

Helsinki, Finland, 9th of October 2022

IFF Central Board meeting 6/2022 09.10.2022 as a Hybrid meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark

Place: Meeting held at the Hotel Scandic Spectrum, Kalvebod Brygge 10, 1560 København V

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

Excused:

Agenda

§ 1. Opening of the meeting

Mr. Eriksson welcomed all members to the sixth CB meeting of the year 2022 and thanked the CB members for the very effective workshop yesterday. Mr Eriksson expressed his gratitude to Ms. Houman for a very interesting and useful presentation of the Danish Floorball and the Sport Event Denmark. Mr. Eriksson 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	22	-	Proposal for the Sportswik pay per view prices
Appendix	24	-	WFC 2023 LOC Status report
Appendix	25	-	Sportswik launch plan
Appendix	26	-	Sportswik Project report
Appendix	27	-	East Europe and Middle East report

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

§ 3 **Minutes from the CB meetings: 05/2022 Katowice (04.09.2022)**

The minutes from the last CB meeting 05/2022 were scrutinized, approved and put ad acta. (Appendix 1)

CB decided: To approve the minutes of the IFF CB meeting 04/2022

§ 4. **Financial questions**

a) **Financial report 2022 by 30.09.2022**

Mrs. Birdal presented the financial report and balance sheet by the 30.09.2022 (Appendix 2). The outcome per 30th of September is CHF 426,805, which is some CHF 54,630 (2021: CHF 372.125) better than last year. The difference is mainly due to the earlier WFC and the income connected to this and that the costs for the WFC are still to come, mainly after the Event. The forecast for the financial year still points at a final balanced outcome.

The liquidity continues to be on a healthier level compared to the last years. Per 30th of September the liquidity is CHF 702,469 which is CHF 259,713 (2021: CHF 442,756) better than last year, mainly depending on WFC organisers and marketing fees having been paid earlier than last year.

The forecast for the liquidity at the end of the year is CHF 305,000, some CHF 15,000 lower than last year with the investment in the OTT solution included.

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

Mr. Liljelund explained that there are still some open questions regarding to TV income and costs, which might change. Mr King asked what the plans were to pay off the balance of the debts to the three federations and Mr Liljelund answered that we have paid the rate for 2022 as planned.

CB decided: To approve the reports.

b) **Information on IFF claims – License system and WFC 2022 – status September 30th**

Mrs. Birdal presented the claims situation by the 30.09.2022 for Associations participating in the WFCs 2022 and separately for those not participating in any of the IFF Events. (Appendix 3 and 4).

Those Associations not participating have been approached concerning their growing debts and pay-off plans will be made where possible, in order to make it possible for these countries to participate in the IFF Events also in the future, when the IFF License system 2.0, takes full effect in the end of the year.

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). Canada has now paid the payment scheduled for the end of June and the next is scheduled to end of December.

Mr. Kratz has approached the members in debt, not yet participating in the IFF Events. So far only three federations have answered so far. Mr. Eriksson felt that it is good that we have started to contact the non-participating countries.

Mr. Houman asked if Ukraine has followed their payment plan, to which Mr. Liljelund explained that Ukraine is following the plan, but there has not been any payment since the last meeting, which is in accordance with the payment plan.

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 and to better follow up on the debts of the non-participating Associations.

c) **IFF General Assembly 2022**

Mr. Eriksson to inform that the Final announcement for the IFF General Assembly 2022 will be sent on the 12th of October together with the Agenda and the related documents. The IFF statutes state that the final announcement needs to be sent out 30 full days prior 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 registration for the General Assembly is open until the 20th of October 2022.

The CB discussed and evaluated the content of the IFF Annual Report 2021-2022 and the Plan of Action 2023-2024 during the CB workshop on Saturday the 8th of October.

IFF has received two motions from the IFF member associations, which both has arrived in time, before the 60 full days prior to the IFF GA, which was on the 12th of September 2022. The Belgian Floorball Federation has handed in a motion concerning the need to have all the IFF Events, organised and the Norwegian Floorball Federation has handed in a motion concerning the need for all IFF members to follow the IFF rules in regard to freeing of players during the international weekends.

The CB worked with the following documents for the IFF General Assembly:

IFF GA Agenda (**Appendix 6**) The CB discussed the proposed Agenda and approved it, with the comment that the voting roll still needs to be checked in regard to the members debt situation.

IFF Annual Report 2021-2022 (**Appendix 7**). The IFF Office will make the changes proposed during the IFF CB workshop and the CB is in agreement with this approach, as the IFF GA materials needs to be sent out latest on Wednesday the 12th of October..

IFF Financial reports 2020 and 2021 (**Appendix 8**) The CB has already earlier approved the financial reports of 2020 and 2021, so they are already handled.

IFF Auditors report 2020 and 2021 (**Appendix 9**) The CB took cognizance of the Auditors report

IFF Plan of Action 2023-2024 (**Appendix 10**) The IFF Office will make the changes proposed during the IFF CB workshop and the CB is in agreement with this approach.

