

Place: Hotel Olümpia, Tallinn, Estonia (1/5)

Present: Eriksson, Tomas President  
Jansson, Per  
Jonsson, Tomas  
Kauppinen, Risto  
Liljelund, John  
Lillepalu, Ain  
Lindström, Peter  
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Kratz, Stefan Secretary general

Excused: Mukkala Pekka Vice President  
Vaculik, Martin

**§ 1 Opening of the meeting**

Mr. Eriksson opened the meeting at 10.00 on Saturday 18th of April.

**§ 2 Secretary of the meeting**

Mr. Kratz was chosen secretary for the meeting.

**§ 3 Agenda**

The agenda approved with some alterations and completions.

**§ 4 Minutes from the last meeting**

The minutes from the CB meeting 17-18.01 1998 was scrutinized and put ad acta.

**§ 5 Economy**

*a) Financial reports 1996 and 1997 including the auditor's reports (enclosure 1 & 2)*

Mr. Liljelund reported on the financial reports for 1996 and 1997 including the auditor's report.

*b) Financial report 31.03.98 (enclosure 3 and 4)*

Mr. Liljelund reported on the financial report 31.03.98 and claims per 31.03.98

The CB decided that an updated list of claims shall be presented at the Congress.

*c) Budget 1999 (enclosure 5)*

Mr. Liljelund thoroughly went through the budget proposal for 1999 and made some explanations.

The CB decided to propose the Congress to decide according to the proposal.

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*e) Financial Regulations 1998 (enclosure 6)*

A proposal of completions and alterations of the financial regulations was discussed.

The CB decided to approve the proposal and that the updated version shall be valid from 01.05 1998.

## § 6 World Championships

### a) WFC 1998

Mr. Kratz reported on reservations made for the CB, jury, referee supervisors, referees and observers.

On behalf of Mr. Schlossmacher Mr. Kratz reported on referee and observer appointments.

YLE, the Finnish Broadcasting company has showed their interest to get the exclusive TV rights in Finland for the WFC 1998 final match.

The CB decided to accept the offer from YLE.

### b) WFC 1999

Mr. Liljelund reported that he has started the negotiations with the Swedish Floorball Federation regarding WFC 1999, and that the negotiations will continue during the WFC 1998. The contract shall be ready until the CB meeting in September 1998.

### c) WFC 2000

Mr. Liljelund reported that he, together with Mr. Kratz, has started the negotiations with NBF. The aim is that the contract shall be ready until the CB meeting in September 1998.

The CB decided to approve the structure of the negotiations.

Mr. Jonsson reported on the organizers preparations.

### d) Future WFC's (enclosure 7-9)

The CB decided in the last meeting to ask the member Associations of organizers for the WFC's 2001-2004 and the Men's U19 Championships 2001.

By 31.03 1998 the following Associations had shown their interest:

Women's WFC 2001	Latvia
Men's U19 2001	Germany
Men's WFC 2002	Switzerland, Finland

The CB decided to put forward to RACC to ask for more detailed information regarding when and from which concept the Latvian Floorball Union and the German Floorball Federation have in mind for organizing. A report from RACC shall be given the CB until the CB meeting in September 1998.

## § 7 European Cup

### a) European Cup 1998

Mr. Kauppinen and Mr. Liljelund reported on the progress with the organization.

The CB decided to put forward to Mr. Kratz to make a draft of a contract based on the Organizers Regulations and the Competition Regulations for Club Teams.

The contract shall be ready to the CB meeting in September 1998.

The CB decided that the dead-line to register for the European Cup from 1998 shall be 31.05 the same year as the European Cup is played.

### b) European Cup 1999

The aim is that a contract shall be ready until the CB meeting in September 1998.

### c) Future European Cup's

Future European Cup's was discussed.

The CB decided to ask for organizers for the final round of the European Cup 2000 and 2001.

Dead-line for letters of interest, at this stage, should be the IFF office by hand not later than 31.07.98.

## § 8 Committees

### a) Reports by memorandum

#### AC

Mr. Jonsson reported that he have had a meeting with Mr. Liljelund and Mr. Kratz regarding the Juridical Regulations in comparison with the IFF Statutes. The result of the work will be discussed in § 12.

#### EDC

Mr. Jansson presented the 1<sup>st</sup> IFF Education booklet “international floorball”.

Mr. Jansson reported from the visit in Singapore February 1998 where educations were held for coaches and referees. Meetings with the Singapore National Olympic Committee and the Singapore Sports Council also took place.

From the beginning of March until the WFC 1998 a swedish instructor, Christer Olsson is situated in Singapore to continue the work that started during the visit.

The need of a an education video and a folder with technical practises and a strategy to produce these was discussed. A translation of the Finnish education video could be a solution and will be investigated. The aim is to have the material ready the autumn 1998.

Mr. Jansson proposed that IFF should set up an archive with floorball photos.

EDC is planning for a meeting during WFC 98.

Mr. Kauppinen reported that the Finnish coach situated in Australia, Marko Kilppikoski is working on with the Australian team and the development of Australian floorball. Mr. Kauppinen further reported that the Finnish coach of the Estonian National Team, Pasi Tilander, is continuing his work with the development.

#### MC

Mr. Liljelund reported that he, together with Mr. Eriksson and Mr. Jansson, shall have a meeting with SP to prepare a proposal for the next CB on how the material matters should be handled in case of a Congress decision according to the CB proposal.

