



# INTERNATIONAL FLOORBALL FEDERATION (IFF)

Ordinary member of AGFIS/GAISF

## MINUTES IFF GENERAL ASSEMBLY 10.12 2016

**Place:** Hotel Radisson Blu Latvija, Riga, Latvia

**Participants:** According to appendix 1

### § 1 Opening of the General Assembly by IFF President Mr. Tomas Eriksson

Tomas Eriksson greeted all the participants welcome to Riga and the 13<sup>th</sup> IFF General Assembly, thanking the LFU President Ilvis Petersons for an excellent ongoing WFC in Latvia.

Mr. Eriksson shortly elaborated round the development during the 30 years history of IFF, the road to Wroclaw and the importance not only for the teams qualifying to the World Games but for the whole floorball community.

Mr. Eriksson also mentioned how pleased he is with the work done by the Associations, CB members, committees and volunteers.

Mr. Eriksson made a special address to Mr. Liljelund and the administration stating that without them we would not have accomplished what we have.

Mr. Mr. Eriksson also thanked the IFF sponsors Unihoc, Asics, Gerflor and Swerink which are also helping to build the brand.

With these words Mr. Eriksson opened the IFF General Assembly 2016.

### § 2 Approval of present Associations and the voting roll

Mr. Liljelund conducted the roll call and the following ordinary member associations were present;

33 out of the 43 ordinary member associations have registered for the IFF General Assembly and 30 that are present, i.e. Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Korea, Latvia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine and USA, which according to the IFF Statutes § 29.2. have the right to vote at the General Assembly, if they have fulfilled their obligations towards IFF.

The General Assembly is further to conclude that the following 7 provisional member countries are present: China, Cote D'Ivoire, Lithuania, Somalia, Thailand, Turkey, Uganda. Venezuela is present in the capacity as observer.

**The General Assembly noted** that 30 ordinary and 7 provisional member Associations were present and that for a simple majority 16 votes are needed and 20 votes are needed for a 2/3 majority.

**The General Assembly decided**, that the voting roll was 30 ordinary members and that 20 votes are needed for a 2/3 majority and 16 votes for simple majority.

### § 3 Greetings to the General Assembly

Mr. Egils Sveilis, vice President of the Latvian Floorball Union greeted the participants of the GA a warm welcome to Riga and the 11th World Floorball Championships.

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## § 4 Election of two scrutineers of the General Assembly

Mr. Eriksson proposed to elect as scrutineers Marek Chomnicki, Polish Floorball Federation and Tamuz Hidir, Ukrainian Floorball Federation.

**The General Assembly decided** to approve the proposal and to accordingly elect Marek Chomnicki, Poland and Tamuz Hidir, Ukraine to act as scrutineers.

## § 5 Approval of the agenda (appendix 2)

The CB proposes to approve the proposed Agenda for the IFF General Assembly.

**The General Assembly decided** to approve the agenda for the IFF General Assembly.

## § 6 Approval of the protocol of the last General Assembly (article 31 paragraph 2)

**The General Assembly noted** that the protocol from the last General Assembly has not been opposed to and is therefore automatically approved according to the IFF Statutes article 31 paragraph 2.

## § 7 Modification of the statutes (changes in statutes a 2/3 majority is needed) (Appendix 3).

The IFF Central Board proposes to make some minor changes to the IFF Statutes, in relation to the IFF License System 2.0 and the fact that the elections are carried out every four years.

Mr. Liljelund presented the proposal of these changes of IFF Statutes to the GA.

**The General Assembly decided**, unanimously, to change the statutes according to the CB proposal.

## § 8 Admission or expulsion of official member Associations

None of the present member associations have on their own accord applied for ordinary membership.

Mr. Liljelund informed that the CB has decided to propose that Thailand shall automatically be considered ordinary members, since they have been provisional for at least four years and have not yet applied for ordinary membership, according to IFF Statutes, Article 13 paragraph 3.

**The General Assembly decided** to grant ordinary membership to Thailand.

**The General Assembly decided** to update the voting roll now to be 31 ordinary members present and 6 provisional member Associations and that a simple majority is 16 votes and a 2/3 majority requires 21 votes.