IFF Budget 2023-2024 (**Appendix 11**) The CB discussed the proposal for the budget for the years 2023 and 2024. Mr. Suman asked if there have been any increased costs for the WFC's, as the WFC costs have increased, now when the TV costs have been moved to an own cost place. Mr. Kratz explained that we have also calculated with the buyout of the IFF personnel in the WFC's costs, as that organizer has chosen this approach lately. Mr. Suman further felt that it

would be beneficial for the feeling of communality and work of the committees, that the committees would have had bigger budget to operate with.

Motion concerning the Future of Floorball proposal (**Appendix 12**) The CB had discussed the topic in depth during the IFF CB workshop and how the process will continue.

Mr. Suman felt that it is very important that we will be very clear that we are continuing with the tests also in the future. The next CB meeting is to discuss how the matter will be presented during the IFF General Assembly. Ms. Vuori felt that it is imperative to have broad discussions involving all parties and define what we want to change and then move to investigating how it will work. Mr. Lopez felt that we need to first define what the different countries want to change, so it is the task of the CB to find out what should be tested. Mr. Eriksson felt that it is now open to look for new items to test as well as discussed, the present tests.

Motion of the Euro Floorball Championships (**Appendix 13**) The proposal was discussed and approved by the member federations during the consultative meeting during the WFC 2021 in Helsinki. The CB approved the proposal.

Belgian motion and IFF CB proposal (**Appendix 14**) The IFF has been in contact with the Belgium federation to get acceptance for the way the IFF Office has handled the matter and CB made a smaller change to the text, when approving it.

Norwegian motion and IFF CB proposal (**Appendix 15**) Mr. Houman expressed that the 6NFC all feel this is a real problem for all of them and that the IFF must secure that the national associations are responsible to secure that the players are freed. Ms. Plechan expressed that the Athletes Commission also feels that this is a very important topic and the ATC is also looking to make a statement concerning this at the IFF GA. It can't be the individual player that is left with the choice, but it has to be the federation that clearly states that the games can't be played. Mr. Klabere felt that it must be clarified that it is the responsibility of the national federation to prevent the playing of teams during the international weekends. Mr. Suman felt that it will be important to look over this in a broad manner.

In addition, on the agenda there are the following questions to be discussed, the Strategy Implementation debrief, the Confirmation of the change of the ordinary membership of the Italian federation and the Election of replacements/additions to the IFF Ethics Commission.

Mr. Halonen informed that the IFF Office has decided not to print the documents for the IFF GA due to sustainability reasons for the IFF GA. Mr. Suman was afraid of the fact that the member federations might not read the documents if they are not printed.

CB decided: To approve the report and approve the final announcement, the agenda and the related documents 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 16**). The Swiss Life arena has been opened on the 8.10. with a lower-level club playing there with more than 6.000 spectators. The ZSC Lions will play four games in the arena still before the WFC.

The WFC organisation is running on full speed and the volunteering situation is on track, with two training events to be held for the key volunteers in October. The 3rd information letter to the

teams has been sent to the Teams on the 27th of September. The LOC and the IFF Office are having bi-weekly coordination meetings to discuss the open questions.

The sales of sponsorship have moved to sales of any still free space and the implementation of the sponsorship packages. The ticket presales have picked up as expected and the LOC has been able to release some more tickets for sale for the opening weekend, as sponsors, invited guests and IFF has defined their final needs. The next bunch of tickets for the final weekend will be released in beginning of October. There has been a very limited demand for international travel packages provided by Gast. Presently some 70 % of the budgeted ticket sales has been achieved and it seems that the ticket sales budget will be able to be achieved. The LOC is running a national campaign and a ticket promotion for the Swiss quarterfinal is being run in November in the Zurich region

The official WFC 2022 song has been released on September 30th. The final of the Mobilier Street Floorball Tour will be played on the 22nd of October at the Zurich main train station, with a lot of activities with the appearance of the Swiss National Team.

As a part of the sustainability project the LOC will push for the chartered WFC trains for both weekends of the WFC. The IFF Officials will have free transport on the public transportation in the whole Canton of Zurich with their accreditation. In the first weekend the Ministry of Sport will visit the WFC, showing the Swiss people how important the event is.

Mr. Liljelund reported that the agreement with PolarHD has been finalised and IFF has made the agreements with the main TV companies in Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Norway, Slovakia, Sweden and the host. Protocol Sports has made agreements for the following territories so far France, Georgia, Indonesia, The Philippines, Slovenia, Singapore and Thailand. Protocol Sports are still looking for solutions in a number of markets like Brasilia, Bulgaria, Canada, Denmark, Hungary, Iceland, Poland, Slovenia. This leaves only Canada, Denmark, Estonia and Poland of the participating countries which don't yet have TV visibility.

The LOC and the IFF has been working on the set-up for the bi-lateral service and securing the satellite uplink via the Swiss TV. The satellite has been booked for the whole event.

