



# INTERNATIONAL FLOORBALL FEDERATION (IFF)

Ordinary member of AGFIS/GAISF

## IFF Central Board meeting 1/2006 07.01.2006

**Place:** Hotel Atom, Ostrava, Czech Republic

**Participants:**

<b>Tomas Eriksson</b>	<b>President</b>
<b>Renato Orlando</b>	<b>Vice President</b>
<b>Tomas Jonsson</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
<b>Thomas Gilardi</b>	
<b>Per Jansson</b>	
<b>Risto Kauppinen</b>	
<b>Martin Vaculik</b>	
<b>Stefan Kratz</b>	<b>Head of Technical Department</b>
<b>John Liljelund</b>	<b>Secretary General</b>

**Excused:**

<b>Peter Lindström</b>	
<b>Merita Bruun</b>	<b>Assistant</b>

## Minutes

- § 1. **Opening of the meeting**  
Mr. Eriksson greeted all welcome and opened the meeting at 9.00.
- § 2. **Approval of the agenda**  
The agenda was scrutinized, completed and approved.
- § 3. **Minutes from the CB meeting 04/2005 in Helsinki (27.08.2005) (Appendix 1)**  
The minutes from the last meeting were scrutinized, approved and put ad acta.
- § 4. **Economy**
- a) **Preliminary financial report 31.12.2005 - status December 30<sup>th</sup> (Appendix 2)**  
Mr. Jonsson presented the preliminary financial report per 30.12.2005, which still is a preliminary due to the financial year ending 31.12 and all invoices not having arrived to the office yet (European Cup etc). There will however be a small surplus for the year 2005 (appx. 25.000 CHF). The reasons for this being the lower office costs and also the lower income on the marketing side. The final result for 2005 will be ready by the mid of February 2006.
- b) **Information on IFF claims – status December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005 (Appendix 3)**  
Mr. Jonsson presented the IFF claims per 30.12.2005 and positively stated that the situation is much better than ever before.

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§ 4b. cont.

The CB had decided in its last meeting that a federation not having paid the participation fee of an event, is not allowed to take part in that event. The deadline for the payment for the upcoming WFC 2006 was on the 31.12.2005. According to this decision and the reminders sent to the member federations the CB discussed the following cases;

Participation fee U19 2005: All participation fees were paid in due time as decided by CB. Participation fee WFC 2006: Georgia (2000 CHF) and Slovakia (500 CHF) have still not paid till this date despite that a number of reminders have been sent. Mr. Kratz informed and stated that Slovakia is following their payment plan.

The IFF ExCo has had a discussion with the Singapore FA and the SFA has promised to deliver a plan for the payments of the debts to the IFF CB. Mr. Eriksson noted that the claims on SFA, since SFA has paid the outstanding claims for 2004, are mainly from the organisation of the WFC 2005.

Mr. Orlando reminded that according to the statutes any member federation will be suspended if they have not paid their membership fee for two consecutive years.

**Proposal:** To approve the reports and decide upon the participation of the federations not having paying their participation fees by the 31.12.2005.

**The CB decided** to approve the financial reports. The CB will discuss the issue related to Georgia later during the meeting.

c) **IFF Budget 2006 (Appendix 4)**

Mr. Jonsson presented the proposal for the budget for 2006. The IFF General Assembly approves the budget for the two coming years and the CB has in the past always made some amendments to the basic budget based on the real changes in the activity of IFF.

The IFF Office has made a proposal, in co-operation with the treasurer Mr Jonsson, for the budget for 2006, based on the present plan for activities.

**Proposal:** To approve the working budget for 2006, and to give the treasurer and the secretary general the task to propose the budgets for 2007 and 2008 to the next CB meeting.

**The CB decided** to approve the budget for 2006 and gave the treasurer Mr. Jonsson and the general secretary Mr. Liljelund the task to propose a budget for the General Assembly.

§ 5. **World Championships**

a) **WFC 2005 – Georgian Floorball Federation**

The CB decided in Helsinki that the Georgian Floorball Association must give a full explanation for their abstention in the Women's WFC 2005 in Singapore and the CB also decided that the IFF would invite the representatives from GFA to a meeting in Helsinki.

The GFA president Mr. Amaglobeli was invited to Helsinki, but he or his colleagues never showed up, due to internal difficulties in Georgia. We have now received information that the situation is once again under control and that Mr. Amaglobeli has promised to send all documents and explanations. Mr. Amaglobeli also informed that he might be coming to Ostrava during the European Cup, but he didn't turn up due to visa problems.

