



Helsinki, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010

## **IFF Central Board meeting 4/2010 16.10.2010**

**Place:** Hotel Seurahuone, Kaivokatu 2, Helsinki, Finland

**Participants:** **Tomas Eriksson** **President**  
**Filip Suman** **Vice president**  
**Hans Botman**  
**Risto Kauppinen**  
**Stephen King**

**Stefan Kratz** **Competition Manager**  
**Merita Bruun** **Information Manger**  
**John Liljelund** **Secretary General**

**Excused:** **Per Jansson** **Treasurer**

**Invited:** **Kaarina Salomaa** **IFF Competition Coordinator**

## **Minutes**

### **§ 1. Opening of the meeting**

Mr. Eriksson opened the meeting at 09.00 and greeted the CB members welcome to the last IFF CB meeting before the WFC 2010 and the IFF General Assembly in Helsinki, in Finland.

### **§ 2. Approval of the agenda**

Mr. Eriksson concluded that there was three updated appendixes, namely the  
Appendix 23, Nominations for the IFF General Assembly  
Appendix 24, SUHV letter concerning the Champions Cup  
Appendix 25, Application from the Irish Floorball Association

### **§ 3 a) Minutes from the previous CB meeting: 03/2010 in Amsterdam (03.09.2010), (Appendix 1)**

The minutes from the last meetings were scrutinized, approved and put ad acta.

### **§ 4. Economy**

#### **a) Financial report by the 30.09.2010 (Appendix 2)**

Mr. Kratz, on behalf of the treasure Mr. Jansson, gave a short recap of the financial report by the 30.09.2010, concluding that the IFF finances are well in balance with the budget.

**The CB decided:** To approve the financial report and the balance sheet per 30.09.2010



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### b) Information on IFF claims – status October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 (Appendix 3)

Mr. Kratz presented the IFF claims as per 08.10.2010 and the situation with the suspended member association Ukraine and Malaysia. Ukraine has reacted to the communication and a meeting is to be organised during the WFC 2010. Malaysia has not responded at all.

**The CB decided:** To approve the claims situation per 08.10.2010.

## § 5. World Championships

### a) WFC 2010 Helsinki-Vantaa, Finland

Mr. Kauppinen gave a short report about the ongoing preparations for the WFC 2010, which is to be played in Helsinki and Vantaa, Finland, from the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> of December 2010. The preparations have moved in to the last phase, with a lot of operational tasks being dealt with. The target from a marketing point of view is to have more spectators for the beginning of the tournament and a full house in the medal matches. The LOC feels that there are no major problems facing the organisation at the moment.

The ticket sales are moving in a positive way and there are almost 18.000 tickets sold for the whole tournament. There are some 500 reserved seats for the Finals, which are still considered to be a small risk whether they are used or not. There are around 2500 tickets for sales for the final day.

Mr. Liljelund reported about the Sports Finland/NOC and the IFF organised Observer Programme during the WFC on the 8<sup>th</sup> and the 9<sup>th</sup> of December. The objective of the programme is to give both the IFF member associations a possibility to see behind the scene how the event is organised and get to know what kind of steps are taken. The Observer Programme has been built upon the IFF Organisers Handbook, which will then help the participants to form their own view of how they could organise an IFF Event. The invitation has been sent out to over 30 IFF member associations, with the registration date of the 12<sup>th</sup> of November 2010. Sports Finland has invited other organisations and cities to participate. **(Appendix 4a and 4b)**

Mr. Liljelund gave a short report on the situation concerning the TV-broadcasting from the WFC 2010. **(Appendix 5)** The total number of produced matches will be 17 whole matches and 2 Swiss highlights. IFF has coordinated the negotiations with all the takers and the host broadcaster YLE (Yleisradio). IFF has achieved to have 10 matches to be broadcasted on Eurosport 2, but we have had to produce 5 matches, in order to be able to secure this visibility.

Mr. Suman felt that it is a great success that IFF has been able to uphold the level of televised matches.

**The CB decided:** To approve the report.

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### b) WFC 2011

Mr. Kratz gave a short report concerning the organisation by the Swiss Floorball Federation for the 8<sup>th</sup> Women's WFC in St. Gallen in December 2011. The discussions have started where the ballot for the groups will be made and the proposal is during the Swiss Cup final in March 2011.

**The CB decided:** To approve the report.

### c) U19 WFC 2011

Mr. Kratz informed about the preparations made by Floorball Germany for the arrangements of the U19 Men WFC 2011, to be played in Weissenfels from Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> to Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> of May 2011.