The preparations for the use of Sportswik as the IFF media platform during the event are going well. Sportswik and IFF have held meetings with the host broadcaster, PolarHD, as well as the key LOC statistics person. It is expected that to ease any problems with the new system in regards to statistics that both the current IFF system and Sportswik will be in use simultaneously.

From a spectator or user perspective they will see only Sportswik, while the current system will be used by PolarHD to support the TV graphics. The main issues with the introduction of Sportswik for WFC 2022 have been to do with the statistics system only. The setup for viewing the streaming seems all okay and will be tested in the coming weeks, as well as the use of the platform for social media. A test environment will be available to IFF and the other stakeholders during the whole of October and it is possible that the EFT in Sweden will be used in the testing as well.

CB decided: To approve the reports.

b) U19 WFC 2022, Katowice, Poland

Mr. Kratz reported that he has asked the U19 WFC 2022 LOC for a financial report from the event. The report is expected during October.

The LOC had asked for and received financial support from several Associations participating in the event, which is considered to be a good thing. The logic for the support was that the Polish federation took over the organisation very late, when it became evident that New Zealand was not able to organise the Event. The support was however not coordinated by IFF and Mr. Kratz feels that the IFF must be involved or at least well informed before any such actions are taken by the organisers, in order to have full transparency of the situation.

CB decided: to approve the reports.

c) Next Events

Mr. Kratz reported that the schedules for the Women's WFCQ 2023 EUR Qualifications to be played in Italy (Lignano Sabbiadoro) and Latvia (Koceni) 31.01-04.02.2023 have been published and preparations are ongoing.

The Americas qualification will be played in Canada (Toronto, ON) 25-26.02.2023 and preparations has started.

For the AOFC qualification the AOFC is still to inform of place and date. Some communications have started with Australia and general organising requirements as well as a basic contract have been sent to them for consideration. Mr. King informed that it is very unlikely that Australia would be able to organise the qualification. Ms. Siritwat informed that Thailand would be ready to organise the event in the province of Chon Buri. Mr. Kratz informed that he will take contact with the Thai Floorball.

CB decided: to approve the reports.

d) Upcoming Events

U19 WFC 2023, WFCs 2025 and WFCs 2026

Mr. Kratz reported that the preparations for the U19 WFC 2023 is ongoing and that the first information letter has been sent to the teams having qualified as well as the teams still to play the qualification. The ballot and a draft schedule is under preparation. The logo and graphics for the event have been finalised.

Further Mr. Kratz is reported that the U19 WFC 2023 AOFC qualification was played in Wellington, New Zealand 29.09-01.10.2022 with Australia and Singapore qualifying for the final round.

The Men's U19 WFC 2023 qualifications in Europe will be played in Austria (Salzburg) and Spain (El Escorial) 24-28.01.2023. Schedules have been published and preparations are ongoing.

Mr. Kratz also reported that he has received letter of interests to organise the U19 WFC 2025 Switzerland & U19 WFC 2026 Italy and the WFC 2025 Czech Republic. The bidding process has started for these events. For the adults WFC 2026 no interest has been shown so far and a reminder about this event has been sent.

As soon as the IFF CB has approved the motion for the IFF GA, concerning the creation of the Euro Floorball Championships, the IFF will send out a request for letters of interest for the organisation of the Euro Floorball Championships 2025 Men and 2026 Women, in order to be able to appoint the organiser as soon as possible.

CB decided: to approve the reports and give the task to RACC to investigate the U19 qualification system and revert to the CB according to the proposal

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

Mr. Kratz reported on the current status regarding the Covid-19 pandemic. With exception from possible vaccination requirements to enter countries there are currently no other travel or local restrictions affecting our events.

CB decided: To approve the report

§ 6. **Club competitions**

a) **Champions Cup**

Mrs. Vuori reported on the preparations of the Champions Cup 2023 to be played in Finland, 7th – 8th January 2023 in the Bläk Boks Arena in Ideapark shopping centre in Lempäälä. The contract discussions in regard to the Champions Cup have started and the contract will be signed in beginning of October. The preparations for the CC2023 in the Bläk Boks arena have started, with Ms. Hanne Nyrönen as the project manager for the CC 2023.

Mr. Kratz reported that the ballot took place 17th September in connection with home matches for Classic and TPS and that the schedule is now prepared and published. There has not been any decisions of the start of the ticket sales yet.

Ms. Vuori feels that in the situation when the event creates a lot of costs, the Bläk Box and the City of Tampere was the best solution for the Finnish federation. The arena is the top of the art from a technical perspective, which gives an extremely good surrounding for the players and an extremely good spectator experience. There are some issues with the arena, but the low ceiling is not a real problem or the fact that the spectator stands are in the dark during the game, which is fully lit. The main camera is not exactly in the middle, but the TV product has been improved very much and is now on a very good level.

Both the City of Tampere and the biggest shopping centre in Finland - Ideapark has agreed to support in the marketing of the event and it is a good place to get people.