## § 9 Approval of the CB report (appendix 4)

Mr. King presented the Annual Report for 2015-2016, which is based upon the Plan of Action for 2015-2016 decided upon in the GA in Gothenburg, Sweden in 2014.

The IFF has continued during the last two years to work with Increased Awareness & Visibility, Lobbying & Development and Increased Marketing Revenue & Financial Resources.

Mr. Eriksson asked the General Assembly to approve the Annual Report 2015 – 2016.

**The General Assembly decided** to approve the Annual report 2015 – 2016.

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## § 10 Approval of the financial report and the auditors report

*Calendar years 2014 and 2015*

Ms. Bakke explained how the IFF financials are built and where the efforts have been put the two last year's where she noted that especially committees and administration has kept the budget well.

Ms. Bakke then presented the Balance sheet and Statement of income for 2014 (appendix 5) and 2015 (appendix 7). The IFF made a surplus of 4,538 CHF in 2014 and a surplus of 6,943 CHF in 2015.

Mr. Eriksson asked if the IFF General Assembly had any questions regarding the finances.

Mr. Eriksson proposed the General Assembly to approve the financial reports of 2014 and 2015.

**The General Assembly decided** to approve the financial report for 2014 and 2015.

The Auditor Mr. Mikael Brandstam presented the Auditors report for 2014 and 2015 (appendix 6 and appendix 8) and informed that the annual accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act and, thereby, gives a true and fair view of the IFF's financial position and results of operations in accordance with generally agreed accounting principles in accordance to IAS.

Mr. Eriksson proposed the General Assembly to approve the auditor's report for 2014 and 2015.

**The General Assembly decided to** approve the auditor's report for 2014 and 2015.

## § 11 Decision on freedom of responsibility for the CB

The Auditor Mr. Mikael Brandstam recommended to the IFF General Assembly that the IFF Central Board and secretary general shall be discharged from liability for the financial years 2014 and 2015.

Mr. Eriksson asked if the General Assembly can grant freedom of responsibility for the CB and secretary general.

**The General Assembly decided** to grant the Central Board and the secretary general freedom of responsibility for 2014 and 2015. It was noted that none were against.

## § 12 Decision on membership fee (appendix 9)

The IFF Central Board proposes to make a minor change in the membership fees system in relation to the IFF License System 2.0 from 2017.

A 2/3 majority is needed for a change, and a simple majority for the amounts.

**The General Assembly decided** unanimously to change the membership fees from 2017 according to the proposal.

## § 13 Approval of IFF CB proposals, budget and working plan for the next two years

*a) Plan of action for the period 2017-2018 (appendix 10)*

Mr. Suman elaborated on each point of the CB proposal of plan of action for the period between the General Assemblies 2016 and 2018.

Mr. Eriksson asked if the General Assembly could approve the plan of action for 2017 and 2018.

**The General Assembly decided** to approve the plan of action for the period 2017-2018.

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*b) Budget for the calendar years 2017 and 2018 (appendix 11)*

Mr. Liljelund presented the budget for 2017 and 2018 pointing out some areas where extra efforts will be made and specially pointed out the World Games in 2017.

Mr. Eriksson asked if the General Assembly could approve the budget for 2017 and 2018.

**The General Assembly decided** to approve the budget for 2017 and 2018.

## § 14 Elections (appendix 12)

*IFF President for four years*

Mr. Eriksson gave the word to the IFF Vice President Mr. Filip Suman, who informed that the only nomination for President is Mr. Tomas Eriksson, the present IFF President.

Mr. Suman proposed that the General Assembly would re-elect Mr. Tomas Eriksson as President of IFF for 2017-2020.

**The General Assembly decided**, unanimously, to re-elect Mr. Tomas Eriksson as IFF President for four years.

Mr. Eriksson thanked the General Assembly for the support given to him stating that it is a privilege to work close together with the floorball community and that he looks forward to do this for another 4 years.

*Nine CB members for four years*

Mr. Eriksson informed that there are 10 candidates nominated as members of the Central Board for the available 9 seats. Therefore, as all candidates are still running, an election is needed. All the nominations were made at least 60 full days before the General Assembly.