The qualification for the U19 WFC was played in Benidorm, Spain from the 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> of September, 2010, with five teams playing and Russia qualifying for the B-division.

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

## § 6. EuroFloorball Cup

### a) EFC 2010

Mr. Kratz made a report of the EuroFloorball Cup 2010, Final round played in Koceni and Valmiera from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup> of October 2010. The event was well organised, with a number of tight and interesting matches. IKSU took the third consecutive championship gold, giving them the Cup for the EFC. Storrreta won on the Men's side. The only problem was the relative low level of spectator in the event, after the home teams lost the possibility for the play-offs.

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

### b) Champions Cup

Mr. Eriksson reported on the negotiations held with the Swiss and Swedish associations concerning their participation in the Champions Cup 2011 and how to organise the future Champions Cup's. He felt that it is very good to have the first edition played in the Czech Republic. The SUHV (**Appendix 24**) has confirmed that they are willing to participate in the edition 2011. Mr. Eriksson felt that the most important factor it is to have an agreement signed for the organisation between the five parties.

Mr. Suman reported on the steps taken to secure the foundation of the Champions Cup and the actions needed to prepare for the 2011 edition of the EFC. There needs to be a meeting between the four associations before end of March 2011.

Mr. Liljelund pointed up that first the IFF needs to have a structure for the Champions Cup and the new EuroFloorball Cup to present to the member associations in advance of the General Assembly.

The IFF Office has started to look for potential organisers among the countries ranked 5-10 in order to have an organiser for the new EuroFloorball Cup already for the IFF General Assembly.

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

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## § 7. Committees and Function reports

### a) ExCo reports

Mr. Eriksson gave a short report on the ExCo activities, concerning the preparations for the WFC 2010 and the documents for the IFF General Assembly.

Mr. Liljelund reported about the investigation made in connection related to the status of IFF's registration in Switzerland, which has proven that IFF is not registered fully in accordance with Swiss Civil law. The proposal is that IFF will make the needed investigation of the requirements of a registration in Switzerland.

Mr. King reported about the AOFC Development Report, the AOFC CB has put together, defining the roles and activities of the AOFC, as well as the plans for moving forward in the region. **(Appendix 6)** The plan is to have activities in Bangladesh, Philippines and Sri Lanka in 2011 and structuring the national association in the existing member association and have at least 16 member associations fulfilling the Licence system requirements. There is an Indonesian workshop being organised in December for University students.

There is a Spanish player Nicolas Prieto who will move to the Nepal for 1,5 years and will help the AOFC to develop the sport on a local level.

**The CB decided:** To approve the reports and to start the investigations for the registration in Switzerland.

### b) Contacts to International Sports Organisations

Mr. Eriksson informed about the present situation in relation to the International Sports organisations. Mr. Eriksson will meet with the FISU Director Mr. Saintrod during a University seminar in Sweden in October. Mr. Liljelund will take part in the FISU organised City Events in Brussels in November and then discuss with the FISU.

The main objective for IFF is to put pressure on both FISU and IWGA in order to speed up the process for the participation of Floorball in the multi-sport events.

Mr. Liljelund informed that the Office is finalising the up-date report on our revision for recommendation for the full recognition to be proposed by the IOC Executive Board.

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

### c) RACC

Mr. Suman reported on the RACC proposal made for changing the IFF Competition regulation in connection to the drawing of lots in tournaments and the ranking in relation to teams that have missed one or more matches in a tournament. **(Appendix 7)**  
The objective has been to try to protect the teams for unforeseen problems related to travelling and visas.

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Mr. King asked about the implementation of the new ruling, taking into account the forfeited match or matches, which Mr. Suman explained.

Mr. Botman asked of the preparations made by the RACC concerning the new EFC, the structure has to be prepared before the IFF General Assembly.

**The CB decided:** To approve the change of the IFF Competition Regulation as proposed.

### d) RC

Mr. Botman gave an oral report on the RC meeting held in Prague on the 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> of September 2010, which was very positive. **(Appendix 8)** Among other things the RC mainly focused on the nomination of International Referees and Observers for the period 2011 and 2012 and then discussed the RC Plan of Action for the period 2010 – 2015.

The objective for the RC is to educate and develop a sufficient number of International Referee pairs until 2015. More focus will be given on the education of new and lower ranked International Referees, together with the founding of a development group for inexperienced International Referees. **(Appendix 9)** The RC has further discussed whether it would be possible to have support for the referees in goal scoring situations and how it could be organised.

The RC is proposing how to handle the Interpretation of the Game Rules and the questions related to this, in order to have a process for handling all the questions in the same way. **(Appendix 10a)** Mr. Botman proposed that the RC and RACC would look over the proposal and return with a new one for the next CB meeting.

