

IFF ExCo Meeting, Prague, Czech Republic, August 16th, 2013

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

Report on present issues

1. *Opening of the Meeting*

Mr. Eriksson is to open the meeting at 14:30 and welcomed all to the meeting, with Mr. King over the Skype.

2. *International Sports Status*

2.1. *Report from the SportAccord Convention held in May in St. Petersburg, Russia*

Mr. Eriksson reported that the Judo Federation President Mr. Vizer (ROM) was elected as the new SportAccord President with 8 vote's margin. Mr. Vizer has started a campaign to build a United Sports and a Common World Championships for all sports, where there has been said that the first three editions will be organised in Russian cities. Mr. Vizer has now replaced the SportAccord Director General Mr. Gaillard with his personal secretary Mr. Vlad Marinescu.

At the same time Mr. Chiulli (ITA) from Power boating was elected as President for the ARISF, strongly supported by the Martial Arts. The focus of ARISF is to try to get more influence towards the IOC. President Chiulli will try to include more sports on the Olympic Program.

Mr. Eriksson has already contacted President Vizer, President Chiulli and the person behind is the Asian Olympic Council Sheik Ahmad al Fahad al Sabah.

The ExCo discussed that it is important to try to seek liaison with Mr. Vizer, Mr. Chiulli and Sheik Al Fahad, in order to secure our strategic targets.

2.2. *Report from the IWGA World Games in Cali, Columbia*

Mr. Suman reported that the visibility of the NOC's has grown much stronger in the process. It seems that the IOC is now looking much closer on the World Games. Mr. Suman met with IWGA Director Joacim Gossow, who expressed that the IWGA wants to cooperate more closely with the IOC. The IWGA will look over all sports, but they are not planning any major change of the World Games program. Mr. Gossow felt that Floorball has a chance, in order to create regional. The process of the selection of new sports will take one year.

Mr. Suman also met with the 2017 World Games director Ms. Hanna Dogmala informed that there can be up to five optional sports. IFF as an IWGA member is not anymore in a position to apply as an invitational sport, but as a member. Now Floorball has to apply through the ordinary IWGA channel. The City of Wroclaw is now responsible for the budget of the whole World Games.

IFF got the IWGA membership in St. Petersburg, during SportAccord.

The ExCo discussed the need to start up discussions with the IWGA Administration and the IWGA President Mr. Ron Froehlich in respect to the program development. There is also talk to the IOC Sport Department, seeking for support.

Report on present issues (Cont.)

3. *Upcoming Events*

3.1. *FISU WUC2014 in Singapore*

The FISU has sent out the invitation for the WUC 2014, played in Singapore from the 18th -22nd of June 2014.

The ExCo discussed and felt that we need to secure a broad participation to the WUC.

It was agreed that the IFF Office shall start looking for a possibility for a joint transport for the teams; Mr. King will seek participation from the AOFC countries, since there are 7 potential countries, plus also possibly China. The IFF ExCo will talk to Canada about a possible participation.

3.2. *WFC U19 2015 organiser*

The IFF Office has started negotiations with the Polish Federation about their possibilities to organise the U19 WFC 2015, but more information will be given by the end of August.

3.3. *Myanmar SEA Games 2015*

Floorball has been officially approved as a demonstration sport in the Myanmar capital Naypyidaw from the 12th to the 18th of December 2013. There will only be played a male tournament with 3-4 teams.

The potential participants are Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines.

The Singapore NOC is going to make a second inspection trip to Naypyidaw in September.

Mr King to follow up progress with the 4 countries to ensure they are ready to participate

4. *ExCo work and Actions taken*

4.1. *International Lobby*

Mr. King has prepared an IFF International Lobby Work plan for the IFF CB meeting in Helsinki.

4.2. *Development & Equality*

Mr. Liljelund reported that the analysis of the Association Audit has proceed to look for the Next Steps and the solutions, prepared by the different CB members.

4.3. *Marketing*

The Strategy has been set until 2015 and the Core Country Marketing Network meeting will discuss the concrete marketing issues of the Events in Helsinki in August.

4.4. *AOFC update*

There has been a coaching seminar in Bangladesh, supported by the Indian Federation. Most focus is on the SEA Games in Myanmar.