Mr. Klabere felt that the Finnish federation should have told why the Finnish federation hasn't asked for the technical exemptions.

Mr. Suman expressed if there is a potential problem with the venue and therefore it is important to give a clear picture of the arena in advance.

CB decided: To approve the reports

b) **Euro Floorball Cup**

Mr. Kratz reported that to solve the issue with organisers contact will be taken with some organisers of Club events to see if EFC and the EFCh could be included in these. This system has been used earlier with European Cup qualifications.

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 meeting, which has mainly focused on the preparations of the IFF General Assembly 2022 in Zurich and the preparation of the related documents.

Mr. Eriksson further reported that the meeting with the Presidents and secretary generals of the Euro Floorball Tour countries was held in Copenhagen on the 22nd of September discussing the issue of the Future of Floorball and the cooperation between the IFF and the EFT countries and also the need for a closer cooperation with all member federations, especially after the Covid pandemic. It was agreed that the parties would meet twice a year and the next meeting will be held on the 13th of February in Malmö, Sweden. It was also agreed that the IFF will call for a Core Country meeting during the U19 WFC 2023 in Frederikshavn in end of April.

Mr. Liljelund reported that the IFF Disciplinary Committee has decided to sanction Team Sweden for a breach of following the IFF and the BOC guidelines and directives regarding the medal ceremony with fines and the unsportsmanlike behaviour of one of the Team Sweden head coaches Mr. Niklas Norden leading up to and during the World Games medal ceremony with a reprimand. (**Appendix 17**)

Mr. Liljelund further reported that the IFF Ethics Commission is planning to have a virtual meeting on the 13th of October to get the new members on-board.

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 actions taken after the previous CB meeting. As the main focus have now been to prepare all the documents for the IFF GA, the work with the Strategy implementation will take full speed after the GA documents have been sent out. The SWG will have its next meeting in October to prepare the debrief of the Strategy Implementation for the IFF GA. The idea is to just give a oral report during the meeting.

CB decided: To approve the report

c) **CB Member responsibilities**

Mr. Houman reported about the Six Nations tournament played in Weissenfels, Germany from 30th of September to 2nd of October, with all six teams meeting each other and play 3x15min. The preparations for next tournament have started, and it will be Slovakia as host. The Czech floorball federation has kindly joined the preparations for the next coach seminar, and in the spring 2023, the program should be ready, and the seminar will be open for other federations for free.

Mr. Lopez reported on the situation in Latin America. There are some tournaments that are planned to be played during the year.

Mr. Suman reported on the progress of the Czech Erasmus+ project Floorball - Fit for Future, where there has been an online meeting a few weeks ago and there will be a meeting starting on Thursday next week. Based on this meeting there will be a longer report in the next CB meeting

Mr. Hidir reported on the situation in East-Europe and in the Middle East (**Appendix 27**). The situation is developing in Ukraine and the Ukrainian federation has held their congress and there will be a championship played this season. There are a lot of older players playing in different countries in Europe. The Women's national team are preparing for the WFCQ in Italy. The fact that the Ukrainian male referees has been able to travel to the international tournaments as they are on the official list of the IFF, is really beneficial for the Ukrainian referees. Kazakhstan is presently building their organisation and starting to look for the official recognition and are organising a tournament which will also have participants from Kirgizstan. Mr. Hidir has taken contacts with schools in the northern Iraq and will visit these schools to introduce floorball there with some start-up kits from the IFF.

Ms. Siriwat reported on the situation in Asia and that everything is on track. Mr King informed that there are discussions ongoing between Australia and New Zealand to start playing regular friendly internationals between the two countries.

Ms. Vuori reported on the plans for the Membership Service function and the activities to be taken. When the Sportswik is up and running, it will be able to clarify what possibility there are to develop some automatic tools for registration.

CB decided: To approve the report

§ 8. International Sports

International Olympic Committee/IOC

Mr. Eriksson reported that the IFF has invited the IOC Sports Department for the WFC in Zurich and Mr. Andrew Hofer has already confirmed that he will participate during some of the days of the event.

General Association of International Sport Associations/GAISF

Mr. Eriksson reported that there has still not been any official information received from GAISF after the AGM held in May. The original plan was to hold an extra ordinary general assembly in September to dissolve GAISF. This was supposed to have been preceded by the legal working group organised working/explanatory sessions to the members of GAISF. Despite promises there has at least to our information not been any invitations sent to either of the events.

Association of IOC Recognised International Sport Federations/ARISF

Mr. Eriksson reported that the time and place of the ARISF AGM is still open, as it has not been decided if the GAISF IF Forum will be organised. The plan is to hold the ARISF AGM in connection to the GAISF AGM.

