

### IFF ExCo Meeting, Kastrup, Denmark, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014

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

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#### Report on present issues

##### 1. *Opening of the Meeting*

Mr. Eriksson is to open the meeting at 09:25 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 April, Belek Turkey*

Mr. Eriksson reported on the discussion during the SportAccord in Belek. IFF has been included in the discussions for the first time and actively being asked by the other IF's. The political games have grown in magnitude and for the first time we have also been included in the discussions.

Mr. Suman asked what the ranking of the IOC Recognized Team Sports are. The ExCo discussed that Baseball/Softball, Flying Disc and American Football are above us, Lacrosse, Korfball, Netball are on the same level and Fistball and Polo are clearly below us. Cricket is somehow an outsider.

###### *SportAccord Urban Games 2016/2017*

Mr. Liljelund made a short report on the present situation of the Urban Games. More information will be given by the end of the year.

###### *IWGA World Games 2017*

Mr. Eriksson informed that the IOC member Canoe President Jose Peruena was elected as president of the IWGA. The election was very much a political game. Mr. Peruena is looking to enlarge the IWGA Council, but it needs a change of statutes. Mr. Liljelund got positive feedback for his presentation at the IWGA AGM.

The IWGA has decided that Floorball can participate if Netball will not fulfil the IWGA requirements by May 15<sup>th</sup> 2014, to provide the best athletes. Mr. Gossow said it is a 50/50 situation basically.

The bidding Cities for the World Games 2012 will be revealed in 2012.

###### *ARISF AGM*

Mr. Eriksson reported that the ARISF Rapahale Chiulli has lobbied towards the SportAccord and the IOC. ARISF are working actively to promote the Recognised IF's towards the IOC. ARISF has been included in the SportAccord Convention and in the future could receive also funding from the SportAccord.

###### *Master Games AGM*

There are a number of organizational issues for the IMGAs, when the Winter master Games are moved to Quebec, Canada. This means that Floorball is not participating now.

###### *IOC EB Joint meeting with ASOIF IF's*

IFF together with the Flying Disc made a proposal for the IOC Olympic Vision 2020, by submitting a proposal for circulation of the IOC recognized sports in the Olympic Games.

###### *SportAccord AGM*

The cooperation between SportAccord and IOC, seems to work much better. IOC President Tomas Bach expressed the IOC interest towards to the

## Report on present issues (Cont.)

### *Meeting with FISU CEO Eric Saintrond/Collaboration Convention*

Mr. Eriksson reported on the discussions concerning the need of IFF to seek the possibility to participate in the Universiade. The proposed Collaboration Convention was discussed.

### *Meeting with IOC Sports Department*

The IOC will decide in Monaco upon the Olympic Vision 2020 and this will then probably solve the issue on inclusion of new sports for the Games.

The ASOIF Secretary General Mr. Andrew Ryan implicated that the Youth Olympic Games are looking for new sports and Floorball could be a possibility. But the status of the YOG is still about a little open.

### *Meeting with SportAccord President Mr. Marius Vizer*

The discussion was focusing on the possible World United Championships.

## **2.2. Report from Sochi Olympic Games**

Mr. Eriksson made a short report about the discussions held during the Olympics. There was a number of ARISF associations represented in Sochi.

Mr. Suman reported that we still have the name issue, since the awareness of Floorball is not yet high enough.

Md. Bruun was invited to Sochi by WADA to be a part of the WADA Outreach to the participating Athletes. The learning was really good.

## **2.3. IOC Short List Project**

Mr. Liljelund reported on the continuation of the IOC Short List Project.

We are continuing the production of documents for IOC application, we have now finalized the Code of Ethics, Guidelines for the Athletes Entourage, Betting Rules and the Policy for Conflict of Interest.

The next document to be produced are the Athletes Career document and the Equality/Women in Sport Commission document.

The IFF CB will have to decide upon forming the IFF Ethics Commission in the next meeting and then the CB will decide upon the composition and the objectives in the August meeting.

The IOC have increased the demand on the IOC ARISF Support and the IFF is planning to hand in the application with the Floorball Development Seminars for the Development part and the Athletes Outreach for the Anti-Doping part in Gothenburg, during the WFC 2014.

SUHV is running a project called the Vision Olympic 202x, which is focused to increase the awareness of our sport and try to help having Floorball in the Olympic Games.

## **3. Upcoming Events**

### **3.1. WFC2014 and License system implementation**

Mr. Eriksson concluded that the License system requires that all the participants have fulfilled the requirements by October 31<sup>st</sup>. IFF needs to be firm in the question, but not make a farce of it. The CB needs to discuss the situation in its meeting in May. There are a Financial situation of the three problematic IF's Germany, Russia and Slovakia:

- Germany: Germany have started paying, but the time table is open
- Russia: Situation still a bit open, not providing information
- Slovakia: The situation is related to the WFC 2017, in order to find a solution.

Poland is the next in line if some of the countries are not able to participate due to the fact that they are not fulfilling the criteria's.

Mr. Suman proposes that the IFF CB will stress the fact that the nations have to fulfil the requirements directly.

The ExCo decided to send a letter to the Associations concerned asking for an official answer on how they will sort the issue by end of October. Meanwhile Mr. Kratz will continue the discussions with the federations on a daily basis.

### **3.2. WFC 2017 organiser**

So far the Slovaks have applied for the WFC2017 and the Swedish have recently flagged that they could be interested.

The ExCo proposes to await the solution related to the License system and act accordingly

## Report on present issues (Cont.)

### 3.3. *WFC U19 WFC organisers*

This question is depending on the decision on the organiser of the WFC 2017. The discussion will have to be discussed in the CB meeting.