Mr. Orlando informed the CB that the Georgian Floorball federation has been giving promises time over and over again, but always failed to live up to them. Mr. Orlando also proposed that IFF would once more invite the Georgian Floorball Association for a joint meeting, where they could explain all the reasons for the existing problems and the actions they are taking to solve these. Mr. Orlando proposed that they have to give an explanation of what has happened and to give an insurance that they can participate in the WFC C-Division according to earlier decisions.

Mr. Kratz informed that there still are a number of debts outstanding and there have been a number of reminders on the financial claims sent to the GFA and they have promised to return on the 4<sup>th</sup> of January, without doing so until the CB meeting.

Mr. Eriksson proposed that the Georgian Floorball Association would be suspended starting from the 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2006, if the GFA has not given a thorough explanation and not been able to give the IFF a sufficient insurance of participation in the WFC C-division in Spain.

§ 5a. cont

**The CB decided** to give the GFA one final chance to give a full explanation about the present problems of the GFA and also give a sufficient insurance for their participation in the WFC C-division in Spain, if not they will be suspended from all IFF activity by the 1<sup>st</sup> of February. The suspension will be lifted if the many problems are solved by GFA and will give IFF an acceptable explanation.

b) **WFC U19 Men 2005**

Mr. Orlando reported on the organisation of the U19 WFC 2005 in Latvia, stating that the Latvian Floorball Federation has proven to be able to organise a bigger IFF event, in a very good fashion. Mr. Orlando pointed out that the office in the future should prepare a written report from the IFF events.

**Proposal:** To approve the report.

**The CB decided** to approve the report.

c) **WFC Men 2006**

Mr. Jansson reported on the progress with the organisation of the WFC 2006 A- and B-division in Sweden and on the work done with the Host Broadcaster. There will be TV productions made from at least 6 matches and three minutes "free of charge" news clip from each day. There have been some problems with some of the teams, not giving the organiser the needed information. The office has helped the organiser with this issue.

Mr. Kratz reported on the progress concerning the organisation of the WFC 2006 C-division in Spain. The Georgian Floorball Association was given a deadline by the end of January to give sufficient guarantees for their participation in the WFC C-division in May. Mr. Kratz also informed that the office has taken some informal steps to look for a possible replacement for Georgia, if they will not give sufficient insurance to participate. Mr. Liljelund reported that the agreement has been signed between the Spanish FA and the IFF, concerning the WFC C-division 2006. **(Appendix 5 – CB only)**

Mr. Liljelund reported on the discussion with the WFC 2006 host broadcaster - Swedish SVT and Eurosport. The Office has sent out a proposal and Rate-card for the TV rights and signal from the WFC 2006 to the federations. **(Appendix 6)**

**Proposal:** To approve the reports and to approve the Contract between the Spanish FA and the IFF for organising the WFC C-division.

**The CB decided** to approve the reports and approve the contract between the Spanish FA and the IFF for organising the WFC C-division.

d) **WFC U19 Women 2006 Germany – (Appendix 7)**

Mr. Orlando reported on the progress with the organisation of the U19 Women WFC in Germany and the inspection trip made by Mr. Orlando and Mr. Liljelund to Grimma in November. Mr. Orlando informed that there are still some small technical questions, which have to be cleared.

Mr. Orlando asked the office to ask for a report from the DUB about the organisation of the U19 WFC 2006 by the end of January 2006.

**Proposal:** To approve the report

**The CB decided** to approve the report and gave the task to the office to ask for a report from the DUB by the end of January, 2006.

§ e) **Upcoming events**

Mr. Liljelund reported on the negotiations on the contract for the WFC 2007 in Denmark, where DaFU has informed that they will organise the event in Fredrikshavn in the North of Denmark. **(Appendix 8 – CB only)**. Mr. Liljelund also informed that the Danish Federation has signed the contract for the organisation.

Mr. Kratz informed that 22 teams have registered and that the Canadian and Malaysian federation has asked for a prolonging of the registration to the end of January.

Mr. Liljelund reported on the first leg of the Qualification match for the A-division in the WFC 2007, where Singapore beat Japan by 3-1, in the Woodlands Sport Hall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December 2005. The two federations are still discussing the time for the second leg and it looks that will be played in Japan in the mid or end of February 2007.