International World Games Association/IWGA

Mr. Eriksson reported that the IFF has received the letter from the IWGA giving more information about the application process for the 2025 Chengdu World Games and that the IWGA General Management System (IGMS) application part will be opened online around mid-November. Information about the exact date and deadline (exclusion date) for application will be given later. IFF will apply as earlier discussed apply for both female and male participation in the games. Further Mr. Eriksson informed that IFF has nominated Mr. Matthias Hofbauer as the IFF

candidate for the IWGA Athletes Commission. Mr. Hofbauer has been a member of the IFF Athletes Commission and participated in the World Games in 2017 in Wroclaw, which is a requirement for the nomination. Mr. Hofbauer is presently employed by the Swiss association as the Manager of the Men's National Team.

Mr. Liljelund informed that the IWGA Media Director Mr. Hagen Bossdorf has conveyed a very positive message from the IWGA evaluation meeting of TWG in Birmingham with the host broadcaster ISB and the main media platform Olympic Channel. From both sides it was explicit mentioned: the two most professional federations regarding TV production and cooperation at the venues are Powerlifting (IPF) and Floorball (IFF).

International Master Games Association/IMGA

Mr. Liljelund reported that the European Master Games LOC has been in contact with the IFF through the floorball clubs responsible for the running of the event, KooVee and Classic also called for a meeting concerning the media visibility for the 31st of August. IFF is promoting the EMG during the WFC 2022.

University Sport/FISU

Mr. Lopez reported that FISU is looking forward to receiving the confirmation of the 3vs3 plus goalkeeper format for the future FISU Floorball UWG 2024.

Mr. Liljelund informed that the IFF Office will prepare a preliminary proposal for the rules for a 3vs3 version before the next CB meeting, to speed up the process.

Multi-Sport Games

Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games 2023, Bangkok, Thailand

Ms. Siriwat reported that the 2023 AIMAG in Thailand is running as planned with Floorball on the program. The 2025 edition in Saudi Arabia is decided and here it is vital for Floorball to appear that there is a build-up of a NSA in Floorball in Saudi Arabia.

SEA Games 2023

Ms. Siriwat reported on the preparations with regards to the upcoming Southeast Asian Games (SEA GAMES) 2023 in Cambodia, where Floorball is on the program, which will be played in May 5th -16th, 2023, in Phnom Penh Cambodia,

The four next hosts are decided by the SEAGF Council, that means 2023 in Cambodia, 2025 in Thailand, 2027 in Malaysia, 2029 in Singapore. The implication of this is that Floorball will after the Cambodia Games be in category 2 and will be on the future program. Thailand will facilitate the Cambodian Team with training camp in Thailand and will also assist together with Singapore with goals and a rink sent to Phnom Penh for the 2023 SEA Games. President Chaiyapak has now been elected as the CEO of the SEAGF.

CB decided: To approve the reports.

§ 9. Committees and Commissions

a) Rules and Competition Committee (RACC)

Mr. Klabere reported from the RACC meeting held over Teams 14.09.2022 (**Appendix 18**).

Among other things the RACC discussed the EuroFloorball Championships proposal for the GA 2022, the Future of Floorball, the renewal of the WFC playing system, the system for organisers of IFF qualifications and the Club events EFC & Challenge, an update of the Goal video review document and guidelines for how the Power breaks to be used in IFF events. The RACC has already discussed how the qualification of the Euro Floorball Championships will be organised if the format will increase from 8 teams to 12.

Proposals on how to solve the organisation of the IFF qualifications and Club events will be discussed further in the next RACC meeting but one solution already mentioned is to try to have the Club events included in other big Club tournaments as have been done earlier for the EFC qualifications.

The RACC has looked upon the new format of the WFC playing system, but this will be brought to the CB meeting in November during the WFC.

Further some proposals were discussed:

The Rules group has proposed that a Case book as an addition to the game rules shall be implemented,

Mr. Halonen reported that with the implementation of the IFF Physical Play guidelines the Referee management will send a collection of video cases to the RC, so they will have the possibility to check of some situations needs to be added to the video archive.

Ms. Vuori asked what the reason for the U19 age proposal, to which Mr. Kratz answered that this clarifies the situation for the players.

The competition office has proposed a change of players age eligibility for the U19 WFC.

The RACC proposes that the CB shall decide to change the age range so that all players in the U19 WFC (qualification and/or final round) must be aged at least 15 years old no later than 30th June in the same year of the final round and turn 19 years old no earlier than the 1st of January in the same year of the final round to be eligible to participate, and that a Case book shall be implemented as an addition to the game rules,

CB decided: To approve the report and the proposals accordingly.

b) Referee Committee (RC)

Mr. Lopez reported that the IFF Referee Committee has made the proposal of the international referee and referee observers for 2023-2024 according to the criteria informed to the IFF member associations on the 14th of June 2022. The IFF RC received proposals from 27 IFF member associations. There were also few new member associations proposing the observers and referees. (**Appendix 19**)

The RC also updated the tasks of the Head of the Referees, the internal workload inside the RC as well as both the international referees and observer paths, which are created to help the referees and observers to proceed in their international career. There are so many referees on

the list of International referees, that we can't provide education and matches to all, so we are looking for new tournaments where we could educate these referees

The RC is organising an observer seminar during the first weekend of the WFC 2022 in Zurich on the 5th to 6th of November. It seems that almost all of the IFF observers will participate. The program is built for two days, and it will also include a match observation. Another topic is the explanation of what the role of the head of the referees includes in the events.

