill Howitt as new temporary members of the IFF Ethics Commission.

**b) Strategy Implementation**

Mr. King reported on the work of the IFF Strategy Implementation working group (SWG) and the meeting held with the IFF Office (**Appendix 10**). The objective of the meeting was to agree about how the Strategy process shall be continued. To set the plan for how to continue the work of the Strategy Subgroups, the division of tasks between the Strategy Working Group (SWG) and the IFF Office and how to streamline the output of the Strategy subgroups and build and create a generic template for the Suggested Actions, with taken and planned actions. The idea with the template is to collect all information into one document and show what has been done and keep the community on the level.

The process will now for the Strategy Subgroups move from an operational stage to become more of an advisory role. The SWG thanked the Subgroup members for their valuable work. It was decided that the SWG members and the Office responsible persons are to update the subgroup Priority lists with responsible persons and to streamline them to have all the information needed in the Implementation templates

In order to be able to have an overall picture of the Strategy work the decision was to create a generic template for how the work with the Suggested actions, add a responsible person for suggested actions, with already taken and planned actions. The proposal was to create such a generic template and include all the subgroup output, with CB comments and to add a planned due date for conclusion for each task.

The SWG/Office has prepared the first draft of the Strategy Implementation template for the CB meeting and work will continue with a validity check and approval round for the responsibilities given still in June. This will also be the base for the reporting to the IFF General Assembly to show the progress in the Strategy work. (**Appendix 11ad**)

**CB decided:** To approve the report

**c) CB Member responsibilities**

Mr. Houman reported about the Six Nations associations steering group activities and that Germany are on track concerning the organisation of the tournament this year in Weissenfels and the invitation for the seminar for coaches will soon be sent to the federations in Europe. The Six Nations are inviting all European federations to participate.

Mr. Lopez reported on the situation in Latin America. There are some good news from Peru, as they have finally started the process of legal registration in the country and just after that they will apply for membership in IFF. Hopefully this may happen within this year. Mr. King asked if there are some plan for activity in South America. Mr. Lopez answered that Mr. Halonen is planning a kind of a seminar, but the challenge in Latin America where to organise the seminar.

Mr. Suman reported on the progress of the Czech Erasmus+ project Floorball - Fit for Future and the result of the IFF CB workshop. (**Appendix 24 and 25**) The Fit4Future will have a meeting next weekend in Bratislava and more information will come out after that.

Mr. Hidir reported on the situation in East-Europe and in the Middle East (**Appendix 23**). In Ukraine all Floorball competitions was stopped due to the Russian invasion and the season has been declared over. Many clubs have been forced to stop their activities especially in the east and central parts of the country, players and coaches has been displaced and junior and female players has left the country. There are players and coaches who serve in the Ukrainian Armed

Forces, National Guard and in the territorial defence force. A number of clubs have been extensively involved in the humanitarian effort.

There are more than 10 clubs that has resumed their floorball activities and a couple of floorball camps inside and outside Ukraine is planned for Ukrainian floorball players. The UFF CB is meeting via Zoom weekly and different competition structures is also discussed for next season. The Ukrainian Floorball Federation is also trying to use the Ukrainian Floorball Foundation to allocate resources to start up activities. The UFF finds the IFF decision to open transfers for Ukrainian player as a very good thing and has been noticed in general within the Ukrainian Sports.

In Moldova the floorball activities have been put on hold 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. The club that is active is situated in Ungheni.

In Kazakhstan, the KFF organised an online referee seminar where they invited Artem Zolotar, an active referee and UFF Referee committee member from Ukraine. They plan to organise a tournament Taraz Open preliminary dates 21-22 of October 2022. They will also look to organise an international development seminar in connection to the tournament. Mr. Suman asked when Kazakhstan would be able to participate in tournaments. Mr. Hidir answered that KFF is planning to contact the IFF and ask about a development seminar.

Ms. Vuori reported on the plans for the Membership Service function and the activities to be taken. The plan is to start to build an electronic web-based form to help enter the team lists and other persons into the IFF accreditation and the match statistic system to reduce manual working time.

As the IFF Media department is preparing a digital white paper for IFF communications, it there are no idea to start the planning of a generic platform for information sharing. After the digital strategy has been finalised and the possibilities for example Sportswik could provide for information sharing.

The discussions are also continuing of how we would be able to utilise more statistical and match related data in the IFF TV signal and streams.

**CB decided:** To approve the report

## § 8. International Sports

### International Olympic Committee/IOC

Mr. Eriksson reported that the IOC President has confirmed that IFF have been approved for the IFF Development support for 2022 (**Appendix 12**). The IFF Development function has handed in the applications.