## § 5e. cont

Mr. Orlando explained that due to the fact that IFF didn't inform the teams in advance of the qualification system, there will not be a decisive difference due to goals scored in the first leg. Mr. Orlando stressed that the IFF CB needs to define the qualification system in double matches played home and away. The proposal is that the two match qualification winner is the team that has achieved

- i. more points in the two matches or
- ii. if there is no difference in the points, then the total goal difference shall be decisive or
- iii. if the goal difference is equal there will automatically be played overtime and if needed penalty shots according to the Competition regulation.

IFF will inform the participants, Japan and Singapore, about the CB decision in a letter.

Mr. Orlando also informed that during the APAC in Singapore the Swiss referees Philippe Renz and Thomas Erhard did a very good job, by also observing referees and speaking to the present referees from the region. The IFF CB thanks Mr. Renz and Mr. Erhard for their efforts.

**Proposal:** To approve the reports and to approve the proposed qualification system.

**The CB decided** to approve the reports and approve the qualification system for the qualification to the WFC 2007 A-division.

Mr. Gilardi informed on the Swiss federations Letter of Interest in organising the European Cup 2009, the Women World Floorball Championship 2011 and the Men World Floorball Championship 2012, in order to develop Floorball in Switzerland. (**Appendix 26**)

Mr. Eriksson thanked the Swiss federation for their interest and thanked the Swiss federation for the past well organised IFF events in Switzerland.

Due to the fact, that at the moment only few member federations are in a position to organise the men's WC. Mr. Orlando proposed that the Men's WFC should be given to Switzerland for 2012, but not for the moment give the Women's WFC 2011 and the European Cup 2009 at this meeting to the Swiss federation. This for the reason that IFF's philosophy is to attract other federations to take over IFF events.

Mr. Jansson proposed that the IFF will inform the member federations that the next upcoming IFF Events during 2010 – 2012 will be decided upon in the IFF CB April meeting. Mr. Jansson further proposed to give the European Cup 2009 to Switzerland, since it has been asked for, already a number of years ago, unlike the case for the WFC 2011 and 2012.

Mr. Kauppinen opposed the proposal of Mr. Jansson to give the European Cup to Switzerland in this meeting.

**The CB decided** to appoint the Swiss FA as the organiser of the European Cup 2009 and to ask the IFF member federations to apply for organising rights of IFF Events prior to the next IFF CB meeting.

## § 6. European Cup

### a) EC 2005/2006 Czech Republic

Mr. Orlando reported on the European Cup in Ostrava, stating that it is well organised, the only problem, which is a pity, is that there has not been a great number of spectators during the first day of the tournament.

Mr. Vaculik explained that due to the rivalry between Ostrava and Prague there are not a lot of locals supporting Tatra. Another issue can be the televised matches of Tatra. The question can also be if the event has been well marketed.

Mr. Eriksson noted with pleasure that Czech TV are televising three games on Czech national TV. Mr. Eriksson also informed after having discussed with Mr. Suman that as until today it seems to be as many spectators as it was at the EC 2003 in Prague, but that Mr. Eriksson also shared the opinion that it was a pity not more would be able to experience floorball live.

Mr. Gilardi feels that the entrance fee can not be the reason for not having more spectators. Mr. Kauppinen felt that there is a need to have some requirements also related to spectators in IFF events.

**Proposal:** To approve the report.

**The CB decided** to approve the reports.

b) **European Cup Qualifications 2006 (Appendix 9)**

Mr. Liljelund reported that the Danish Floorball Federation has informed the IFF that they are willing, according to the contract that IFF have made with them, to organise the entire qualification for the European Cup 2006 in Fredrikshavn. This event would act as a test event for the ladies WFC in 2007.

**Proposal:** To approve Fredrikshavn as the city for the European Cup Qualifications in 2006. To organise an inspection trip to Fredrikshavn during the spring and give the office the task to make the needed preparations.

**The CB decided** to approve Fredrikshavn as the site for the European Cup Qualification in 2006 and then make an inspection trip to Fredrikshavn, organised by the Office.

§ 7. **Committees and Function reports**

a) **ExCo reports**

Mr. Eriksson reported on the meeting with the Singapore Floorball Association during the APAC in Singapore (**Appendix 10**) on the financial situation and development work in Singapore. The SFA made a financial loss of the WFC, but they have got positive growth of players among youth and schools after the WFC. The IFF has asked for a financial plan for settling the debts, which we have not so far received.