5. *Membership issues*

5.1. *Russia*

The National Floorball Federation of Russia has informed that they started the discussions with the Russian Floorball Federation, in order to cooperation. The NFFR are to hand in their application before the Helsinki CB meeting.

5.2. *Great Britain*

There has been no additional information given from the GBFUA and the GBFF has had their AGM on the 3rd of August.

6. *EFT Presidents meeting*

The meeting will be held on the 17th of August, with the following agenda and the objectives to convey the message to the EFT Presidents.

- Short recap from last meeting March 13 in Stockholm, stressing IFF CB strategic preferences that is latest 2020, 100 members on all five continents, and as many multi sports events as possible.
- Champions Cup future
- Update IOC short list process.
- Update IFF association's audit- outcome "each one teach one".
- Cooperation IFF/EFT, how to move forward? See § 4 last meeting, ideas!
- How to finance, and EFT willingness to support/subsidise?
- Timetable/actions/next steps

Report on present issues (Cont.)

7. *Champions Cup/EFC future*

7.1. *Champions Cup*

Mr. Suman reported that the Champions Cup Steering group held their meeting on the 16th of June. The 3rd edition will be played in Tampere, Finland in October. During the meeting the Swedish and Swiss representatives raised the question that they might not be interested to continue with the present format.

The ExCo felt that it is very important that IFF will continue to have a Club Competition on a Top Level. The discussion has to be held with the EFT presidents is a need for the International growth to run the European Club Competition.

The target with the Champions Cup was to increase the visibility, enhance the number of spectators and raise the sporting value.

7.2. *Euro Floorball Cup*

This year we don't have an organizer for the EFC qualifications, which effects the financial situation negatively. The issue is that teams are not interested to register, if they teams don't know where to play the qualifications. We need to find a new way to nominate organizers. This is not a good thing for the International development.

One solution could be that IFF would introduce a new financial model, where IFF would pay for all IFF persons and ask the clubs to apply for the organisation, supported by national federation. The ExCo will bring the proposal to the CB.

8. *Association meeting*

The objective of the Association meeting is to continue the positive and open process from St. Gallen, SUI in 2011. The meeting will be held in the Clarion Hotel on the 13th to 14th of December 2013. The meeting should starting at 12:00 – 17:00 on Friday and then 9:00 – 13:00 on Saturday.

The topics should be:

- The IOC Process
- Association Audit outcome
- Each One Teach One project and next Steps
- GirlFloorball project
- Outside Key Note speaker: IOC Short List contender, Vincent Gaillard, Gunilla Lindbergh, Risto Nieminen, Gerhard Heidberg.

Invitations to be sent out after the Helsinki CB meeting.

9. *Evaluation of the Associations Audit results*

The ExCo discussed the process of how to deal with the IFF CB working session in Helsinki. The objective is to prepare how to present the results of the Associations Audit for the Associations Meeting.

10. *Next CB meeting*

The ExCo discussed the issues for the upcoming CB meeting in Helsinki.

The Agenda will be sent out on the 26th of August.

The main topics are the Club Competitions, WUC 2014, Material Regulation, New organisers and Associations Meeting.

11. *Other issues*

- Unihoc Charity project: Unihoc collects used sticks and donate them to three countries selected from a list of 10, voted by the fans on the Unihoc- and IFF facebook. IFF will pay half of the transport of the materials to the chosen countries.
- New contacts to South Africa, which would lead to a new member country.
- IFF informed Latvia about a raised sanction in the RTU case, if not paid by the 15th of September the fine is transferred to the Latvian Federation
- The Core Countries Marketing Network Group shall be held on the 30th of August.

Upcoming meetings and issues

- To arrange a meeting with SportAccord President Mr. Vizer, ARISF President Mr. Chiulli and the Asia OC President Sheik Ahmad al Fahad al Sabah (TE/JL)
 - To start discussions with IWGA Administration about the World Games program for 2017 and have a meeting with IWGA President Mr. Ron Froehlich (TE/JL)
 - To look for possible joint travel arrangements from Europe to WUC 2014 in Singapore (JL/FS/TE)
 - To discuss participation of AOFC countries in the WUC 2014 (SK)
 - To discuss the possibility of the organisation of the U19 WFC 2015 (Kratz)
 - Prepare a new payment model for the EFCQ, in order to secure the number of qualification organisers.
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Issues that need to be discussed or decided upon or taken action upon

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New ideas, etc...