As there has not been any meetings held with the IOC Sport Department since the SportAccord convention 2019, due to Covid-19, the IOC Sport Department has invited the ARISF federations to discuss the present situation of the International Federations and the implications of the Olympic Agenda 2020+5 road map. The IFF president and secretary general will meet with the Ms. Irina Gladkikh and Mr. Andrew Hoffer in Lausanne on the 9<sup>th</sup> of June. IFF is planning to raise the following questions in the meeting: The IOC view on the reorganisation of GAISF and SportAccord multi-sport games. Floorball and the Youth Olympic Games, introduction of a 3v3 format, virtual sports, cooperation with Special Olympics and some membership questions.

The Los Angeles OC has informed the International Federations of the process and criteria for new sports for the Los Angeles Olympic Games 2028. (**Appendix 13**) The LA28 will in June 2022 invite selected sports for the Request for Proposal and the IF's having to provide their answers in July.

### **General Association of International Sport Associations/GAISF**

Mr. Eriksson reported that the GAISF held its AGM as a virtual meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May. The GAISF president Ivo Ferriani opened the GAISF AGM congratulating everyone IOC, ASOIF, AOIWF, ARISF and AIMS for their continued good work. Ferriani expressed that the changed environment of Sport demands to look over the form and tasks of all sport organisations. There are no real need for GAISF services, as the ITA among other organisations has taken over the tasks in regard of Anti-Doping. ASOIF, AOIWF, ARISF and AIMS are doing more for their members and then GAISF is more creating duplication. Therefore, it is necessary to ask if there is a need for an entity on the side of SportAccord Convention. The council has concluded that GAISF not anymore serve this function as a self-serving entity. Therefore, an extra ordinary general assembly will be called for September to dissolve GAISF.

The process to start the dissolution and reshape of the organisation has been formulated as follows, there was a legal working group formed which has analysed the legal aspects of the dissolution of GAISF and the liquidation of the assets and the status of the employees of SportAccord. The legal working group organise working/explanatory sessions to the attention of the members of GAISF. In the Extra Ordinary AGM in September there will be a resolution of the dissolution of GAISF and appointment of an official liquidator and approval of the principles of the transfers of assets, liabilities, and the future of the employees.

Mr. Houman asked who finances GAISF, Mr. Liljelund answered that in principle the members and the SportAccord convention.

Duties of the liquidator is to draw up an inventory of assets and preparing an opening balance sheet. setting tax liabilities. Then there needs to be a final decision in the final accounts of GAISF. If the liquidation can be made before the end of the year, we can hold a final AGM to close the liquidation process.

The brief made by the GAISF President Mr. Ivo Ferriani was quite superficial and there were some questions asked by the attendant, despite some technical issues. The answer to all questions was in principle the same, they will be handled in the workshops.

One of the problematic issues with GAISF is the question of new members, where GAISF has a total of 269 interested organisation, out of which there are 49 confirmed candidates and presently 9 IF's having an observer status. Both the Tennis and Dance Sports raised concerns and criticism to the rivalry of some of the organisations seeking membership in GAISF. Mr. Suman asked how the membership of new organisations will be handled in the future. Mr. Liljelund answered that this is not yet known.

SportAccord will continue to organise Multi-Sport Games. The Riad 2023 Combat games, with 14 sport confirmed and building a sports festival as a part of the games. The work continues with the World Urban games and World Mind Games are under discussion and the GAISF will contact the sports on the program but also provide possibilities for other sports to showcase their sports and having a festival during the event. Ferriani's final statement closing the AGM was that we are resuming to business as usual, after some difficult years.

### **Association of IOC Recognised International Sport Federations/ARISF**

Mr. Eriksson reported that the ARISF held its council meeting on the 13.5. to update the situation in advance of the GAISF AGM and development after the GAISF Council meeting on the 3rd of May. A legal preparatory working group has been preparing in which way GAISF could be dissolved and liquidated. The dissolution could be made by a resolution of the GAISF Extra ordinary AGM, summoned 30 days in advance which needs a 2/3 majority. The liquidation will have to be made by a legal entity.

The SportAccord structure will have to be changed and the SportAccord ExCo has agreed to do the next steps in the change of the structure, including ARISF and AIMS. In the question of the Multisport games ARISF and AIMS will play a major role in multisport games in the events where you don't have any significant participation of Olympic sport disciplines included, then SportAccord could play a role in the management of these games.

President Chiulli informed that a Q/A session will be organised during the GAISF AGM on the 20.5., giving the opportunity for the members to ask questions. The assets of the GAISF will need to be transferred to the umbrella organisations of GAISF and not to the individual International Federations. GAISF President Ivo Ferriani wants to finalise the process by the end of August.