#### PR

Mr. Lindström reported on the work of the PR Committee.

The CB decided to ratify the earlier taken fax decision regarding approval of the contracts with Puma and Unihoc.

Mr. Lindström reported from the discussions with a possible main sponsor.

The CB discussed the possibilities to fulfil the requirements of the possible main sponsor.

The CB decided to put forward to the PR Committee to negotiate with the possible main sponsor with the aim to have a contract ready from 01.01.99.

#### RACC

On behalf of Mr. Orlando, Mr. Kratz reported that Mr. Orlando, Mr. Wester and Mr. Kratz had a meeting in Bern 04-05.04 to finalize the RACC proposal on International Transfers Regulations, Competition Regulations for National Teams and Competition Regulations for Club Teams.

Furthermore the meeting proposed that the Organizers Regulations should be decided by the CB and not by the Congress.

### b) Nominated IFF Referees

The CB decided to appoint Alexander Koroljov, Russia as an international referee.

## **§ 9 Issues from the last meeting**

### *a) Russia* (enclosure 10)

Russia has paid the participation fee, 2000 CHF, to the WFC 1998 and sent a letter asking for a prolonged period, until September, to pay their debts.

The CB decided to allow Russia to participate in WFC 1998 and that they shall be entitled to vote at the Congress. The dead-line for settling all debts shall be 30<sup>th</sup> of September 1998. Participation in coming IFF Championships and IFF Club Competitions shall be according the respective dead-line.

### *b) Hungary*

Magyar Palanklabda Szövetség has not paid their debts until the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 1998 and not even been heard from regarding settlement of the debts.

The CB decided to suspend Magyar Palanklabda Szövetség from IFF until the Congress and to propose to the Congress that Magyar Palanklabda Szövetség shall be excluded from IFF.

## **§ 10 Membership applications** (enclosure 11)

Magyar Floorball Szövetség has applied for membership of IFF.

The CB decided to ask for a completion of the application concerning a translated version of the statutes into english, and to leave the application on the table until the Congress decision concerning Magyar Palanklabda Szövetség. Furthermore the CB decided to put forward to Mr. Kratz to write to the Hungarian Sports Confederation regarding the present situation of floorball in Hungary to find out whether any of the Associations are certified by the Sports Confederation as the leading organization for floorball in Hungary.

## **§ 11 GAISF application** (enclosure 12)

Mr. Eriksson reported that he, together with Mr. Kratz has written a letter to GAISF to inform that IFF will not send a new application for membership 1998, since IFF has not yet reached 20 member Associations.

## **§ 12 Letter from Czech Floorball Union** (Enclosure 13-16)

The Czech Floorball Union has sent a letter with a complaint regarding a logotype.

The Swiss Floorball Association has replied to the letter and Mr. Eriksson has answered them both.

The issue regarding the logotype is not a matter for the CB and therefore the matter is forwarded to the IFF Arbitration Committee to be dealt with after the Congress, since there are no Arbitration Regulations valid before the Congress.

Regarding the wish from Mr. Vaculik to resign from RACC the CB decided to accept the resignation.

Since the CB see no connection between the raised question upon the logo matter and the jury of the WFC 1998 and therefore no ruling will be made in the raised jury issue.

## **§ 13 IFF Congress 1998**

### *a) CB proposals* (enclosure 17-22)

The CB decided to propose to the Congress to decide upon

- proposed changes of the Statutes
- Juridical Regulations
- International Transfers Regulations
- Competition Regulations – National Teams
- Competition Regulations – Club Teams
- Arbitration Regulations

The CB has earlier decided to propose to the Congress to decide about system for testing floorball material and equipment.

**§ 13 IFF Congress 1998 - continuation**

*b) Nominations* (enclosure 23-30)

The following person has been nominated to be IFF President:

Tomas Eriksson, Sweden

The following persons has been nominated to the next Central Board of IFF:

Tomas Jonsson, Norway  
 Peter Lindström, Norway  
 Per Jansson, Sweden  
 Ain Lillepalu, Estonia  
 John Liljelund, Finland  
 Risto Kauppinen, Finland  
 Max Sterchi, Switzerland  
 Thomas Gilardi, Switzerland  
 Martin Vaculik, Czech Republic  
 R.Sinnakaruppan, Singapore – nomination arrived 04.04.98

The following person has been nominated to the Disciplinary Committee of IFF:

Matts Spångberg, Sweden

The following person has been nominated to the Appeal Committee of IFF:

Lars Granqvist, Sweden

The CB decided to urge the member Associations to nominate persons to the Disciplinary Committee and the Appeal Committee.

*c) Ordinary membership applications* (enclosure 31)

Polska Federacja Unihokeja-Floorball, the Polish Floorball Association, has applied for ordinary membership.

The CB decided to propose to the Congress to approve Polska Federacja Unihokeja-Floorball as ordinary members of IFF.

**§ 14 IFF Plan** (enclosure 32)

A proposal of an IFF Plan for 1998-2001 was discussed.

The CB decided to obtain information regarding planned meetings from the Committees.

**§ 15 Next meeting**

The CB decided to have the next meeting 27.05.98 at Hotel Forum in Prague, Czech Republic, starting 10.00 and ending 15.00.

**§ 16 End of meeting**

Mr. Tomas Eriksson closed the meeting at 21.30 on Saturday 18<sup>st</sup> of April.

Stefan Kratz  
 Secretary general

Tomas Eriksson  
 President