



AOFC REPORT MAY 2011

1.0 CURRENT MEMBERS STATUS

The AOFC currently consists of 11 member countries being;

- Australia
 - Currently preparing Strategic Plan
- India.
 - Has been requested to provide an updated report on their status and plans for the next year.
 - Ongoing discussions required with India to ensure the National Association is functional to support floorball development in India
 - Discuss Loan Rink as loan period is due to expire shortly
- Indonesia
 - Is continuing with development in the University area with another development training session with AOFC personnel as trainers being planned for July
 - Discussions required to ensure National Association is fully functional some issues at the moment to resolve
- Japan
 - Holding of WFCQ in Feb next year to be reviewed shortly as to progress and any issues
- Korea
- Malaysia
 - State regions are discussing the process of bringing IFF fees up to date while still developing the sport in Malaysia
- Mongolia
 - No active work at present
- New Zealand

- NZ is attending AFO in Australia and working on the NZ National Championships in Wellington in October
- Pakistan
 - No active work at present
- Singapore
- Thailand
 - John Liljelund and Steve King visited Thailand and met with both parties. Ongoing correspondence has resulted in both parties now having a clear guidance from AOFC and IFF on the way forward. The 2 groups played the first social game on Sunday 1st May between the groups which is hopefully a strong step forward to have the 2 groups work together

2.0 OBJECTIVES AND GOALS

There are a number of actions required to continue to achieve the following main goals

- Increase the number of countries playing the game and the number of countries becoming IFF and AOFC members
- Work with existing member countries to ensure they meet the future IFF licensing requirements
- Participate in multi sport games in AOFC region to include SEA Games, Pan Pacific Masters Games, Commonwealth Games

3.0 RESORCES

In order to meet the objectives and goals the AOFC will need to work closely with the IFF to develop the resources in AOFC to allow AOFC and its member countries to pursue these goals.

Lack of finances and resources is the major issue for countries in the AOFC region. Many of the countries are only newly developing and lack funds and sport facilities. The resources to be developed and actions to be taken include the following

- Persons in AOFC countries capable to deliver the IFF Development seminar materials at various levels in different countries at different development stages
- Continue to seek and receive support from IFF to
 - Provide balls, sticks and other equipment for new developing countries
 - Develop and deliver training materials, seminars etc for developing countries and existing members
- Appoint a full time Development Officer for the AOFC who would have the following roles
 - Identify through various contacts, channels etc potential persons in countries to work with to develop floorball in new countries
 - Contact and work with new contacts to establish the game in their country
 - Work with existing potential countries to develop their structures, resources etc to enable them to meet the IFF membership criteria
 - Work with existing AOFC member countries to ensure they meet the future IFF registration requirements including National Associations, National Championships and numbers of clubs/teams

- The AOFC will need to seek funding assistance for the Development Officer from the current AOFC members, their government bodies and the IFF and potential sponsors

4.0 NEW COUNTRIES 2011

4.1 Iran

- Coaching and introduction visit by John Liljelund. JL has reported separately on the visit and the positive actions occurring.
- Plans started to hold a training seminar in the next year
- Iran to submit application for membership of AOFC at next General Assembly

4.2 Sri Lanka

- Visit to Sri Lanka to launch floorball and conduct some training with IFF and AOFC has been put on hold until the location of the IFF development seminar is determined
- Sri Lanka has offered to hold the IFF seminar

4.3 Nepal

- There are 3 parties in Nepal involved with Floorball. They will be invited to the IFF Seminar and discussions held to have them work together. Nicholas Prieto is assisting in the process

4.4 Bangladesh

- AOFC to organise a coaching session same as for Indonesia this year

4.5 Philippines

- Officers have been elected to new National Floorball Association. Process to continue for full establishment in the country
- Philippines have offered to host the IFF seminar
- Philippines have lodged application for provisional membership of IFF

4.6 Taiwan

- Follow up required by AOFC of Singapore Player now living in Taiwan

5.0 IFF Development Seminar in September 2011 in South East Asia aimed at the following countries attending. Request for hosts sent out and responses now due and to be assessed over next couple of weeks

- 5.1.1 Indonesia
- 5.1.2 Philippines
- 5.1.3 Bangladesh
- 5.1.4 Sri Lanka
- 5.1.5 Mongolia
- 5.1.6 Nepal
- 5.1.7 Iran
- 5.1.8 India
- 5.1.9 Malaysia
- 5.1.10 Thailand