Chiulli proposed that the ARISF council will if we are happy with the proposed solution, we need to call for an Extra ordinary ARISF AGM in the end of June/beginning of July. Mr. Fraccari stressed that the liquidation has to be finalised before the dissolution of the GAISF.

### **International World Games Association/IWGA**

Mr. Halonen reported on behalf of Ms. Mitchell that the preparations for the Birmingham World Games 2022 are moving in the right direction, even though there are still quite a number of issues and lack of information. The BIC has enlarged their organisation and there is a big risk that some information has been lost in the transition, which was the case of the Extra Officials. Also, the fact that BOC changes directives and ask for new plans and information, creates a lot of extra work.

After a quite long and tedious process IFF has finally been able to secure the Extra Officials and their accommodation in the Athlete village. There is still an issue with single rooms, as there are not enough of these, so the BOC has informed that only accredited persons in case of an uneven number of one gender will have single rooms. IFF has also now received the bookings for the IFF CB and National Association VIP's.

The Chinese Olympic Committee (COC) has sent a letter to the BOC, concerning how to handle the Chinese Taipei delegation during the World Games (**Appendix 14**)

Concerning the World Games, the teams have now given their final lists which have been submitted to TWG organisers. These will be published in early June – date to be confirmed by IFF media. The IFF has needed to slightly change the Floorball tournament match schedule as BOC has changed their athlete's meal system, in order to secure that the teams will have the possibility to get their meals in the Athletes Village. The changes are still to be confirmed by the BOC and IWGA.

IFF has had some issues with the confirmation of the Extra Officials accreditations/ accommodations due to a misunderstanding of how the TWG registration system should be used for this. Floorball was not alone in this issue with the BOC, but it has now been resolved and all teams & IFF extra officials have been confirmed and approved. Some countries had requested single accommodation for their officials, but due to a lack of availability these will only be confirmed for those teams that have a mix of male & female staff members who cannot be roomed together.

After a very long delay, and a lot of trouble in communication with the BOC travel department, we have now received an accommodation offer for the VIP guest accommodation. All guests have chosen to stay at the main TWG hotel – Sheraton – which is located in the same complex as the Floorball competition venue. Rooms have been requested and we are waiting on a confirmation. (Might be updated by the time of the CB meeting)

There has been a lot of very poor communication from the BOC to the participating sports federations, which has caused a lot of issues for us. Information is either not received, sent late, or sent with conflicting information to what has previously been advised. Hopefully, this has been addressed internally after the IWGA AGM and it will improve from here on.

Special Olympics will do some exhibition games in intermissions on Saturday 9th July, but unfortunately, there are only two teams participating. They will also have a booth in the public space just outside the venue entrance and will use the training court on Sunday 10th in the morning to film some short videos. They also have had a lot of issues with communication with the BOC in regard to getting an offer of accommodation.

Mr. Eriksson informed that due to the cancellation of the SportAccord Convention in Ekaterinburg, Russia, the IWGA AGM was held in Madrid, Spain on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May. The AGM dealt with the statutory questions without any surprises.

the main topic of the AGM was the presentations of the Birmingham Organisation Committee. The BOC was represented by the Birmingham Mayor Mr. Randall Lee Woodfin, the BOC chairman Jonathan Porter, and the BOC CEO Jay Kasten. In their presentations they presented the present situation of the preparations.

Concerning Covid-19 all athletes will have to be fully vaccinated and provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test within 48 hours before arrival PCR or Anti-gen test. This goes also for all officials and staff. The BOC will provide department flight testing.

The BOC stressed that it is imperative to start getting visas now and submit the DS 160 form to the Embassy and Consulate or get your ESTA

The BOC will organise an Athletes Night at the Teaching farm on the 13.7.2022  
The TWG is a SEAR1 event. designated by the US Dept. of Homeland Security.

List of prohibited items needs to be informed to all participants. Need of see-through bags when entering all venues.

Domestic TV distribution: CBS/CBS Sports Network, which will broadcast two 1-hour shows on CBS and then a daily program on the CBS Sport Network. The Olympic channel will provide the an 24/7 channel. ISB has the rights for the rest of the World. Best TV production ever produced by the ISB, which is the host broadcaster, which will produce more than 400 h.

The TV Coverage: World Games channel, High-lights and News and Game highlights. Of the Floorball countries the Czech Republic have the 24/7 deal, IFF will continue the discussion for Finland, Switzerland and Sweden.

