

IFF ExCo Meeting, IFF Office, Helsinki, Finland, July 9th, 2015

Participants:	Tomas Eriksson,	IFF President
	Filip Suman,	IFF vice-president
	Monica Bakke,	IFF Treasurer
	Stephen King,	AOFC President (via Skype § 2.3. -)
	John Liljelund,	IFF general secretary

Report on present issues

1. Opening of the Meeting

Mr. Eriksson opened the meeting at 11:25 and welcomed all to the meeting, with Mr. King not being able to participate in the meeting, due to technical issues.

2. International Sports Situation

2.1. Update of the SportAccord situation

Mr. Eriksson made a report from the SportAccord Convention in Sochi (Appendix 1) President Vizer's attack on IOC and President Bach colored the whole convention and made everything very difficult.

Future of SportAccord, after the resignation of President Vizer:

- Possible Extra Ordinary General Assembly in November, during IF Forum
- IOC has withdrawn its recognition and Support of SportAccord

The future role of the SportAccord will be discussed at the Extra Ordinary General Assembly.

Implications on SportAccord Urban Games – No new information, but probably there will be no Urban Games in the future.

Implications on SportAccord Convention, as Russian NOC has withdrawn from organising it for 2016 - 2019.

Actions taken by TE/PII:

- written a letter to SportAccord President Vizer expressing our concern
- written a letter to IOC President Bach seeking a meeting to discuss our position
- discussions with the other ARISF federations concerning the SportAccord situation Fransoo (Korfball), Espinos (Karate), Bernardi (Flying disc), Wiking (American Football)

The ExCo discussed the situation and the implementations for IFF and deciding to effect the process so that there is an active SportAccord where we can also be heard, in the future.

It is important that there is a forum for the IF's outside the Olympic Games, as the threshold to the Olympics is too high. Even to have just a yearly Convention will be beneficially to us, as it gives us a possibility to profile the IFF.

2.2. Report from International Sport Organisations meetings during SportAccord Convention (Appendix 1)

Sports Demo Zone

- The Russian NFFR run Floorball in the demo zone for the general public and had a lot of visitors and also the Russian Sports Minister attending.
- The NFFR met with local sports authorities and discussed the spreading of the sport in the region
- IFF had a meeting with NFFR President M. Chernov and secretary general K. Zhukovsky about the accreditation process. A meeting with IFF/Russian NOC is planned for the autumn

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ARISF AGM

- The AGM run smoothly and IFF definitely put forward our position with the six rounds of the election for the empty seat in the ARISF Council, ultimately won by Underwater President Anna Arzhanova in the sixth round with 19-15 votes.
- The problem is that ARISF is not active enough in driving the IOC Recognised IF's interest. The objectives of the ARISF must be to enhance the profile of the ARISF IF's towards the IOC.

IWGA AGM

- Confirmation of the organiser of World Games 2021 in Birmingham, Alabama
- IFF started discussions with TWG2021 LOC during Sport Accords.
- Information of New venue and change of dates for the Floorball Event
- The IFF Development Board has decided to support the PFF with its activities to popularize Floorball in the Wroclaw Area for 2016 and 2017
- Discussions with PFF/Chomnicki are ongoing on ways to prepare for the Wroclaw 2017 and the possibility to run a test event in Wroclaw (Polish Cup September 2016)
- IFF to hand in the qualification system by 3rd of July, which has already been approved. Top #3 from the WFC 2016, Poland, best neighboring country to Poland and the best placed non-european country if qualified for the 1st play-off round (rank min 12th)

The ExCo discussed the need to make a working plan for the preparations:

- We need to start to discuss how to free the National Team Players for July.
 - o Make to make an addition to the competition regulation (CB AUG/SEPT)
- Development program for the Wroclaw region in cooperation with Poland.

IMGA

- Information on European Master Games 2019 and the possibility for Floorball to participate. There are a few potential organisers Denmark, Finland or Scotland

IOC Sports Department

Yearly discussion with the Sport Department/Christian Wassmer based on the IFF Status Report

Actions taken by TE/PiL:

- Asked for a meeting with Kit McConnell/IOC Sports Director, to discuss
 - o IOC Short List Process
 - o Additional Events & Sports Initiation Program
 - o Youth Olympic Games
 - o Floorball3+
 - o Collaboration with FIH

Meeting set with Mr. McConnell and Mr. Wassmer for the 30.09.2015

2.3. IOC Short List Project

The ExCo discussed the Next steps:

- Continuation of the production of documents for possible future IOC application
 - Equality Concept document
 - IFF School Curriculum
- Meeting set with IOC President Bach and Kit McConnell, 30.09.2015
- Trying to find out about the topics for the IOC Session in Kuala Lumpur July 2015.

