



INTERNATIONAL FLOORBALL FEDERATION (IFF)

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APPENDIX 8

Helsinki 29.9.2010

The IFF RC meeting

Prague 24th to 26th of September, hotel Park Inn

Hans Botman, Chairman

Thomas Thim Vice chair

Lukas Gyger

Klaus Koskela

Jan Nordli

Petr Seda

Veli Halonen/IFF Office&referee Coordinator/ secretary of the meeting

1. The RC chairman Mr. Hans Botman opened the meeting and welcomed all the participants.

Mr. Botman gave a short introduction from the IFF CB meetings. There has been 2 CB meeting after the last RC meeting in Zurich in April. In May in Olomouc during the WU19 WFC and then the other in the beginning of September in Amsterdam. The CB has decided to increase the number of CB members and also to bring in both genders to CB and to its committees. This also brings in the requirements for the RC actively to try to increase the number of female referees and also to have women in the referee world. The RC had a wide conversation of this issue.

Mr. Botman also presented the new Champions Cup to the members of the RC. Mr. Botman also talked about the budget. The RC will present a budget proposal and discuss it with the IFF Office.

2. The referee observer sheet was presented in April and studied by the RC and it was approved and will be used. The manual will be added and it will be ready by the end of November 2010.

The RC discussed about the amount of rule questions coming in to all national federation. There are a lot of rule questions which will need interpretations on the international level. The RC found it necessary to make a rule test or questionnaire for the referees, who will be refereeing in the WFC final round in order to find out the difficult parts of the rules and the controversial interpretations in

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different countries. Mr. Botman will contact the RACC and Mr. Thim will contact Johan Råsbrink to point out the difficult parts.

3. The RC discussed about the referee nomination proposals and the observer proposals. The approved nominations in the appendix 1. Some proposed referee pairs were approved as “development group” members. The RC found it necessary to get official observation data about these referee pairs before they can be nominated to the actual IFF referee group. The new observers will be invited to the IFF events in their own countries in order to get the proper education for them in the early stage of their career. This shall be discussed in the meeting in December in Helsinki, where also the chairmen of the national referee committees shall be invited.
4. The RC went through the action plan for 2011-2015 and stated that the aim for 16 gold level referees from 8 countries is the key goal in this plan and all the other 15 sections are steps to support this goal (APP 2).

Also the plan for the career planning and support program was approved (APP 2)

5. The RC discussed about the upcoming WFC final round and the referee education in this event. The original plan was to invite the IFF referees, observers and the national RC chairmen to a meeting and education in Helsinki.

The RC came to conclusion that the IFF observers will be invited to Helsinki for education and to start working as a group to produce more and better material for the future. This will also help the new observers to be part of the referee coaching team more efficiently. The RC decided that Mr. Klaus Koskela will be in charge of carrying out the education for the observers and also the invitation and agenda for this education. The RC also talked about the importance of this education in general. There might be some costs for this education in order to get professional educator or educators.

The other group to be invited will be the chairmen of the national referee committees and if a member association does not have an RC, then the invitation will be sent to person who is responsible for the referees and referee education in their own country. The main purpose for this group is to get to know the referee organization worldwide and also to help to improve the level of the referees in their own countries. Also to tell them the possibility to co-operate with the IFF referee development group and also to build up exchange programs if possible.

The RC decided that Jan Nordli will take care of the invitation and the agenda for this education.

The RC decided to cancel the planned education for the newly nominated referees because there are only a few new nominations. We expect we will be able to contact them directly during one of the upcoming tournaments in 2011.

The invitation to both educations shall be sent out to the participants by the IFF office.

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6. The RC talked about the new group(development group) and the general guidelines for it. The RC decided that Jan Nordli will make the general plan for the new group and the function of the group. In the plan will be stated who will be guiding the group and also guiding the future educators for the group. All IFF members will be invited to nominated referee couples to the group. The IFF RC will then try and find suitable nominations and education options. All referee couples in the development group will be linked to an international observer who will act as their coach.
7. The RC talked about the budget for the next year. The basic RC budget contains funds for two annual RC meeting and the travels for the observers to the IFF events. The RC sees that the amount of observations should be increased in the future in the international tournaments to which the IFF nominates referees, but which are not actual IFF events.
8. Mr. Thomas Thim presented material from the referee education development project. The material should be ready by the 1st of May 2011. The material is being produced by the Czech, Finnish, Norwegian, Swiss and Swedish associations. The IFF has been supporting this work by helping with the project and gathering information and materials. This has nevertheless not been an IFF project and the IFF has not appointed any funds for this project.

The material also contains a new web based rule test program, which could also be used by the RC before the IFF tournaments to plan the education for the IFF referees in the rule issues. The RC proposes that the IFF would be a part of this rule test project.

In the last meeting in Gothenburg from the 17th to 19th of September it became clear that the agreements regarding the co-operation between the 5 countries and IFF have to be formalized. Unfortunately the representatives of the Norwegian Federation never showed up to the meeting in Gothenburg.

The RC is proposing that the IFF would help solve the problems regarding the project. The RC chairman will contact the federations regarding this issue.

9. The RC chairman Mr. Hans Botman ended the meeting on the 25th of September 2010 at 5 o'clock pm and thanked all the participants.
10. Since this was the last meeting for this RC before the new to be elected in December 2010 the chairman also thanked the members for this past two years period and for the development work done in the RC.



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Thinks to do

- Klaus Koskela and Lukas Gyger to plan the education agenda for the WFC 2010 in Helsinki for the observers and the national referee responsible persons
- Veli Halonen to check the board and lodging for the participants in those educations. To find out if there is some possibilities to be in a LOC partner hotel and find out about the prices. To inform those issues in the invitations which shall be sent out after the agenda has been completed.

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