The Olympic channel will stream all the content for the market where there are no taker of the channel. IFF can stream the preliminary stage own additional production on our own YouTube channel, without geo-blocking. Allowed to distribute the stream form final rounds with geo-blocking. The IWGA/ISB have provided free media rights to Ukraine

Ticket sales looks good and by percentage Sumo is leading the competition and there are some 300.000 tickets sales. A ticket sales report has been promised to be sent to the IF's. International TV Broadcast.

The IWGA will create an ATC, in order to make the athletes part of the IWGA decision making. In 2025 there will be a fully elected ATC for the athletes in the Games. There should be 7-9 members with gender diversity. Elections prior to TWG 2025 and candidates must have been part in Games 2017, 2022 or 2025. An interim Athletes commission from 2022 with 5-7 members. Members are asked to make nominations must have participated in 2017, must nominate both one male and one female gender. Mr. Liljelund asked if this means the IF's participating with just one gender can not nominate. The answer was that this should not be a problem.

IWGA will form a Medical Commission and Anti-Doping commission by the end of the year. Anti-Doping: TUE's from IF's or NADO's will be recognized by the IWGA.

IWGA is planning to build a global MoU with ANOC after the games. Will sign an MoU with NSO's in Austria, Israel, Japan and Latvia. Pending with Hungary and Netherlands. IWGA has signed the MoU with FISU and discussions are ongoing with the IPC in May.2022.

IWGA is introducing E-gaming as a promotional tool for TWG and sports and provide a possibility to promote the TWG sport to a younger target group. There will be an activation in Birmingham, with three federations Archery, Baseball/Softball (VR), Racquetball (virtual competition).

In Chengdu the target is to have competitions in 10 TWG sports in Chengdu 2025. The games could be Mobile, VR, PC/Console. IWGA will decide in October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023 will be a part of the World Games series.

The World Games series is a number of smaller events of member sports for showcases new formats (floorball 3vs3). The idea is to strengthen the brand of the IWGA sports. Attract new sponsors and foster innovation with mixed gender competitions and gender equal participation. There could be a Sport festival format with three day event, with 2023-2025 in China, as a promotion of the TWG in China and then going Global in 2026.

Next AGM in May 2023, depending on the future of the SportAccord.

Mr. Suman wanted to praise the IFF Office for the work done, as there are over 20 sports participating from the Czech Republic. The other Czech national associations have been praising the IFF information letters, as they have not receive enough information from their respective national associations.

Mr. Suman asked if there will be representation from the participating countries. Mr. Liljelund informed that there are only representation from the Swedish federation participating. Mr. Beer informed that the Swiss CB has decided not to send anyone in this situation. Ms. Vuori explained that her personal situation prevents her from travelling. Mr. Liljelund also explained that the fact that the BOC has not been able to provide accommodation information for the IFF, it has been very difficult to secure participation from the participating federations.

### **International Master Games Association/IMGA**

Mr. Liljelund reported that there have not been any additional activities towards the IFF from the LOC of the European Master Games 2023 in Tampere, Finland since the previous meeting. The IMGA has however informed that the Floorball tournament will be played from the 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> of July

with the following age groups. Women: 30+ and 40+ and Men: 35+, 40+, 45+ and 50+. The competition is organised by the Floorball clubs Classic and KooVee.

### **University Sport/FISU**

Mr. Lopez reported that FISU feels that it is a great disappointment that the Floorball UWG event had to be cancelled in Poland this summer (**Appendix 15**). The issue has been that the National FISU members have not had the possibility to finance the teams for this event and the universities has not had any budget to support the teams. There was in the end just 5-6 teams able to participate.

Mr. Liljelund had a meeting with the UWG director Mr. Julien Carrel to discuss the situation. FISU will not go back to the use of national teams for Floorball. FISU would like to have something that would fit better the UWG format. So they would like to look on another format, which would be easier for the universities to build the teams. One option could be either the Future of Floorball version or the Urban Floorball version (3vs3+goalie). Mr. Carrel felt that an Urban Floorball would give a possibility to get a number of teams from North America and Asia. The format would need to be decided by the end of the year 2022.

### **Multi-Sport Games**

#### **Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games 2023, Bangkok, Thailand**

Mr. Liljelund reported on the behalf Ms. Siriwat that the Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games 2023, which will be played from 17<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> of November 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).

The next edition of the SEA Games will be played in May 5<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, in Phnom Penh Cambodia, and Floorball can still appear on the program. There are five sports on a still possible list, which the SEA Games council will discuss in July. If Floorball is 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 from the RACC meeting 17.05.2022 (**Appendix 16**).