Mr. Botman further reported on the proposal for the Nomination of the International Referees and Observers. The CB is to approve the nomination for the period of 2011 – 2012. **(Appendix 10 a and 10b)** The number of International Matches is growing and there is a need to have more international referees, but at the same time the RC needs to ensure that there are enough referees, who can handle the refereeing of the Major events. There are too few countries which have a real organisation organising the activities of the Referees. RC has started a Development group of referees, for new International referees.

Mr. Botman stressed that the number of the proposals of International Referees was not as good as the RC had hoped for. There is a positive development when it comes to the number of International Observers having new observers from Germany and Hungary.

The RC is organising an education for new International Observers during the WFC 2010 in Helsinki on the 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> of December, since the key to develop the level of the International Referees is through the Observers and thus start the education of International Observers. RC will additionally organise a meeting for the National Referee Committees on Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> of December. Both meetings are run by the RC members, not being a part of the WFC organisation.

Mr. Suman felt that we need to be prepared to answer the question related to the goal cameras, since there will be questions asked during the WFC.

**The CB decided:** To approve the reports and to approve the nomination of International Referees and Observers for 2011 – 2012 and the RC will evaluate the implementation of the new system accordingly. The CB further decided to ask the RACC and the RC to come with a combined proposal of the way to handle the Game Rule Interpretations.

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### e) Development function

Mr. Liljelund reported on the 16<sup>th</sup> Development Seminar held in St. Petersburg from the 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> of September, in which over 70 participants took part from more than 10 regions in Russia and some participants from both Estonia and Ukraine. The seminar was organised, with the help of the St Petersburg open Floorball League, outside St. Petersburg in a Summer Colony, which suited the needs of the seminar very well. The seminar focused on the finding a structure of Floorball in Russia and was according to the participants a huge success.

Mr. Liljelund further informed that a number of plans are being made in order to speed up the number of seminars especially in the AOFC region and Western Europe in 2011.

Mr. Liljelund made a short presentation on behalf of the Development function chair Mr. Renato Orlando, who has according to earlier CB decisions, made an Evaluation of the IFF Development Programme Seminars, from 2005 – 2010. **(Appendix 11)**

The Evaluation document defines the objectives and the obligation of the programme, giving a short description of the realization of the seminars and concluding with the outcome and conclusions of the efforts made as well as giving the IFF CB the recommendation of how to continue with the seminars in the future. The CB is to discuss the about the evaluation and make a decision about the recommendations made.

Mr. King expressed that the Development seminars has from the AOFC point of view has been very successful.

Mr. Eriksson felt that the seminars have been very fruitful to have the seminars, gaining IFF new members and IFF shall continue to organize the seminars.

Mr. Botman wanted to congratulate the Development function, which has organised the seminars.

Mr. Eriksson thanked the Development function for the well performed Floorball Development Programme Seminars and Mr. Orlando especially for a detailed evaluation of the seminars.

**The CB decided:** To approve the reports and decided to act in the direction pointed out in the recommendations made in the Evaluation of the Development Seminars.

### f) Marketing function

Mr. Kauppinen presented the proposal made for the IFF Marketing Strategy 2011-2014, which is to be presented to the IFF General Assembly in December. **(Appendix 12)**

Mr. Suman asked why the Marketing function decided to make a text version, since the slide version is easier to follow. There might need to be some illustration in the document.

Mr. Kauppinen answered that the original slides can be used as an appendix and will be presented at the General Assembly.

Mr. Liljelund reported that the negotiations concerning the new IFF Floorball material partners has progressed positively and we are near to an agreement with the Rink, Flooring and Apparel partner. Negotiations are still ongoing with the Floorball Material partner and the partner for the Champions Cup. The marketing function will bring the proposal for these to the CB meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December 2010.

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**Proposal:** To approve the reports and approve the IFF Marketing Strategy Management Summary and put it forward to the IFF General Assembly in December 2010.

**g) Medical committee**

Ms. Bruun reported about the Medical Committee meeting held in Zurich on the 17<sup>th</sup> of September, 2010. **(Appendix 13)**

The Medical Committee discussed the present burning topics in the field of testing, where the medical committee proposed that IFF shall conduct more out-of-competition tests in the future. Also the questionnaire for the WADA Code Compliance was discussed and changes were made to the Anti-Doping part of the Handbook, based on the feedback from the Medical Committee members.