2.4. Cooperation with FIH

IFF held discussions with Kelly Fairweather and Pam Elgar (EB member) on the possible forms for cooperation during SportAccord

- The aim is to prepare a proposal for a working model during the autumn.
- FIH has reacted very strongly to the IFF application for Additional Event in Tokyo and will discuss the topic in its EB in July.

We are waiting for a reply from the FIH EB.

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2.5. Tokyo 2020 Additional Event Application

IFF has in accordance with the ExCo decision handed in the application for the Tokyo 2020 Additional Events on the 5th of June and received a confirmation that all documents were received on the 6th of June from TOGOC

- The Panel for Additional Events has shortlisted the 26 applicants by June 22nd and then the IF's in the race will have to submit additional information by the 22nd of July, in accordance with the 37 criteria's the IOC EB has decided upon the 8th of June.

- The shortlisted IF's are then to make a presentation to the Panel in Tokyo in beginning of August.

- Based on web news the following eight sports were shortlisted: baseball & softball, bowling, karate, roller sports, sports climbing, surfing, squash and wushu were apparently shortlisted. IFF congratulated the eight selected.

The ExCo concluded that it was vital to send in the application to Tokyo, showing the IOC we are active.

3. Upcoming Events

3.1. WFC 2015 License system implementation

The ExCo discussed the Financial situation of the problematic IF's based on which the IFF CB needs to discuss the situation in its meeting in August/September

- Present proposals for solutions (all debts paid 2 months prior to Event):

- Hungary CHF 13.122 – following plan (WFC)

- Latvia CHF 15.000 – Following plan (WFC)

- Poland 3.000 – Following plan (WFC)

- the Netherlands CHF 9.500 – Annual fee 2015, WFC 2015 qualified not paid (WFC)

- Russia CHF 12.000 – Annual fee 2014 & 2015, WFC 2015 not paid (WFC)

- Singapore CHF 26.000 – Annual fee 2015, WFC 2015 qualified not paid (WFC)

- Slovakia CHF 4.500 – Not paid Annual fee 2014 (WFC)

- USA CHF 4.500 – Annual fee 2015, WFC 2015 qualified not paid (WFC)

Ms. Bakke felt that all the IF's which have made a plan is following it.

The ExCo decided that the Office is to follow-up the process in-front of the CB meeting.

The aim with the License system is to establish the procedure for the WFC 2017 registration, where a member association with debts can't register for the Event.

However if the member has an approved plan and is following it, they can register

The ExCo proposes to the CB include this information for the registration information, that you can't register with debts or without a plan for the WFC 2017. In addition no team can play in the WFC with debts, not following the set and agreed plan.

3.2. IFF License system 2.0

Mr. King proposed a list of criteria's for the IFF License system 2.0, which shall be taken to the next CB meeting.

3.3. WFC 2014

The ExCo discussed the financial result of the WFC2014 of minus 600.000 Euro, reported to the Swedish Federation AGM. The SIBF districts were not very happy with this results, but the SIBF AGM approved the finance report.

The ExCo decided to ask for a final report of the WFC 2014

3.4. EFC 2015

The ExCo discussed the present set-up for the EuroFloorball Cup 2015.

- Latvia to organise the EFCup 2015 in Cesis

- Germany to organize EFChallenge Women 2015 in Grimma

- Latvia to organize EFChallenge Men 2015 in Koceni

- Last day to register is 9th of July

The ExCo is delighted to know that there will be an EFChallenge played for both men and women already now.

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3.5. Organisers of Events – WFCQ 2016

The present status with the organisers for the WFCQ's:

We need a total of four organisers in Europe is needed;

Presently we have the following:

- Estonia (Tallinn), Poland (Lochow), Slovakia (Nitra) and Slovenia (Skofja Loka).
- AOFC: Singapore or Thailand
- Americas: Working on USA

The IFF Office has sent out a reminder for the application for the Women's WFC 2019 organiser, which in accordance with our guidelines should be decided in December 2015.

3.6. SEA Games 2015

Participants: Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand. In the Women's competition the Philippines withdraw with a few days prior to the event.