The RC also discussed about the instructions given to the teams in the captain's technical meeting before the IFF events and the RC will inform the referee managements in the events to instruct the referees to follow the given criteria accordingly to avoid any unnecessary problems with the behaviour of the team members.

Mr. Suman felt that we have a possibility to involve the referees somewhere and if the stronger countries could help to provide places for refereeing. Mr. Suman asked if it is a new system that the referee observers have been divided for Men's and Women's matches.

Mr. Lopez answered that there is an exchange program for the referees with Czech Republic, Finland, Sweden and Switzerland. Also a possible would be to have a referee observer included in the friendly international tournaments. Mr. Halonen answered that the system for the referee observers for gender has been in use for already ten years, as long as the gender deviation has been in force.

Mr. Hidir felt that an important tool to develop the international referees is the international club tournaments. Maybe in the future the IFF could be providing information of where referees are needed and how they can contact tournament organisations.

CB decided: To approve the report and the nominations for International Referees and Observers for the years 2023-2024

c) Medical committee

Mr. Halonen reported on behalf of Mr. Kihm that Mr. James Varecka has been introduced to all the tasks and responsibilities concerning relating to the topics concerning the IFF Anti-Doping education and the handling of the Temporary Use Exemptions (TUE) and will from now take over the responsibilities. Mr. Kihm will support him until the end of this year

CB decided: To approve the report

d) Athletes commission

Ms. Plechan reported on the activities of the ATC.

The ATC chair Ms. Plechan had been nominated for the new WADA Athlete Council, for the group 2 elections. Ms. Plechan was not elected but got 12 votes, being on the shared 11th place and only two votes from the last elected. WADA had not presented the voting results of the election, but in accordance with the WADA good governance rules the IF's could ask for the result, which IFF did. The result is very good as there was a total of 34 candidates and a total of 59 voting International Federations. It means that there were some 333 votes given and as there were 34 candidates, Ms. Plechan got more votes than the fair share which would have been 2,9% and you got 3,6%. in average each voting IF has given some 5,5 votes.

WADA has divided the election of the WADA Athlete Commission in three phases, where in Group 1 the IOC nominates five members and in Group 2 where 8 members are elected by the WADA approved IF Athletes Commissions and in Group 3 where WADA will appoint the last 7 members to be selected by the Athlete Council Appointment Panel made up by a majority of athletes, to fill skills and diversity gaps. IFF has nominated Ms. Plechan for this Group 3 as well and the WADA will inform the outcome in December 2022.

ATC is working on a statement concerning the importance of the freeing of the players for the international weekends and planning for the ATC meeting during the Champions Cup in Tampere in January.

CB decided: To approve the report

e) Development Committee (DevC)

Mr. Houman reported on the discussions in regards on the desired role of the Development Committee. The IFF Office has prepared an updated proposal based on the discussions in the previous IFF CB workshop for the role of the IFF Development Committee (**Appendix 20**).

Now when the role of the committee has been defined and the work of the committee will start by the end of the year 2022. The composition of the committee at the time is as following.

- Mr. Steen Houman, chair (DEN)
- Ms. Zuzana Svobodová (CZE)
- Ms. Mervi Kilpikoski (FIN)
- Mr. Jarno Ihme, ATC member (FIN)
- Mr. Ching Sy Jeng, AOFC representative (CHN)
- Mr. Ralph Ramos, AOFC representative (PHI)
- Mr. Anders Buvarp (USA) (until September 2022)
- Mr. Daniel Williamsson (USA) (from October 2022)
- Ms. Linda Lice (LAT)

The committee has had one meeting already, but now since the actual role has been defined the work and the tasks of the committee can be planned better and the work to support the IFF strategy 2021-2032 implementation can be proceeded.

Mr. Houman further reported that as the last Central Board meeting in Katowice, discussed the need to have an IFF 3vs3 model, the work has started in the Development Committee and the RACC, supported by the IFF Office to look for a recommendation of the format and the rules for this. The 3vs3 format is not presently played at IFF tournaments, though it is played at the federations in different formats.

Mr. Klabere thinks that the proposal for the role of Development committee is now in line with the discussions in the previous CB meeting.

CB decided: To approve the report, the proposed role of the Development committee and replace Mr. Anders Buvarp with Mr. Daniel Williamson as the USA representative

f) Entourage Commission (ENC)

Mr. Hidir reported on the work in relation to the IFF Entourage Commission. After the last CB meeting a letter was sent to the Entourage commission members and are now planning to have a virtual meeting to discuss the role of the committee. Mr. Eriksson expressed that the Entourage Commission needs to define its role and tasks in the same way as the Development Committee has and have it approved by the IFF CB.

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 preparation and planning of the WFC 2022, which will be done in cooperation with the WFC 2022 Media team. There has been an ongoing intense exchange with the LOC from WFC 2022.