**The CB decided:** To approve the report

**h) Material function**

Ms. Bruun informed about the preparations for the ispo fair – Floorball Village 2011 6<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> February 2011 and the planning telephone meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of October, 2010. There are 12 manufacturers participating in the Village and the preparations are proceeding well, since we have changed the process on how to build the Village with the building company Workman Event.

**The CB decided:** To approve the report.

**i) Athletes Commission**

Mr. Kratz gave on behalf of Mr. Jansson a short report about the invitation to nominate for the Athletes Commission. The Election of the male players will be organised in the Hartwall and the Energy Arena during the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> of December. The Office has based on the nominations which have to be the IFF at hand by the 15<sup>th</sup> of November, made the arrangements for the voting system. The voting will be made with election forms, in which the players can vote for a maximum of three candidates.

**The CB decided:** To approve the report.

**j) Information function**

Ms. Bruun reported about the update of the IFF web page, which was launched in beginning of October. The change has not been the smoothest possible, but the webpage is now working. There are some problems still with some of the RSS feeds from the member associations.

The number of subscribers of the IFF newsletter and the viewers of the SportsHub IFF channel has peaked after the launch of the new web-page.

**The CB decided:** To approve the report.

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k) **Equality function**

Nothing to report.

§ 8. **IFF Office**

Nothing to report

§ 9. **Member Federations**

a) **Members under suspension**

Mr. Kratz reported about the status of the suspension of Ukraine and Malaysia.

**Proposal:** To approve the report.

b) **New Member Applications**

Mr. Liljelund informed that the newly formed Irish Floorball Association (IFA) has applied for taking over the provisional membership for Ireland (**Appendix 25**). The Irish Floorball Association has held the forming meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> of October 2010 and decided to apply for the provisional membership, due to the fact that the present association has not really ever been active and is not registered by the Irish Sport Administration. Floorball Ireland has not answered to any contact for the last 12 months.

**The CB decided:** To accept the application of the Irish Floorball Association to take over the provisional membership of Ireland.

§ 10. **IFF General Assembly 10<sup>th</sup> of December 2010**

Mr. Eriksson informed that the announcement for the IFF General Assembly has been sent out to the member associations on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September, which is more than 90 full days the actual General Assembly. The General Assembly will be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of December at the Balders House, in the Centre of Helsinki starting at 09.00.

The IFF CB needs to approve the Agenda for the General Assembly, which has to be sent out to the member associations together with all the documents, no later than 30 full days in advance of the General Assembly, which is on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November, 2010. (**Appendix 14**)

The IFF CB has earlier in its meeting in September 2010 decided to change the IFF Statutes, when it comes to the representation of both genders and the number of CB members from 6 to 9. In addition to this the IFF CB needs to accept the proposal for a Statute change concerning the election procedure and the governing law of the IFF. (**Appendix 15**)

The IFF Office has prepared a working version of the Annual Report for 2009 – 2010, for the CB, which the CB needs to approve, before sending it to the IFF General Assembly. The Annual Report will be edited, when it comes to information and data which still changes until the beginning of November. (**Appendix 16**)

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The IFF CB has already accordingly decided to approve the Financial Reports and the Auditors reports for the fiscal years 2008 and 2009, but the CB needs to put them forward to the General Assembly. **(Appendix 17, 18, 19 and 20)**

The IFF ExCo has prepared a proposal for the Plan of Action for 2011 – 2012, which the CB has to discuss about in order to put it forward to the IFF General Assembly. **(Appendix 21)**

Based on this proposal for the Plan of Action the IFF Office has prepared a proposal for the yearly budget for 2011 and 2012. **(Appendix 22)**

Additionally the CB shall send out the list of the nominations made by the IFF member associations for the IFF Presidency, the IFF Central Board, the Appeal Committee and the Disciplinary Committee. All these nominations shall have been at the hand of the IFF no later than the 11<sup>th</sup> of October. **(Appendix 23)**

Furthermore the IFF CB shall put forward the IFF Marketing Strategy for the General Assembly, which the CB earlier decided upon.

The CB is to discuss the proposals in detail and then decide to put them forward to the General Assembly.

**The CB decided:** To approve proposed documents and to put these documents forward to the IFF General Assembly.

## § 11. Next CB meeting

Mr. Eriksson is to inform about the upcoming IFF CB meetings for 2010; 05/2010: 09.12.2010 – Helsinki, Finland at 09.00. Arrival for the IFF CB is on Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> evening. IFF General Assembly 10.12.2010.

**Proposal:** To decide about the next CB meetings.

## § 12. Closing of the meeting

Mr. Eriksson ended the meeting at 13.05, thanking everyone for a good meeting.

**John Liljelund**  
**Secretary General**

**Tomas Eriksson**  
**President**

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