Indonesia didn't get the approval of their NOC/Ministry of Sport to participate

The tournament was a success, both game and spectator wise. It gave Floorball a good base to grow in Singapore.

Meetings during SEA Games

- Thailand Floorball Federation President/Thai NOC vice president Mr. Siriwat Chaiyapak
- Singapore NOC/Chris Chan, secretary general
- Follow-up Malaysian NOC Affiliation/Ms. Beng Choo Low NOC sec.general
- Meeting with SEA Games countries IFF members

Next steps:

The LOC of the SEA Games in Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia has confirmed that Floorball is not on the program. The program must be decided latest in September 2016

- IFF to arrange a meeting with the Malaysia NOC, supported by the Thailand Federation.

4. ExCo work and actions taken

4.1. International lobby work

The ExCo discussed the Development work on Fiji, with a school seminar – The workshop will be run in September by Mr. King

IFF is discussing with Iran on the West Asia Development in Azerbaijan and Turkmenistan

4.2. Development & Equality

- Now planned/executed a total of 9-10 seminars for 2015

- Iran, Teheran 23.-25.2. (approx. 40 participants), Ireland, Dublin (SO) 16.-17.4. (approx. 30 participants), Mongolia, Ulan Bator 26.-27.5. (27 participants), China, Wuhan 11.-13.7. (registered around 60 participants)

- Laos, Savannaketh 22.-23.8., Cameroon, Douala 3.-6.9., Spain, Madrid 2.-4.10., Slovenia 8.-10.10. and Norway/Denmark 7.11. Good Governance seminar (DEN, GER, NOR and POL)

The date for the seminar in Australia is still open.

The Floorball Germany Extra AGM has been postponed for September, for a number of reasons.

4.3. Marketing

Mr. Liljelund informed that the IFF Office has employed Mr. Milan Rantakari as IFF Champions Cup Brand Manager from the 1.8. as the IFF CC Brand manager.

- from 1.1. 2016 he will also act as IFF Brand Manager
- start to build the marketing materials and sales portfolio
- produce news and materials for the CC web page and social media channels

Mr. Suman felt that there are a lot of pushing needed to bring the whole process forward.

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4.4. AOFC update

Mr. King presented a proposal of how to activate the development in Asia/Oceania. The ExCo proposes to take to matter for discussion to the CB.

4.5. Core Country Presidents meeting

Mr. Eriksson proposed that the IFF ExCo would invite the Presidents and secretary generals of the Core Countries (CZE, DEN, FIN, GER, LAT, NOR, POL, SVK, SWE and SUD) to discuss present issues and inform about the following topics:

- General update of the 12-24 months Actions
- IOC Road Map
- Multi-Sport Events implications
- EOTO Learnings
- Future of EuroCup/Champions Cup
- TV and Marketing Cooperation

A possible timing would be during Champions Cup in Mlada Boleslav 2.-4.10.2015

- Planned 3-4 h meeting on Friday (12:00 – 17:00)
- Planned 3.4 h meeting on Saturday (09:00 – 12:00)

The ExCo decided to call for the meeting, the invitation must be sent out by mid of August.

4.6. EU Structural Dialogue with EU Sport Ministers

IFF was invited by the EU Presidency, the Latvian Sport Minister to participate in the EU Structural Dialogue lunch meeting with the EU Presidency country Latvia, the previous EU presidency Italy, the next presidency Luxembourg and the Netherlands sports ministers, during the EU Sport ministers meeting on youth and sport.

- The other invited sports were Basketball (FIBA Europe), Volleyball (FIVB), EOC, EUSA (FISU Europe), European PE Teachers organization.

5. New Membership issues

5.1. Member Applications

The Malta Floorball Federation has applied for membership and handed in the application with almost all appendixes

The ExCo approved the application and propose Malta as IFF provisional member Nr. 58 to the CB

5.2. Projects - Status

The Office has prepared a list of potential members and active groups.

The ExCo proposes that the CB will discuss this later in the year.

5.3. Case Africa

We have had a discussion with Mr. Jason Bright/Liberia, where he has demanded that IFF needs to change approach towards the way we work with the spreading of the sport in Africa.

- The main issue is money – we need to think of a model to get them started and support them in the beginning
 - A solution could be a Development Board project for two years 2016 - 2017

6. Associations Meeting 2015 - Tampere

The ExCo discussed the need for having an Association meeting in Tampere during the WFC 2015. The ExCo felt that the we need to organize the meeting in any case.

