

IFF & Floorball Material Producers Development Board meeting at IFF Offices, in Helsinki, Helsinki 14.05.2013

Participants:	Exel (E-SG)	Jaakko Aro
	FatPipe (Powerstick)	Sami Turtiainen
	Oxdog (Evosport)	Marko Sompa
	Unihoc (Renew)	Joakim Strömberg and Johan Österman
	Salming (X3M)	Per Eriksson
	Realstick(SB-yhtiöt)	Petri Piironen
SP	Lars-Åke Henriksson	
IFF	John Liljelund and Veli Halonen	

Report on present issues

1. *Welcome*

Mr. Liljelund opened the meeting at 12.00 at the IFF Offices in Helsinki, Finland and welcomed the participants to the meeting

Mr. Liljelund presented the agenda for the meeting. The IFF DB is celebrating its 10th anniversary and Mr. Liljelund described the functions and purpose of the IFF DB. Even though the IFF DB is not a decision taking organ the IFF CB has usually in all cases approved the proposals made by the IFF DB

Mr. Liljelund shortly presented the actions taken by the IFF in order to reach the demand required to be in the IOC short list 2015. The IFF office has carried out an Associations Audit from the autumn 2012 until spring 2013. That's one of the methods to find out where the IFF members associations stand at the time and help them to develop in the future

2. *General update*

Material Approval system financial outcome 2012

Mr. Liljelund reported the financial outcome of 2012 and the total revenue was CHF 291.613 and the costs for running the system were CHF 246.581, giving a surplus of 45.031. Out of this 80 per cent, which equals a sum of CHF 36.024 for the use of the Development Board.

Number of sold sticks, balls and other materials

SP has on the request of IFF moved over to follow the marking of Floorball materials to a calendar year system, starting from 2011. The total number of sold certified material for 2012 is

- Balls	2.057.889 pcs
- Sticks	720.659 pcs
- Goals	2.470pcs
- Rinks	362pcs
- Face masks	1.408 pcs

3. *Proposal of changes of the material regulations(Appendix 1)*

Mr. Henriksson presented and reported the results of the effects of the composite blade for the playing surfaces, both Gerflor and wood. Based on the tests it was obvious that the composite blades leave clearly visible tracks to both surfaces and even can damage the surfaces. In addition some other tests had been done, but the blades had been so hard, that they had broken very early in the process.

Report on present issues (cont.)

Regulation 1.3.2.4

The manufacturers will check the possibility to mark the approval tag or to emboss the approval to the left side of the grill of the mask. The grill bars are so thin that it needs to be checked with the production of each company how the marking can be made. The manufacturers will inform the DB no later than 20th of June about their solutions. The proposal stays otherwise as proposed.

Regulation 1.3.2.6

The length of the stick is visible in a ready product separately and it will not be embossed or printed to the shaft separately. Proposal to be removed.

Regulation 2.1.1

It was decided that there can be composite material maximum 1/3 of the content in the blade, but it shall not cover the entire upper part of the blade horizontally in order the blade to be able to twist when stepped upon. Otherwise the composite can be in the blade where the manufacturers choose. There has to be a minimum of 4 mm cover for the composite parts to any part that could be in connection with the floor after wear out of the blade material. Otherwise the proposal was approved.

Regulation 5.2.9.3

The twist angle of the blade was defined to be 30 degrees

Fat Pipe has sent in a proposal in February 2013, which was not included to the agenda due to the reason that SP was not in favour for the proposal based on the safety reasons. The regulation at the present time is that the bending of the shaft is measured from two directions and the shaft to bend at least 60 mm. Fat Pipes' proposal was just to measure the bending from one direction. This would make it easier for the manufacturers to design different kind of shapes for the shaft. SP and Fat Pipe will make a proposal to the IFF DB about how this would be handled and the proposal shall be sent by the 24th of May 2013.

All the other issues according the proposal (Appendix 1) were approved.

4. Case Onepeice

The IFF Development Board has in its earlier meeting decided to allow the sell and use of Oxdog Onepeice until the 31st of May 2013. Based on the approved proposal for the material Regulation 2014, there will not be room for products like the Oxdog Onepeice in future.

Oxdog has informed that they have closed the Onepeice project, when the IFF didn't grant a dispense before the IFF Development Board meeting. Oxdog has also informed that there are a limited number of sticks sold to players and a marginal amount in the shops, mainly in Finland. Based on earlier cases, in similar situations, IFF Development Board is of the opinion that a dispense for the players who have bought the stick shall be granted for one season only (2013-2014) and that scarce number of products in the stores does not need any additional actions.

5. Projects for 2011 and 2012

The IFF Development Board has in 2012 approved to support three projects, namely the German project, which is now finished, to extend the Canadian project (Appendix 3) and the Spanish project (Appendix 4). Canada and Spain have reported their projects and Germany will hand in the final report after the re-organisation of Floorball Germany has been completed.

The IFF Development Board decided to continue the support for one additional year in Canada in order to strengthen the positive development, which has been achieved through working with Hockey Canada, with the sum of CHF12.500. Based on the report the project has been well perceived and Floorball Canada has been awarded the WU19 WFC Final Round 2016 in Belleville, Ontario.

The IFF DB also decided to continue the support the Spanish Federation in order to strengthen the development in Western Europe with the sum of CHF 12.500. Spanish Federation has built a development plan in order to grow the sport in a second country of the big 5 in Europe (France, Germany, Italy, Spain and UK).

Report on present issues (cont.)

6. *Floorball Manufacturers Village at Champions Cup in October in Tampere, Finland*
Mr. Liljelund reported the plan of action of the IFF regarding the Champions Cup, which will be played in Tampere, Finland in October. He informed the planned schedule of the TV-matches in the Champions Cup and also that the Manufacturers Village will be built this year also in the 3rd edition of the Champions Cup.

The city of Tampere is strongly involved with organising the event. They have plans to provide tickets for different groups, such as school children, unemployed, etc. The city of Tampere will also provide possibility to its staff to be able to see matches. The amount of employees in the City of Tampere is 13.000. The main objective is to get as many spectators as possible.

The IFF has sent the invitations for the Manufacturers Village to the manufacturers and the registration has to be made latest by the 31st of May 2013.

7. *Next meeting*

If there is no upcoming need for another meeting in 2013, the next meeting will be in 2014.

Upcoming meetings and issues

- Next meeting will be in 2014, place and schedule to be informed

Issues that need to be discussed upon or taken action upon

- The manufacturers to provide the plans how to emboss or tag the grill of the helmet with an approval marking by the 20th of June 2013
- Fat Pipe and SP to send the proposal of the testing of the bending of the shaft and the bending only to be measured from one direction by the 24th of May.

New ideas, etc...