Mr. Eriksson reported on the ExCo meeting held in Latvia during the U19 WFC (**Appendix 11**).

Mr. Eriksson reported on the meeting with the Singapore Sports Council, in Singapore during the APAC. The SFA will have a joint office with AOFC HQ in Tampines Sport Complex, and the Singapore Sport Council will support the new office with infrastructure and an employee. However this has not yet been confirmed by the SSC.

Mr. Orlando asked the Office to write a letter to the Singapore Sport Council asking about the present status of the AOFC HQ.

Mr. Orlando reported on the meeting with the AOFC member federations (**Appendix 12**). There is still a lot of work to be done, but Mr. Orlando strongly believes that this is the best way of promoting the sport in this part of the world. The founding of the AOFC will make it necessary to make some amendments to the IFF Statues, which Mr. Orlando will make a proposal of before the next CB-meeting.

Mr. Liljelund reported on the meetings with the IFF member federations during APAC (**Appendix 13**).

**Proposal:** To approve the reports.

**The CB decided** to approve the reports and the Office was given the task to write a letter to the Singapore Sport Council and Mr. Orlando will prepare the proposal of the revised IFF Statues.

b) **Contacts to International Sports Organisations/ExCo report**

Mr. Eriksson and Mr. Orlando reported on the meetings held in Lausanne 10.-11.11.2006 during the clinic on Players Legal aspects, where the IFF met with the IOC and the International Field Hockey Federation.

**EMSA**

Mr. Liljelund reported that the IFF has submitted our member application to EMSA in November, according with the IFF CB decision taken in August. Mr. Liljelund reported that EMSA have in the plans that the Master Games in 2008 would be organized in Malmö in Sweden.

Mr. Eriksson informed that Mr. Torsten Carlius sadly has passed away. Mr Carlius was the EMSA treasurer, and also the co-ordinating officer for the EMSA games in Malmö in 2008.

**ISF:**

Mr. Liljelund reported that the Czech School Sport Federation (ASSK) has after the meeting between IFF and ISF in April 2005, has now been given the right from ISF to organise the first School World Championship in the Czech Republic in May 2007, under the aegis of the ISF. Mr. Liljelund met with the ASSK in Ostrava, where the ASSK promised to send more information to the IFF.

**Proposal:** To approve the reports.

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

**WADA:**

Mr. Liljelund reported that the IFF Office is preparing a proposal for an Anti-Doping Regulation based on the requirements of WADA, which the office will present to the RACC. Mr. Liljelund also informed that the office has answered some WADA questionnaires. The IFF has also received a letter from WADA demanding for a first entry fee of 5000 USD for 2006 for the revision of the International Federations Anti-Doping regulations and a yearly fee, starting from 2006, of 2000 USD.

Mr. Eriksson informed that, according to the statutes of WADA, GAISF is defined as part of the Olympic movement. And IFF being an ordinary member of GAISF hence is part of that Olympic movement.

Mr. Eriksson proposed that we will write a letter to the GAISF general secretary Ms. Domingues asking for GAISF's view on the WADA letter.

Mr. Orlando proposed that we will organise a meeting with WADA, during the SportAccord.

**The CB decided** to approve the report and write a letter to the GAISF general secretary Ms. Domingues on advice how to deal with this and in a second phase organise a meeting with WADA.

c) **RACC**

Mr. Orlando gave a short introduction to the process and reasons for changing the regulations based on the RACC workshop in Helsinki.

Mr. Orlando proposed a change in the Competition regulation – National Teams, article 3 according to which a player, who represented a country in the U19 international match may be eligible to play for another country in the A-National team if he or she fulfils all the requirements (citizenship, etc.) to do so. A player however, who played for an A-Team for a specific country, regardless of his age, may still not represent another country.

**Proposal:** To approve the proposal.

**The CB decided** to approve the proposal as from July 1, 2006.

Mr. Orlando proposed that a team in an IFF International event shall consist of 20 players and a maximum of 7 officials. The First list still consists of 30 players, of which 10 are on stand-by and can easily be called upon. The reason for this proposal is the easier handling of the players by the coaches, the reduction of costs for the organiser and the participants and also due to the fact, that out of 20 teams only a few have had 23 players in their delegation.