There has been made a joint decision of the two media teams, to completely partner up in the task management for the WFC 2022 media services. This includes the use of the MS Planning Software for all tasks within the media & communication operations for the whole event (including the lead up and post event). Furthermore, there will be a bundling of all human resources for being able to catch all the best moments of the event. There is also a mutual agreement which media party is posting what and how it will be shared. **(Appendix 21)**

Mr. Kihm will separately report on the present development of the Sportswik media channel introduction and the proposal for the pricing model for the Pay per view Pay wall of the OTT channel. The IFF office has prepared a proposal for a pricing model for the initial start of the paywall within the IFF Sportswik OTT channel. **(Appendix 22)**

The process for the launch of the Sportswik media channel is proceeding in accordance to plans. All involved parties are working with high pressure being able to present and use a working solution for the WFC 2022 event. The biggest challenge for the moment seems to be the use of the old and the new statistic management systems, as the old is needed in the TV production. However, the first tests have been conducted and the outcome was positive and promising. But there are several details which only pop up during the working process. We expect to be able to have a test system up and running for IFF internal testing by the end of September 2022. The IFF Office has prepared a The IFF office has prepared a proposal for a communication plan for the launch/introduction of the Sportswik solution **(Appendix 25)**

The programming of the guessing game within the Sportswik app has started. All other OTT companies and existing IFF event app provide have been informed that they were not chosen Sportswik, PolarHD, Swiss unihockey and IFF have regular exchange calls to coordinate the questions in regard to the statistics systems. The whole project is managed on the Trello platform and the IFF Office has prepared a Project report of how the project is running **(Appendix 26)**

Mr. Beer reminded that the LOC needs to check the host broadcasting contract, if there is a need for geo-blocking also the Swiss market. Mr. Suman felt that it is important that we after the initial event, the CB needs to look upon the pricing model between the different markets, as for the major US sports and the European football leagues

The IFF Office proposed the following pricing model for the Paywall to watch live streams on the new IFF Media and Fan Engagement platform powered by Sportswik (OTT). The cost structure for the WFC 2022 should look like this:

- The WFC 2022 event package, including all games costs 19.99 Euros
- The WFC 2022 pay-per-view (PPV) costs 4.99 Euros per game
- That the match highlights are freely available (not behind the paywall) on the IFF media platform (Sportswik)
- The GEO-Blocking is as far as possible avoided

CB decided: To approve the report and the proposal and the CB will return to the pricing model by markets

b) Marketing function

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

The IFF is together with RCBA updating their sales material and they will start a new push in sales. In a planning meeting in August, it was agreed that all existing contacts will be recontacted with focus on the road leading to the WFC 2024. Some new leads have been added and approved to the prospect list.

IFF has secured New Wave Group S.A. (Craft Switzerland) as Sports Apparel partner for the WFC 2022. Further partners are: DUSCHOLUX as referee shirt sponsor and Fromm as event partner, in cooperation with the Swedish federation. The customised penalty benches (Schmidlin) also create some incremental revenue for IFF. Some discussions about small packages (subject to availability) are still on-going (**Appendix 23**).

Since the last CB meeting Protocol Sports has been able to secure three more broadcasting deals for the WFC 2022 (Reddents (Philippines, Singapore, Thailand), MNC Vision (Indonesia), Sport TV (Slovenia), RMC Sport (France + Andorra), JSC Silknet (Georgia)). There are multiple on-going negotiations for example Denmark and Germany.

With the planned launch of the new IFF media platform (Sportswik) we are constructing also a commercial offering. We will offer this as added value for the IFF partners and top tier LOC partners for WFC 2022.

One out of three existing IFF sponsor agreement negotiations have been finalized. Two further discussion are on-going on a positive note with the target to be finalised before the WFC 2022.

The LOC is offering additional Quantum Consultancy research services to its sponsors. The IFF will make the same offer to its sponsors (and the ones that work with IFF for the WFC 2022 event).

The next CCMNG meeting will take place 13.12. in Frankfurt. The main topics on the agenda will be the new IFF media platform (Sportswik) and the possibilities it offers member associations, the new Champions Cup format and sharing success cases from national federations.

Ms. Vuori felt that it is really good that we are moving forward now and a big thank you to both the Swedish and Swiss federations contribution with sales of sponsors for IFF.

CB decided: To approve the report

c) Material function

Mr. Liljelund reported that the IFF Material Testing Institute RISE has through Mr. Lars-Åke Henriksson informed that the planned change of the certification system, cannot be executed.

This is due to the fact that, the RISE Certification department has interpreted that the new system will require more work for them and therefore the price would increase. Therefore, the IFF and the RISE testing unit has decided to keep the old certification system in force and will make needed changes to the Material Regulation during the coming weeks. This change is made to keep the costs down for the material manufacturers. IFF and RISE has informed the manufacturers of this in a newsletter.

Mr. Klabere felt that we need to push down the price for the testing and certification, as the service can be found elsewhere.

