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The IFF RC meeting on Sunday the 29th of March

Hotel Park-Inn, Prague

Mr. Klaus Koskela, Chairman
Mr. Lukas Gyger, Vice Chairman
Mr. Pierre Boudville, RC member
Mr. Radek Hora, RC member
Mr. Mats Öster, RC member
Mr. Veli Halonen, RC secretary

Excused:

Mr. Daniel Bollinger
Ms. Brigitta Radacsi

1. Opening and welcome

- Mr. Koskela opened the meeting at 09:00 and welcomed the RC members to the meeting and thanked for the good input during the Saturday's working session.

2. Referee and observer classification updates

- The IFF RC updated the referee and observer classifications and also had a discussion of the referee situation in general. There are more referees in the IFF referee group than ever before. Some existing IFF referees will end their careers, but there are new referee pairs on their way to IFF level and there will be new proposals from the Member Associations later this year. It also seems that there is a change of the generation about to start, but there are new referees to become IFF referees in the near future.

3. The feedback from the teams of the WFC2014

- Mr. Halonen presented the summary of the feedback, which was asked from the teams after the Men's WFC2014. Despite of many reminders the teams were not that eager to answer to the feedback questionnaire. Only six teams out of 16 gave their answers RC anyhow decided to continue to collect the feedback from the national teams after IFF major events. RC hopes to receive more feedback after the teams get more familiar with the feedback system. The feedback from the WFC



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2014 was mainly positive, some issues were brought up and the RC will investigate those and take actions if needed.

4. IFF social media guidelines for referees

- The RC discussed about the IFF social media guidelines in general and also the amendments for the referees. RC updated the guidelines based on the experiences from the WFC 2014. The RC also decided that before every IFF tournament the head of the referees will educate the guidelines to the referees and that will also include the code of conduct.

5. The guidelines of the head of the referee management

- RC worked on Saturday during its working session with the updates of the guidelines of the Head of the Referee management and the updated guidelines will be presented to the IFF RACC for statements. The basic idea is to have the head of the referees to be more on top things, which happen during the events, so that the information will go directly also to the referees and observers.

6. The reports

- Mr. Koskela gave a short report about the IFF RC general issues. The RC is preparing the RC plan of action for 2016-2020. There needs to be more education for the IFF referees and observers in order to find a common understanding and interpretation of the rules in all IFF member associations. The educations will take place before and during the IFF events. The RC needs to plan to increase the amount of match video based education by producing more material from the IFF tournaments.

The RC started the work for the RC plan of action 2016-2020. The plan will be concluded in the next RC meeting in September 2015. The existing plan of action 2011-2015 still had some issues which will continue in the new plan of action.

Czech Republic, Finland and Sweden have tested new ways to test the physical condition of the referees. The Swiss Floorball Association will test new tests during the summer and the RC will collect the feedback from the associations which have tested the new tests after the summer and will decide the next step in its meeting in September.

- Mr. Gyger reported about the actions inside the Gold level referee group. Two gold level referee pairs have informed that they will end their international career. On the



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other hand there are new pairs getting closer to be promoted to the gold level and the RC expects to promote new Gold level referees later this year.

- Mr. Öster reported about the actions inside the Silver level referee group and the observer group. There is a need to bring the observer group closer to each other with the understanding of the game and find the mutual IFF way, which the observers can then later spread in their own associations to fellow observers and to the whole referee community.
- Mr. Hora gave a short reports about the situation in the Bronze and development groups. The IFF RC and the organizers of the Czech Open still continue the co-operation and the IFF will send observers to observe and educate the development group referees. The RC also tries to find other suitable tournaments to expand the possibility to increase the education for referees and observers based on a low budget system.
- Mr. Boudville reported about the referee situation in Asia&Oceania. IFF development seminar was carried out in Iran in February with a referee block education.

The AOFC has proposed to the IFF RC that they would create an AOFC referee development group, which would be the first step for the referees to be able to get into the IFF referee development group and eventually to be promoted to be ordinary IFF referees. The RC thinks that this is an excellent idea and fully supports such a group to be founded. Mr. Halonen will be in touch with Mr. Stephen King, the President of the AOFC in order to start the preparations for the group if approved by the IFF CB.

The referees in this group would referee and be educated in friendly club tournaments in the region.

7. Closing of the meeting

The chairman thanked all the participants for a very fruitful weekend and ended the meeting at 14:25

8. Next Meeting

Will take place from 19th to 20th of September 2015 somewhere in Europe.