### 3.4. *SEA Games status 2015*

Mr. Eriksson reported that the SEA Games Council have now made the formal decision to include Floorball on the program. Dates 5<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> of June, 2015

Mr. Sani Mohd. Salim had reported that the Thailand NOC have informed that they will send a team to the SEA Games. Floorball Philippines informed that the Philippine NOC is also supporting sending the teams, but through the Philippines Hockey Association. The Myanmar situation is still pending, SFA will approach the issue through Mr. Kenneth Ho. There is a possibility to have up to six men and five women teams taking part.

IFF has scheduled a meeting with Mr. Chris Chan, Singapore NOC on the 18<sup>th</sup> of June and ask for a meeting with all the SEA Games stakeholders through the SFA.

## 4. *ExCo work and Actions taken*

### 4.1. *International Lobby*

Mr. Eriksson made a proposal of which VIP's to be invited for the WFC in Sweden

- SportAccord: President Mr. Vizer and CEO Mr. Marinescou

- IWGA: President Mr. Peruena and CEO Mr. Gossow

- FISU: President Gallien and CEO Mr. Saintrond

- ARISF: President Chiulli and secretary general Fraccari

- IOC: Sport Director Kit McConnell, Senior Advisor Christian Wassmere

For the IOC we need to be flexible to secure invitation of some of the Nordic/European IOC members.

The IFF is to seek audience with IOC Sports Director Kit McConnell after the holidays.

### 4.2. *Development & Equality*

Mr. Liljelund reported that there are now planned/executed seminars in New Zealand, Vaduz (SOEE), Canada, Austria, China, India and Iran. In addition there was a seminar discussed for Ukraine, but the political situation is problematic.

IFF has a presentation together with SSBL on the path to the WFC 2015 and GoGirls project at the IWG Congress in Helsinki.

### 4.3. *Marketing*

Mr. Suman reported on the Core Country Marketing Network Group meeting and a very good open discussions were held there, giving everyone a possibility to take learnings from each other. The participants were quite secured to discuss the national issues, but were some reluctance to discuss new international issues. The IFF presented two new ideas like building common CCMNG /IFF sales package and a TV Magazine IFF are to present a proposal for the sales package and the TV magazine.

### 4.4. *AOFC update*

The plan is to use the EOTO as a driver to close the Gap between the countries and organise a seminar to develop the Club level coaching. The second issue is to work with the countries participated with the SEA Games and bringing in new countries.

## 5. *New Membership issues*

### 5.1. *Croatia*

No news concerning the application from Croatia. Mr. Kratz is working on it.

### 5.2. *Myanmar*

No news here either, continued work with Myanmar, in coordination with SFA.

### 5.3. *Secure the sufficient number of member associations for the IOC application*

Mr. Liljelund proposed that we need to target a number of new countries and pinpoint who to contact them. Looking for permanent residents from different countries.

CB to have this as a topic during the IFF CB Session during the IFF CB meeting in May.

## 6. *Champions Cup Process*

Mr. Suman reported that the Champions Cup Steering group held their meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April. Czech Republic, Finland and Sweden are in favor of playing system, with a three day tournament, with the same number of teams. Switzerland is not supporting the proposal. This forced the CCSG to make a proposal for 2015-2017.

Now the countries have the time until the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May to confirm their participation and agreement to organise the tournament with the present build-up. If positive decision by CZE, FIN and SWE and IFF CB, then the preparation of the Contract for the CC (August) and the CC Regulation (October), in order to make it possible for the CFbU to start the preparations. The discussions is ongoing how to secure the participation of the Swiss Club teams. In addition to this FF is to start the process for a discussion related to the 2018 forward and the Swiss proposal of a broader.

The ExCo discussed on the possible scenarios of how to move forward, in order to secure the future of the Champions Cup.

## 7. *Next CB meeting – Espoo*

The next CB meeting is held in Kaisankoti, Espoo, Finland. The CB will have a joint session with the Athletes Commission on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> of May and then have a working session with the EOTO project and the guidelines for how to move the project forward.

In the CB meeting there are a number of issues to be discussed. The CB Agenda will be sent out on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May. The ExCo discussed the issues for the upcoming CB meeting in Helsinki.

## 8. *Other Issues*

### 8.1. *Transfer regulations*

Mr. Liljelund presented the IFF Office proposal for raising the Transfer fees and the related changes to the Transfer Regulation

Mr. Suman felt that this might create an issue for the international exchange

The IFF ExCo approved the change of the Transfer Regulation.

### 8.2. *Event Management Tool*

Mr. Liljelund reported on the progress of the IFF Event Management Tool, including the Event Application Evaluation tool and the Event Management Tool and the Material bank for the Event. The first demo will be ready for the autumn meetings.

## 9. *EOTO Process*

The ExCo discussed the situation with the returned EOTO forms, to be handed in by the Member Associations by the mid of April. Presently 23 nations have returned their EOTO forms until today.

The ExCo went through the EOTO Action Plan and decided that the IFF CB working session will discuss this in Espoo.

The IFF Office had prepared a proposal of bilateral EOTO-projects, which will also be dealt with the CB working session.

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### Upcoming meetings and issues

- To send a letter to the WFC participants not in line with the IFF License system, asking for an official answer, if they are to sort out the debts by October. (JL)
  - To continue the contact to the concerned countries and make a proposal of next in line teams for the WFC 2014 (SK)
  - To ask the SFA to organise a meeting with the SEA Games stakeholders during the WUC (TE)
  - To seek an audience with the IOC Sport Director Mr. Kit McConnell after the vacations (TE)
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**Issues that need -  
to be discussed  
or decided  
upon or taken  
action upon**

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**New ideas,  
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