CB decided: To approve the report

d) Equality function

Nothing reported

CB decided: To approve the report

e) Parafloorball function

Mr. Houman reported on the present activities within the Special Olympics. A lot of energy from Special Olympics are focused on the upcoming Summer World Games, which will be held in Berlin with around 7000 athletes. For this reason, there has not been much activity on the floorball side, though there are within the programs still interest for floorball, and when the Summer Games are completed, the attention will be more on the winter Sports.

CB decided: To approve the report

f) Sustainability function

Mr. Halonen reported on behalf of Mr. Kalsta that the UN Sports for Climate Network (S4CA) signatories Annual Meeting will take place next week in connection with the Sports Positive event. Mr Kalsta will attend the meeting online and report. After the WFC 2022 the IFF will start preparing for the next reporting cycle to make sure we are fulfilling the requirements of the networks (S4CA / Race to Zero).

The responsibility campaign FairFloorball will be further endorsed in the future events. A new video to communicate the concept finalised. A new campaign to FairFloorball will start on the 5th of October. In addition to promoting IFF values it also encourages the community to post their perception of FairFloorball on IFF social media. The campaign will also run in the venues throughout the WFC 2022. The campaign is coupled with some UNIHOC WFC 2022 giveaways. Further, new clips with player, team staff and referees to endorse the campaign will be collected during the tournaments and will be used to update promotion material.

The WFC 2022 has continued to publish material and concepts around their Green Goal concept. They have published two videos in which their sponsors explain why they have engaged as sponsors and how they are contributing to the Green Goal. The videos (with English subtitles) are also being distributed in IFF channels. The IFF is also attempting to invite the bigger broadcasters on-site in Switzerland reported on the Green Goal efforts (on top of all the floorball action and content).

Some 90+ sticks are still left from the collection for IFF development projects. We are still expecting some grips from UNIHOC so these sticks could be serviced and donated for Hope ry (in Finland).

Through its network, IFF has become aware of a carbon recycling pilot project spearheaded by World Sailing. UNIHOC has been active directly discussing with the pilot project lead. Currently the plan is the dispatch some recycled carbon fibre material for UNIHOC to evaluate its suitability for their production.

The IOC is planning to organise the next IOC Carbon Action Award 2023 to be announced at the IF Forum in Lausanne. The plan has been to more closely involve the IOC sponsors in the project and prizes. Once the application term will be opened the IFF will submit its candidacy. We have also invited Ms Julie Duffus (Olympic Movement Senior Manager – Sustainability) to the WFC 2022 Green Goal Day (some uncertainty whether she can participate or not as COP27 takes place at the same time). The IOC has also inquired if we would be interested in being on a video where members of the S4CA can present their implementations to carbon commitments (the WFC 2022 LOC is eager to participate with the Green Goal initiative).

The EU Erasmus+ project (Green Approaches in Management for Enhancing Sports / Improve Good Governance in sport) consortium (six different organisations) held a steering committee (online) meeting on the 27.9. All tasks are running according to plan and the project lead will start evaluating the participating organisations on their current green governance. The next meeting takes place 15.12. in Pisa. The project lead will come to WFC 2022 (Green Goal Day) to evaluate how the LOC is implementing sustainability initiatives (part of the project plan). IFF has organised interviews with the LOC.

The material UNIHOC donated to the Ukraine Floorball Federation in connection with the charity match played in Latvia (WFCQ / SWE vs FIN) has arrived in Poland. The Ukrainians will take care of the last mile to deliver the products from the Poland warehouse to Ukraine. The shipment consists of just over 1500 items (player and referee shorts and shirts).

CB decided: To approve the report

§ 11. IFF Office

Nothing reported

CB decided: To approve the report

§ 12. Members

Membership questions

Mr. Halonen to inform that there have been two competing organisations in Cameroon and that has caused some problems for not only to them but also for the IFF. The official IFF member, led by Ms. Yvette Manong, and the competing organisation led by Ms. Elizabeth Kana. The IFF office had a meeting with them on the 23rd of September 2022 and it finally seems that they will find the way to co-operate. The message to both organisations from the IFF point of view was made clear and that is the wellbeing and development of Floorball in the country.

CB decided: To approve the report

Members under suspension

Nothing reported

New Member applications

Nothing reported

CB decided: To approve the report

§ 13. Next meeting

Mr. Eriksson concluded that the next planned ordinary CB meeting (M7), has been planned for the 11th of November in Zurich, Switzerland.

The plan for the CB meetings in 2023 looks like the following

M1 25.-26.02. Prague, Czech Republic

M2 20.-21.05. Malmö, Sweden

M3 02.-03.09. Berlin, Germany

M4 11.-12.11. Helsinki, Finland

M5 07.-10.12. CB meeting 7.12. and Association meeting 8.-9.12., WFC final 10.12.

CB decided: To approve the report

§ 14. Closing of the meeting

Mr. Eriksson closed the meeting at 12:25

John Liljelund
Secretary General

Tomas Eriksson
President