The possible time slots are on Friday 11th from 11:00 – 17:00 and Saturday 12th 09:00 – 12:00.

The ExCo discussed the possible topics to discuss during the Associations Meeting in Tampere:

- New Licence System 2.0
- Multi-Sport Games Status and Next Steps
- EOTO updates and good examples (presented by the countries)
- CC Brand Marketing

Use the combination of Group works and discussion sessions.

The ExCo to propose it to the CB.

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7. New Material Regulations – edition 2016

The IFF Development Board has approved the proposal for new Material Regulations for the seasons 2016 – 2017 and 2017 – 2018 in its meeting in May.

- In order for the manufacturers to start their preparation for the changes, the IFF ExCo needs to approve the changes and put them forward to the CB.
- The major changes are included as an Appendix

8. Next CB meeting

8.1. CB Meeting in Helsinki 29.-30.08. – Proposed Agenda

- Financial Report 2015 and License system finance WFC
- License system 2.0
- WFC 2014 Final Report
- Status U19WFC2016/WFC2016
- EFC 2015 and qualifications and Upcoming organisers 2019/2020
- Champions Cup – status Mlada Boleslav
- CC Brand Manager
- ExCo meeting report/AOFC and Americas report, Statutes changes
- International Sports: SportAccord/IOC
- Marketing: Combined Sales and TV Magazine
- RACC: Change of national Team Regulation
- Material Regulation 2016
- Entourage Commission: Election
- IFF Development Coordinator

9. Other Issues

9.1. IFF Development Coordinator

The ExCo discussed the need to find a financial solution for employing a Development Coordinator in 2016. One key influence to develop our members further, we need to have a person to push them.

The number of activities related to International Events are rising and there is not time for the sec.gen to run the Development Function any more, as at the same time the demand for seminars and workshops is increasing and we need to be active in South America and Africa.

- One solution is to try to arrange it as follows:
 - In 2016 half by loan from EFT countries and half from our reserves
 - In 2017 we should have Return on Investment from marketing (33%), by loan (33%) and the last third from our reserves (33%)

The ExCo will bring the issue to the CB meeting.

9.2. Discussion on the needs to amend the IFF Statutes for the IFF GA 2016

The ExCo had a principal discussion on the size of the CB in the future.

Based on the input given from the IOC of the need of having more countries in the IFF CB, there could be a solution to enlarge it from the present 11 persons (Pres + 9 members and 1 ATC Chair) to for example a CB more like a Council of (Pres + 15 members and 1 ATC Chair).

- Then we would have representation from a large number of countries
- No country could have more than one representative, ATC Chair excluded.
- SG member of the Council, like in other Team Sports.
- Build ExCo of six persons (Pres, 2 VP, Treasurer, AOFC, GS)

The ExCo brings the topic to the CB for discussion, if the CB finds that there is a need to re-arrange the CB.

9.3. Competition year

It has come to the knowledge of the IFF Office that the SUHV is using a competition year, which starts before the IFF year, which causes an issue for the International transfers. ExCo to bring the issue to the RACC to discuss how to act here for the future.

9.4. Event Management Tool

Mr. Liljelund informed that the IFF has started the use of the Event Management Tool in connection to the WFC2015 and we are planning to build an Accreditation Tool as a part of the EMT

9.5. SUHV CB member Daniel Bollinger

Mr. Eriksson informed that Mr. Daniel Bollinger has resigned as the SUHV secretary general and also leave the IFF CB in the Autumn. The SUHV will start the process to replace him in accordance with the IFF Statutes.

Upcoming meetings and issues

- Follow-up on the meeting with the Russian NOC concerning the NFFR accreditation (JL)
- Follow-up the TWG2021 LOC and the USFbA on the activation of Floorball in August (JL)
- After the meeting with IOC President Bach, to ask for a meeting with ARISF President Chiulli (TE/JL)
- Prepare an addition to the National Team Competition Regulations for freeing the Players in advanced of the Multi Sport Events (SK/JL)
- Ask for a final report of the WFC 2014 LOC for the IFF CB in August (TE)
- IFF to arrange a meeting with the Malaysia NOC, supported by the Thailand Federation (TE/JL)
- Present working paper for how to speed up development in AOFC region for the CB (SK)
- Send out invitation for C10 meeting by mid of August (JL)
- Send out the IFF CB Agenda on the 24th of August, with materials handed in on the 19th of August (JL)

Issues that need to be discussed or decided upon or taken action upon

New ideas, etc...