**Proposal:** To approve the proposal.

**The CB decided** to approve the proposal as from July 1, 2006.

Mr. Orlando proposed that in all IFF events, the home team for the final will be defined by a drawing of lots. To be the home team has an effect according to the Rules 502.

Mr. Kauppinen gave his view upon that the home team in the final has to be drawn by lot in order to become transparent.

**Proposal:** To approve the proposal.

**The CB decided** to approve the proposal and it will be used already in the WFC in Sweden 2006.

Mr. Orlando proposed to decide that the availability of players for their respective national teams, for clearance from the clubs for the IFF International Event and Friendly Internationals during the International week-ends. The proposal is that the players would be freed for participation in their respective national teams at least three days in advance of an IFF International Event and on Thursday at noon (be present in the team concerned) for Friendly Internationals during IFF International week-ends.

Mr. Orlando proposed that this will be put into effect immediately.

**Proposal:** To approve the proposal.

**The CB decided** to approve the proposal starting from 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2006.

§ 7c. cont.

Mr. Orlando introduced the proposals made by the RACC Workshop 26<sup>th</sup> of August in Helsinki to the CB. The proposals have been sent to the CB members already in advance of the agenda. (**Appendix 14**). Mr. Orlando informed that there will be held a RACC recap meeting, after the CB meeting in Jönköping February 11<sup>th</sup>, in order to finalise the possible changes of the regulations.

Mr. Kratz went through the proposed changes in the regulations and there was a discussion on the proposals.  
Organisers regulations (**Appendix 15 a and 15 b**)  
Competition regulations – National Teams (**Appendix 16**)  
Competition regulations – Club Teams (**Appendix 17**)  
Transfer regulations (**Appendix 18 a and 18 b**)

**Proposal:** To discuss the RACC Workshop proposals and approve the regulations.

**The CB decided:**

- a) To approve the proposed changes made by the RACC Workshop on the Organizers Regulations. The RACC was given the task to further discuss that the applications of any IFF Event must follow the appropriated requirements folder made by the IFF Office and the ticketing of the IFF Events.
- b) To approve the proposed changes made by the RACC Workshop on the Competition Regulations – National Teams. The RACC was given the task to further discuss the Fair Play/Ethical code in IFF Events, amongst other things the issues related to betting.
- c) To approve the proposed changes made by the RACC Workshop on the Competition Regulations – Club Teams.
- d) To approve the proposed changes made by the RACC Workshop on the International Transfer Regulations. The RACC was given the task to further discuss the last day of the international transfers.

**WFC Proposal (Appendix 19)**

Mr. Orlando gave the reasons for the proposed changes for the WFC, made by the RACC Workshop.

Mr. Jansson stated that he is strongly against the change of the order of the WFC's with the Men moving to the odd years and the Women moving to the even years, due to the fact that we then would lower the level of Women Floorball, according to Mr. Jansson. Mr. Jonsson also stated that he is against the proposal. Mr. Jansson stressed that Floorball is an equal sport and that that is one of our strong values and arguments.

Mr. Kauppinen felt that the proposal was good and stated that it would be important to listen to the different member federation and the marketing power and Media.

Mr. Eriksson stated that he understood the reasons, in connection to marketing, but that he also felt that the reasons are not yet strong enough for a change. Mr. Eriksson also stated that the strive to be Olympic and hence be mainstream is another strong reason against according to him.

Mr. Liljelund proposed that the CB would postpone making a decision in this matter, but instead investigate the actually effects of such a change, by consulting the national federations, the Media and the public opinion.

Mr. Eriksson proposed that we postpone the question regarding the swap between Men and Women order, until further investigations have been made.

Mr. Jansson stressed that he agrees to the rest of the RACC proposals and was supported by Mr. Kauppinen.

Mr. Jonsson also stressed that there is a need to have more important matches for the smaller federations.

**Proposal:** To discuss the RACC Workshop proposals and approve the proposals

**The CB decided:**

- a) To postpone the discussion about the proposal for the new World Floorball Championships change of the Men and Women years given by the RACC Workshop to the next CB meeting.
- b) To approve the other proposals of the RACC proposals of the World Floorball Championships, apart from the years. The RACC will further discuss the proposal in Jönköping, regarding the needed new qualification system and other questions.

§ 7c. cont.

EuroFloorball Cup (**Appendix 20**)

Mr. Orlando gave the reasons for the proposed changes for the EuroFloorball Cup, made by the RACC Workshop.