The candidates presented themselves in alphabetical order; Mrs. Monica Bakke, Norway (re-election), Mr. Jörg Beer, Switzerland (re-election), Mr. Heiko Jassmann, Germany (re-election) – presentation made by Mr. Torsten Brasch, German Floorball Association, Mr. Stephen King, Australia (re-election), Mr. Martin Klabere, Sweden (re-election), Mr. Carlos Lopez, Spain (re-election), Mr. Kimmo Nurminen, Finland (new), Mr. Torbjörn Ovedal, Denmark (new), Mr. Ron Spence, Canada (new), Mr. Filip Suman, Czech Republic (re-election).

The General Assembly conducted the vote for the election of the nine members of the IFF Central Board. There was a total of 31 member associations entitled to vote, in accordance to the voting roll approved by the GA. A total of 30 voting forms were approved by the scrutineers, as one had only two names instead of the required full list of nine names. The voting gave the following outcome, which was read- out by the IFF secretary general:

- Ms. Monica Bakke, Norway - 30 votes
- Mr. Jörg Beer, Switzerland – 30 votes
- Mr. Stephen King, Australia – 30 votes
- Mr. Carlos Lopez, Spain – 30 votes
- Mr. Filip Suman, Czech Republic – 30 votes
- Mr. Ron Spence, Canada – 30 votes
- Mr. Martin Klabere, Sweden – 29 votes
- Mr. Thorbjörn Ovedal, Denmark – 27 votes
- Mr. Kimmo Nurminen, Finland - 18 votes
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- Mr. Heikko Jassmann, Germany – 16 votes

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**The General Assembly decided**, based on the result of the election to elect the following persons for the IFF CB for the four coming years;

- Ms. Monica Bakke, Norway (re-election) nominated by NBF
- Mr. Jörg Beer, Switzerland (re-election) nominated by SUHV
- Mr. Stephen King, Australia (re-election) nominated by AFA
- Mr. Martin Klabere, Sweden (re-election) nominated by SIBF
- Mr. Carlos Lopez, Spain (re-election) nominated by AEUF
- Mr. Kimmo Nurminen (new) nominated by SSBL
- Mr. Thorbjörn Ovedal (new) nominated by FD
- Mr. Ron Spence, (new) nominated by CUFF
- Mr. Filip Suman, (re-election) nominated by CFbU

### **Chairman and two members of the Disciplinary Committee**

Mr. Eriksson informed of the candidates as chairman respective members to the IFF Disciplinary Committee.

Chairman:

- Mr. Ismo Haaponiemi, Finland (re-election) nominated by SSBL

Members:

- Ms. Linda Noppa, Sweden (re-election) nominated by SIBF
- Mr. Tomas Brezina, Czech Republic (new) nominated by CFbU
- Mr. Daniel Buri, Switzerland (re-election) nominated by SUHV

Substitutes:

- Ms. Zhang Jing, China (new) nominated by CFF
- Mr. Marcel Wadja, Cote d'Ivoire (new) nominated by FIFL
- Mr. Artis Krauklis, Latvia (re-election) nominated by LFS
- Mr. Saleem Ahmad, Pakistan (new) nominated by PFF
- Mr. Petr Vrba, Slovakia (new) nominated by SVF

**The General Assembly decided** to for the four coming years elect; Mr. Ismo Haaponiemi, Finland as chairman and Mrs. Linda Noppa, Sweden, Mr. Tomas Brezina, Czech Republic and Daniel Buri as members of the IFF Disciplinary Committee.

As substitutes the General Assembly elected Ms. Zhang Jing, China, Mr. Marcel Wadja, Cote d'Ivoire, Mr. Artis Krauklis, Latvia, Mr. Saleem Ahmad, Pakistan and Mr. Petr Vrba, Slovakia.

### **Chairman and two members of the Appeal Committee**

Mr. Eriksson informed of the candidates as chairman respective members and substitutes to the IFF Appeal Committee.

Chairman:

- Ms. Märıt Bergendahl, Sweden (new) nominated by SIBF

Members:

- Mr. Tom Hedkrok, Finland (re-election) nominated by SSBL
- Mr. Kim-Alexander Hofgaard Jorstad, Norway (new) nominated by NBF
- Mr. Giorgio Rambaldi, Italy (new) nominated by FIUF

Substitutes:

- Ms. Aiga Staltmane - Veksa, Latvia, (re-election nominated by LFS
- Ms. Cui Linna, China (new) nominated by CFF
- Mr. Saqib Niaz, Pakistan (new) nominated by PFF

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**The General Assembly decided** to for the four coming years elect; Ms. Märit Bergendahl, Sweden as Chairman and Mr. Tom Hedkrok, Finland, Mr. Kim-Alexander Hofgaard, Norway and Mr. Giorgio Rambaldi, Italy as members.