The meeting partly was an informative meeting to update the RACC members of the status with

the IFF events, IFF Strategy and decisions taken by the IFF CB.

The RACC discussed the EuroFloorball Championships and the possibility to enlarge the competition to 12 teams after 2-4 years. The RACC will, in accordance with the task given by the IFF CB, look over what different ways there could be to in the future include more teams and look how the other IF's have solved their competitions in upcoming meetings.

Further the RACC discussed the format of the WFC playing system focusing on the issue with different number of matches and the current quarter final system. After discussion on various solutions the RACC appointed Lara Heini, Sarah Mitchell, Ari Vehniäinen and Jan Jirovsky together with Martin Klabere and the competition office to produce several proposals to be discussed in the upcoming RACC meetings. At the moment all teams have a possibility to win the WFC, even though really unlikely, so if this could be changed would open up a number of solutions.

Regarding covid-related competition changes the only significant rule that we still have in place is that teams do not change team benches during the game.

After a question from the ATC representatives Lara Heini and Tomas Sladky some interesting information was shared about the effect that this have had on both forwards and, particularly, the defenders, who play a game on the opposite side to the bench. It has been noted that these players often spend significantly more time on the court as they are always having to cross to the opposite side to change. At times, a defender can be 'stuck' on the court for many minutes if the team does not have possession of the ball.

Ms. Vuori asked if the decision needs to be done now, as in Finland the experience has been positive. Mr. Klabere answered that the IFF is deciding for the IFF Events. The countries can ask for a exemption from this rule, like with any other rule.

After some discussion it was agreed that the RACC opinion is that we should keep the bench rule in place until the Women's U19 WFC 2022 but to propose to the IFF Central Board that all international matches after this event should return to the normal playing style of teams changing benches at the end of each period. Further that IFF should inform as early as possible to the National Associations of this change and strongly encourage them to also return to normal rules for their 2022/23 season.

The IFF Competition department has sent out a corrected version of the Game Rules 2022, as there in the translation process had been found two small mistakes.

The introduction of the Sporting Nationality in the IFF competitions has been installed.

Applications for eligibility to represent a country based on Sporting Nationality (birth of a parent/grandparent in a country; or living for 5yrs in a country) began formally on 1st April. An administrative fee of 50e was also introduced for the application. Up until 25th May, we have had 29 approved applications: DEN – 3, CAN – 1, ESP – 2, GBR – 1, KOR – 4, MAS – 1, NED – 3, PHI – 14. Of these, 20 players were born in Sweden.

Mr. King asked how many of the Philippine Sporting Nationalities are actually living in the Philippines, as just flying in player doesn't support the development of the national development. This would need to be monitored and evaluated how the system works. Mr. Klabere answered that this decision is going in the line with other countries. Mr. Suman agrees with Mr. King that it would be important to follow-up with this within the RACC.

Mr. Klabere is still worried about the staff in the competition department with so many events close together, as the workload is very tough. The IFF Office needs to look over this.

**CB decided:** To approve the report and to decide that the changing of ends and substitution benches shall return to the normal procedure as per the Rules of the Game from after the

Women's U19 WFC 2022. The RACC was given the task to evaluate and monitor the Sporting nationality question.

**b) Referee Committee (RC)**

Mr. Lopez reported that the RC had a virtual meeting on the 5th of April and discussed about the upcoming referee nomination period 2023-2024. The information will be sent out to the member associations during the second week of June and the associations need to return the proposals by the 15th of September 2022 and the RC handles the proposals in its meeting after that.

The RC has organized educations of the new rules and physical play for the referees who have participated to the Men's WFC 2020 qualifications and the educational material will be delivered to the IFF member associations after the WFCQs are over, so that they can start their own educations for the season 2022-2023.

The RC will also educate the referee management and the IFF observers to be able to offer supportive surveillance for the referees in IFF events. In other words, the referee management will report to the Event disciplinary function(EDF), if the referees happen to miss offences which should have led to a match penalty according to the new physical play guidelines.

Ms. Vuori felt that the message that the referee management is conducting the supportive surveillance

The IFF office will arrange the follow-up meeting with the secretary generals of the EFT countries on the 21<sup>st</sup> of June. To discuss the first experiences of how the implementation of the new IFF Physical Play rules have been implemented during the WFC qualifications and the next possible actions.

Mr. Halonen reported on the feedback of the IFF Physical Play interpretation from the charity game between Finland-Sweden has been positive, even if it felt to be quite different.