Mr. Kauppinen was of the opinion that it would be better that the reigning champion should not be automatically included in the tournament.

Mr. Jansson supported the RACC proposal.

Mr. Kauppinen proposed that, as second team not only the runner up but also the winner of the national cup (if existing) can be eligible for the qualification round.

**Proposal:** To discuss the RACC Workshop proposals and approve the proposals.

**The CB decided:**

- c) To approve the proposal for the new EuroFloorball Cup according to the RACC proposal, with the amendment that also the winner of the national cup (if existing) can be eligible for the qualification round.

Mr. Orlando proposed the new Regulation for Friendly internationals and Club tournaments, which has been prepared by the RACC chairman and the office. – **Appendix 21**. This regulation is needed to protect the IFF and its member federations, when National teams and club teams play in international events.

**Proposal:** To approve the proposal.

**The CB decided** to approve the Regulation for Friendly International Matches – Club Teams and National Teams, with the different wording proposed by Mr. Kauppinen. The RACC was given the task to finalize the wording in the regulation.

d) **RC**

Mr. Gilardi reported on the work of the RC during the period from August to December. (**Appendix 27**).

**Proposal:** To approve the report

**The CB decided** to approve the report.

e) **Development function:**

Mr. Orlando reported on the Development Programme Seminar in Eger, Hungary on the 16.-18.12.2006. (**Appendix 23 a and 23 b**). Mr. Orlando thanked the lecturers Mr. Thomas Thim and Mr. Petri Kettunen. Mr. Orlando and Mr. Liljelund felt that the seminar had been a great success, showing that we are on the right path. There is still some need to make amendments to the program of the seminars since it is quite heavy and there need to more time for discussions.

Mr. Liljelund reported on the preparations made for the announcement of the Floorball development Programme for 2006, to be sent to the Member federations to apply for the seminars before the 15<sup>th</sup> of February.

Mr. Liljelund reported on the meeting held with SP – (**Appendix 22 – CB only**)

**Proposal:** To approve the reports.

**The CB decided** to approve the reports and invite the federations to apply for the new Floorball Development Programme Seminars.

f) **Marketing function**

Mr. Jansson explained that we are running the marketing function according to our new marketing strategy. The Marketing function has sent out three proposals for new sponsor contracts to Exel, Puma and Gerflor. We are in the process of negotiating with Exel and Puma during the spring of 2006 and will have their answers by end of March 2006. We have started the discussions with Infront, a marketing company, whether we can find any ways of cooperation, in order to make the marketing of IFF even better.



§ 7f. cont.

Mr. Liljelund reported about the negotiations with Gerflor, that we have come so far that the basis for an agreement is being looked over by the Gerflor lawyers at the moment. The Gerflor contract is for 2006 – 2010 and gives IFF one free court for all Senior championships and in addition one “Donation court” which IFF controls. This second court will be used at the U19 and the EuroFloorball Cup. If IFF together with Gerflor can sell the donation court to a reduced price, then IFF receives a new donation court from Gerflor.

**Proposal:** To approve the reports.

**The CB decided** to approve the report.

§ 8. **IFF Office**

a) **New IFF logo (appendix 28 – CB only)**

According to the decision of the IFF CB in Helsinki Mr. Liljelund presented the proposals for a new logo to the Central Board. The Office has asked for proposals from three different companies. The proposal has been made by the company Sitruuna media.

**Proposal:** To discuss the proposed new logos and decide upon one of them.

**The CB decided** to approve the proposed logo and gave the office the task to finalise the technical issues.

b) **New internet site (Appendix 24 – CB only)**

Mr. Liljelund informed that the IFF CB gave the Office the task to choose a partner in order to make a new IFF web-site. The Office chose the offer presented by the company OpenSpace, which has produced the web-pages of the Finnish Floorball Federation.

Mr. Liljelund presented the new layout at the meeting and the launch of the new web-site will be before the end of February, due to the long time needed to transform all the present documents at the IFF web-site.