As substitutes the General Assembly elected Ms. Aiga Staltmane - Veksa, Latvia, Ms. Cui Linna, China and Mr. Saqib Niaz, Pakistan

## ***Chairman and two members of the Ethics Commission***

Mr. Eriksson informed of the candidates as chairman respective members to the IFF Ethics Commission.

Chairman:

- Mr. Poul Erik Höyer, Denmark (re-election) nominated by IFF

Members:

- Ms. Carol Roberts, Canada (re-election) nominated by IFF

- Ms. Sylvia Shenk, Germany (re-election) nominated by IFF

**The General Assembly decided** to for the four coming years elect; Mr. Poul Erik Höyer, Denmark as chairman and Ms. Carol Roberts, Canada and Ms. Sylvia Schenk, Germany as members of the Ethics Commission.

## **§ 15 Appointment of a chartered auditor**

Mr. Eriksson informed that the IFF CB proposes re-election of the present auditor Mr. Mikael Brandstam.

**The General Assembly decided** to re-elect Mr. Mikael Brandstam as auditor of IFF for four years.

## **§ 16 Examinations and decisions on proposals and motions of the members**

a) *IFF License System for Participation in Major Events 2.0 (appendix 13)*

Mr. Liljelund elaborated on the key points of the updated License system 2.0.

**The General Assembly decided** to approve the update of the IFF License System 2.0 for Participation in Major Events

## **§ 17 Approval of Regulations within the meaning of article 15 paragraph 2 littera c).**

**The General Assembly noted** that the IFF Central Board does not propose any Regulations for approval for the General Assembly.

## **§ 18 Decision on all affairs being reserved for the General Assembly by the statutes or by law**

The IFF Central Board proposes to the General Assembly to approve the resolution defining that the legal seat of the IFF will be in Berne, Switzerland.

**The General Assembly decided** unanimously according to the proposal to define the IFF legal seat to be in Berne, Switzerland.

## **§ 19 Appointment to be honorary member**

**The General Assembly noted** that there is no proposal on honorary membership.

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### § 20 Decision on the meeting place for the next General Assembly

Mr. Eriksson informed that the IFF CB proposes that the next General Assembly shall preliminary be held on the 08.12.2018 at 09:00, during the WFC 2018 in Prague, Czech Republic.

**The General Assembly decided** accordingly to have the next General Assembly during the WFC 2018.

### § 21 Presentations on coming World Floorball Championships

The General Assembly continued with presentations on the upcoming WFC's in 2017 - 2018

WFC 2017 Men U19 in Sweden by Swedish Floorball Federation

Mr. Magnus Nilsson, Event manager of the SFF, presented the Men's U19 World Championships 2017, to be played in Växjö, Sweden in May 3 - 7, 2017.

WFC 2017 Women in Slovakia by Slovak Floorball Association

Mr. Teo Turay, member of LOC, presented the Women's World Championships 2017, to be played in Bratislava, Slovakia, December 1 - 9, 2017.

WFC 2018 Women U19 in Switzerland by Swiss Floorball Association

Mr. Michael Zoss, Secretary general of SFA, briefly informed about the Women's U19 World Championships 2018, to be played in St. Gallen and Herisau, Switzerland, May 2 - 6, 2018.

WFC 2018 Men in Czech Republic by Czech Floorball Union

Mr. Filip Suman, President of CFbU, briefly informed about the Men's World Championships 2018, to be played in Prague, Czech Republic 01-09.12.2018

#### *Other presentations*

Floorball Development – Floorball4all was presented by Mr. Benjamin Lüthi

### § 22 Closing of the General Assembly

Mr. Eriksson thanked the participants for their contribution and efficient work during the General Assembly and declared the General Assembly as closed at 11:45

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IFF Secretary general

Tomas Eriksson  
IFF President

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