**CB decided:** To approve the report

**c) Medical committee**

Mr. Halonen reported on behalf of Mr. Kihm that the Anti-Doping work has mostly concentrated on the normal tasks. All TUE's for the WFCQ's have been approved, entered into the WADA ADAMS system – or the applicants have withdrawn their application. Concerning the IFF Medical Committee unfortunately, it is only Ms. Patricia Wallace from Australia who is contributing to the communications (mainly for TUEs). Mr. Kihm would like to suggest that this is investigated and remembered when the next elections are upcoming.

Mr. Liljelund proposed that the IFF should re-elect the IFF Medical Committee after the IFF General Assembly 2022 in Zurich and asked the IFF CB members to start looking after medical doctors within their own organisations.

**CB decided:** To approve the report and the proposal.

**d) Athletes commission**

Ms. Plechan reported on the activities of the ATC.

WADA has informed that they have started a governance reform process and will change the way their Athlete Commission will be elected. (**Appendix 17**) There will be three different types of how the members of the new WADA Athlete Council, which will give us more possibilities to be elected.

Ms. Plechan will take part in the European Evening of Sport in Brussels

Mr. Liljelund informed that based on the Strategy work the IFF Strategy Working Group (SWG) a questionnaire directed to the participants of the Men's WFC 2022 in May – June has been conducted, to get a better understanding of how the players can be interested to participate in the work of the national and international federations.

Mr. Eriksson asked if the IFF ATC has been discussed why the national associations doesn't have their own athletes commissions.

**CB decided:** To approve the report

**e) Development Committee (DevC)**

Mr. Houman reported on the outcome of the CB workshop on the desired role of the Development Committee. The Latvian federation have put forward the person who will join in the Development Committee, and the next step will follow based on the outcome of the CB workshop and a proposal will be prepared for the next CB workshop.

Mr. Halonen informed that the IFF development function has started to create a new and updated education path for coaches. The main idea is to build a program for IFF members, which would be a natural path from the beginning and the path is planned to be three steps in the start and then the fourth step will eventually follow, when the program participants start to reach that level. The IFF will not only use its own educators, but also outside professionals, who have worked for the IFF, are involved. The need for this creation was strongly brought up during the strategy project.

The IFF has applied for the IOC development funds for the year 2022. There are three different projects in the application, the coaching development project, the fair floorball project, and the continuum of the physical play project. (**Appendix 18a-c**)

Also based on the strategy work, the IFF is carrying out a survey among the athletes participating the men's WFC 2022 qualifications on their knowledge of the possibilities for the athletes to participate in the decision making of the National organisations and the IFF. The survey was sent out right after the qualifications have been played. The teams were informed about the survey during the technical meetings in all events. There has already been over one hundred reply's from the European qualifications. Mr. Eriksson commented that the results need to be provided to the IFF Athletes Commission for evaluation.

The IFF was involved with a 3 vs 3 test play, which was carried out by the Finnish Federation and two clubs, SC Hawks and M-Team. One manufacturer was also involved by supplying equipment to the test. There were few test games carried and the organizers also made great efforts to build the test in a way that it looked good, and everything was streamed as well. The intention is to increase different types of events, so that Floorball can be taken to different kinds of in and outdoor events all over the world. The test was 3 vs 3 with a full-size goal and goalkeepers.

The IFF Office has prepared a proposal for a new IFF Coach Education structure, in accordance with the IFF Strategy (**Appendix 22**). The new structure and the topics for the different courses have been defined and the idea is that a smaller group of IFF coach lecturers will prepare the material for the different courses and then there will be a group of coaches used as a reference group to see that all essential material is presented. The plan is to start with the level 0/Level 1 courses in the autumn after the U19 WFC.

**CB decided:** To approve the report and discuss the role and composition of the Development Committee in the next CB workshop and meeting

**f) Entourage Commission (ENC)**

Mr. Hidir reported on the work in relation to the IFF Entourage Commission and that the input from the CB workshop has provided possible solutions for the Entourage.

**CB decided:** To approve the report

**§ 10. Functions**

**a) Communication & Media function**

Mr. Halonen reported on behalf of Mr. Kihm that the IFF Media function has been working on preparing the communication plans for the upcoming WFCQ's and the WFC. Good exchange and cooperation with Swiss Unihockey regarding what are when communicated by whom. The IFF Event App (mobile) is up and running with all WFCQ events, including the guessing game

There are various ongoing Media projects for TWG and the Draft of the Digital white paper, aligned with the projects from the strategy 2030 projects (**Appendix 21**)

Based on the task given by the IFF CB the Media function together with the rest of the IFF Office has been investigating in different business and cost models regarding implementing an OTT solution for IFF. The two systems left to be compared: Stay Live from Sweden and Nagra Vision from Switzerland. The evaluation of a complete communication solution with an integrated OTT platform is the better mid- and long-term solution for IFF. The evaluated platform is Sportswik. It is already in use by SIBF and was just purchased by Swiss Unihockey. The Media function will prepare a presentation for the CB to show the three solutions, listing the pros and cons of the three options.