**Proposal:** To discuss the new web-site.

**The CB decided** to approve the proposal.

§ 9. **Member Federations**

a) **Members under suspension**

Nothing to report

b) **New Member Applications**

Mr. Liljelund informed that the Austrian Floorball Federation has applied for ordinary membership of the IFF (Appendix 25 – CB only)

Mr. Liljelund reported that the Mongolian Floorball Federation has approached IFF with an application for provisional membership. (Appendix 29 – CB only)

**Proposal:** The Office has been in contact with the Mongolian Floorball Federation and proposes that we would accept them as provisional member number 37. The Office has checked the documents supplied by the Mongolian Floorball Federation and the organisation has been cleared by the Ministry of Justice and Interior.

**The CB decided** to approve the reports and approve the Mongolia Floorball Federation as the provisional member number 37 of IFF.

c) **Contacts to Member federations and other Floorball contacts**

Mr. Liljelund to report on the movement of Floorball organisations in Mauritius, Iran and Nepal

**Proposal:** To approve the report.

**The CB decided** to approve the report.

**§ 10. Issues related to the IFF General Assembly, to be held on the 26<sup>th</sup> of May, 2006 in Stockholm**

Mr. Liljelund reported that the invitation and asking for proposals from the Member federations has according to our statutes to be sent out at least 90 days (24<sup>th</sup> of February) in advance of the General Assembly. All proposals and nominations must be sent in to the IFF no later than 60 days in advance of the General Assembly (27<sup>th</sup> of March). IFF must send out all our proposals and the proposals and nominations made by our member federations 30 days in advance of the General Assembly (26<sup>th</sup> of April).

In order to continue to develop the work of the IFF Mr. Eriksson proposes that the CB will discuss the following topics, which are related to the IFF General Assembly:

- 1) Which IFF proposals shall the CB make (Plan of Action 2006-2008, Report 2004-2006, Budget 2007-2008, IFF Statutes changes including the AOFC, Juridical Regulations, Material Regulations...)
- 2) What should be the number of CB members for 2006-2008, and how many from one country?
- 3) What are the profiles of the members of the CB and the committees
- 4) Number of Committees/Functions and Committees/Function members

Mr. Eriksson proposed that the Office makes a proposal for the Report 2004 – 2006 and give it to the responsible CB members of the committees and the functions.

Mr. Eriksson proposed that Mr. Orlando prepares the changes for the New IFF Statutes and the Juridical Regulations.

Mr. Eriksson stated that the Budget will be proposed by the treasurer and the general secretary.

Mr. Eriksson proposed that the IFF ExCo will propose the Plan of Action 2006 – 2008 and the secretary general will make the proposal for the Material Regulation.

Mr. Eriksson viewed his opinion on IFF going now to more professionals, working on a functional basis, and having set the IFF Vision and Mission, we are all ready for the next organisational step. At the GA in 2002 and in 2004 the decrease of members in numbers and from how many countries were already discussed and also proposed by IFF member associations, no decisions however taken. Mr. Eriksson informed that our statutes today stipulates 6-9 members from no more than maximum three per country.

Mr. Eriksson proposed to decrease the number of the CB members to the president and six members, with only one per country. These both proposals need to first be approved by the IFF General Assembly. The IFF CB needs members with a profile capable of running one of the following functions; RACC, RC, Development, Marketing, Finance.

Mr. Jonsson thinks it is important to discuss the reduction of the number of CB members-

Mr. Gilardi felt that it is important to use the knowledge of the CB, but there can't be too many inexperienced persons in the CB.

Mr. Kauppinen felt it is important to discuss the profiles of the CB members, whether we want people to know Floorball or more political power. Presently he feels that it would be enough to have a CB consisting of 1+6.

Mr. Jansson feels that this meeting has proven that a CB can consist of 1+6. Mr. Jansson also agrees with Mr. Kauppinen.

Mr. Orlando feels that the most important is the profile of the CB members, he thinks that we also should ask for the CV of the candidates.

Mr. Jansson felt that we need inform our member federations of our expectations of what types of CB members we are looking for.

**The CB decided** to ask the member federations to rank their nominated candidates in a ranking order for the CB with an appropriate CV. Mr. Eriksson will in the invitation, also explain what type of CB members are required.

**§ 11. Next CB meeting**

The next CB meeting will be held in Stockholm in Sweden, taking place on April the 1.-2.2006. The office was given the task to find an appropriate hotel.

Special topics on the agenda will be:

IFF General Assembly

IFF proposals to the IFF General Assembly

**§ 11. Closing of the meeting**

Mr. Eriksson thanked the CB members for a good meeting and closed the meeting at 15.15.

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

**Tomas Eriksson**  
**President**