During the WFCQ's and TWG IFF will be checking on various projects in Floorball tracking (with various technologies)

- Xampion – tracking system from Finland, provides data on running, to be worn on the shoe laces
- Floorballscanner – manual visual tracking from Finland, provides data about ball possession, shots and expected goals, to be managed off a screen or live at the venue
- Dartfish – automated visual tracking system from Switzerland, provides data about ball possession, shots and complete or in-complete passes, to be managed automatically – fixed installation at the AXA Arena. Plan to use games at WFC 2022 for a proof of concept – in particular that the ball can be properly tracked. Talks if referee tracking data could be included
- Time Motion Analysis – a tracking project by the Singapore Association. Uses manual tagging system from Dartfish. To be used and tested during WFCQ in Singapore

**CB decided:** To approve the report and give the IFF Office the task to prepare a final proposal for the Sportswik communication solution and OTT for the next CB meeting

**b) Marketing function**

Mr. Beer, reported about the current sales and marketing situation. (**Appendix 19**)

Work with the Finnish sales agency RCBA is on-going. We have just agreed on an extended prospect list and still have a handful of active conversations for example Oshee (sports drink) and Storytel (e-book provider). There has been very much more contacts than before.

The IFF is in direct discussions with TIER (micro-mobility provider), Kauko (provider of seamless digital solutions (devices/software/services)) and their partner Panasonic, Swappie (second-hand iPhones) and FROMM (that bought visibility at the WFC 2020/2021). Further, we have opened track with Stadium (sports retailer), Dachser (logistics) and found the right entity to discuss commercial partnerships regarding the Fisherman's Friend brand (Impex Management).

On the sports apparel side discussions with Craft CH for the WFC 2022 have been successfully finalised. The cooperation would include value in-kind referee wear for 16 referees, with the possibility for customisation and a monetary part of 12.500 EUR. There is also an on-going discussion regarding customised referee shirt (or with ad) and potentially customised socks. If successful, this will lay ground (after two WFCs) to discuss a longer-term deal with Craft HQ.

Once the qualified teams for WFC 2022 are known and the group ballot is done on the 8th of July we will inform Protocol Sports to facilitate their sales efforts. We expect them to start making a push once they have received the previously mentioned information. We have also submitted them the Quantum Consultancy Event Evaluation reports.

Discussion for extending the agreements with the existing IFF sponsors have been initiated. The negotiations will proceed during the summer.

For the World Games IFF sponsors will support show-casing floorball in the Sports Garden exhibition zone (material support in the exhibition area) and in the form of Best Player prizes (confirmed by UNIHOC). Further, matches are played on Gerflor floors, Swerink rinks and UNIHOC goals and balls.

The Quantum Consultancy report has been distributed to IFF sponsors, potential clients and at first stage federations who were or will be WFC hosts. The feedback has been positive and for example in the case of Craft has provided strong support for sales. The IFF has signed the agreement until the Men's WFC 2024.

**CB decided:** To approve the report

**c) Material function**

Mr. Liljelund reported that the yearly planning meeting with the IFF test-institute RISE has been held as a virtual meeting, discussing the practical issues like the yearly tasks, surveillance testing of material, the needed actions and preparation for starting the process for the updating of the Material Regulation 2024. (**Appendix 20**)

The yearly IFF Material Board meeting will be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June with the Floorball material manufacturers.

**CB decided:** To approve the report

**d) Equality function**

Nothing reported

**CB decided:** To approve the report

**e) Parafloorball function**

Mr. Houman reported that due to the cancellation of the Kazan SOI World Games in Russia, Special Olympics Europe Eurasia is looking to host a tournament in Europe with 10-12 teams to participate. Still a location is to be set as well as the dates.

**CB decided:** To approve the report

**f) Sustainability function**

Mr. Halonen reported on behalf of Mr. Kalsta that the IFF is preparing reported its emissions based on the UN Sports for Climate Network (S4CA) reporting template (concerns the IFF office). The WFC 2022 is leading the way for event sustainability in meeting S4CA goals by providing concrete numbers about CO<sub>2</sub>-emissions from Prague 2018, setting reduction goals and how that will be done during the 2022 edition of the event. As outcome of the event the plan is to create a Sustainability Manual for IFF Event Organisers.

The new responsibility campaign FairFloorball was successfully launched during the championships at the end of 2021. A new video to communicate the concept is being prepared. New footage to endorse the campaign was collected during the tournaments and will be used to update promotion material. The event study (WFC 2021) indicated that the concept was better known among athletes than spectators showing evidence that it needs to be strongly communicated further to increase the awareness of FairFloorball. This said, the results were ok considering it was just launched at the previous events.

The WFC 2022 has continued to publish material and concepts around their Green Goal concept. Together with their sponsor stockschlag.ch they have placed a multitude of collection containers for broken plastic material (balls and blades). This will be used as raw material for the Green Goal trophy, All-Star and other prizes. Closer to the tournament there are also plans to cover the sustainability initiatives in Blick (media partner) channels. The WFC 2022 will be featured in a podcast (Sustainability Report) with representatives from the IFF, LOC and myclimate.

Around 140 sticks and some additional material (balls and bibs) from the material collection in Helsinki were handed over to Hope ry, a charitable organisation which supports families in poverty. Some 60+ sticks are still available for IFF development projects. Plans for the next round of the recycling initiative "Stick with it!" have started. Discussion have been opened with DS Smith for the next set of boxes with an updated design. In future events there is more active communication required to make the audience more aware of the collection. In Helsinki collection boxes were also placed in floorball training facilities couple of months before and after the tournament and this was by far the most successful way to collect material and should be taken away as a learning.

The IOC is planning to organise the next IOC Carbon Action Award. Once the application term will be opened the IFF will submit its candidacy.

The EU Erasmus+ project (Green Approaches in Management for Enhancing Sports / Improve Good Governance in sport) consortium (six different organisations) will have a kick-off meeting of the project 9th of June 2022. The actual project will begin in 2023.

**CB decided:** To approve the report

## § 11. IFF Office

Mr. Halonen reported that the IFF office has reported to the Finnish ministry of education and culture about the use of the financial support the Finnish Federation has received for the hosting of the IFF Office in Finland for the year 2021 and the office has also applied for the support funds for the year 2022.

Mr. Liljelund informed that Ms. Merita Bruun has resigned from her position from the 31.05.2022. Ms Bruun has been employed by the IFF for over 17 years and been an essential part of the growth and development of the IFF during that time. The IFF CB and the IFF Office is very thankful for the important role Ms. Bruun has played. The IFF Office will organise a farewell dinner in June in Helsinki.

To replace Ms. Bruun the IFF has signed an agreement starting from the 12.09.2022 with Mr. James Varecka as an operations coordinator, presently an intern at IFF. Mr. Varecka's role is within the media department, anti-doping and development among others. Mr. Juerg Kihm will also continue in his role within Media but working only 50 per cent for IFF in the future. IFF will discuss with Ms. Anna Jakobsson for a further agreement to assist in the field of Anti-Doping.

Mr. Zacharias Signell who was to start working as a trainee for the period of the 25.04.-01.07.2022, informed in beginning of April that he would not join IFF.

Mr. Liljelund informed that the IFF Office has started to make some analysis in regard to the evaluation process of the Future of Floorball tests. There will be made a goal analysis from the WFC qualifications for WFC 2022. There is also a statistical analysis to be made comparing a number of elements between playing 3x15 min and 3x20 min in the games from where we have video materials.

Ms. Vuori asked what evaluation will be made by the RACC and Mr. Klabere answered that the IFF Competition office has sent out a survey to evaluate the feeling. Mr. Kratz answered that the Future of Floorball questionnaire has been sent to the WFC official staff, participating teams and the LOC's. Mr. Eriksson felt that we need to be more active in spreading the questionnaire. Mr. Liljelund felt that it is very important that the surveys are sent to all the teams to gather as much information. Mr. Suman felt that we need to understand that most of the players might feel that it is not positive to lose some number of players, and this can affect the result of the survey.

Mr. Eriksson stressed that it is important that the CB members will bring the topic to their respective federations.

**CB decided:** To approve the report

## § 12. Members

### Membership questions

Nothing reported

**CB decided:** To approve the report

**Members under suspension**

Nothing reported

**New Member applications**

Nothing reported

**§ 13. Next meeting**

Mr. Eriksson to conclude that the next planned ordinary CB meeting (M5), has been planned for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of September in Prague, Czech Republic. Due to the move of the Women's U19 WFC 2022 to Katowice, Poland the proposal is to move the meeting to Katowice.

**CB decided:** To approve the report and have the next CB meeting on the 3.-4.9. in Katowice, Poland

**§ 14. Closing of the meeting**

Mr. Eriksson closed the meeting at 13:00.

**John Liljelund  
Secretary General**

**Tomas Eriksson  
President**