



APPENDIX 27

FIJI DEVELOPMENT REPORT

This report is to detail the actions taken during the visit to Fiji to introduce Floorball to Fiji and also to set out proposed actions to continue the process.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Following a Women in Sport Conference in Helsinki in 2014 at which Sarah Mitchell from IFF met with Susie Yee from Fiji. Following a number of discussions it was agreed with Susie being the sponsor for the IFF to send 2 persons to Fiji to introduce Floorball to Fiji and Train the Trainers
- 1.2 Stephen King and Christian Bertschinger visited Fiji for the week commencing Monday 7th September.

2.0 Costs and Equipment

- 2.1 The original budget was for a total cost of the trip for approximately CHF 3,450 to cover the following costs
 - Airfares for 2 persons from Australia and New Zealand
 - Accommodation and messing for the week
 - Taxis and transport
 - Venue hire/promotion
- 2.2 In addition to the above costs 40 sticks, 40 balls and 2 x sets of GK gear were taken and left in Fiji.
- 2.3 New Zealand Floorball also supplied a set of Goals which are to be replaced or paid for by IFF
- 2.4 Final cost was approximately CHF 3,357 a small saving against the budget.

3.0 Visit Details

- 3.1 Meetings were held with the following persons
 - Peter Mazey Executive Chairman Fiji National Sports Commission
 - Joji Liga Sports Development Manager Fiji National Sports Commission
 - Lorraine Mar Secretary General & CEO Fiji Association of Sports and National Olympic Committee
 - Mr Joseph Sania Permanent Secretary for Youth & Sports Department Fiji Government
 - The support from all persons we met with was very strong for the introduction of new sports into Fiji and in particular those sports with a cheap entry and playing cost.



- Dr Mitchell the Fiji IOC representative was unfortunately not available for a meeting due to travel arrangements but he was briefed by one of the Train the Trainer participants who was travelling with him after attending the first train the trainer session. The feedback was also positive from Dr Mitchell.

3.2 Train the Trainer

- We held 2 x train the trainer sessions with a total of 16 participants across the 2 sessions. The first session was built around a brief introduction to the sport and teaching some skills in a gymnasium with a hands on approach and then a game. This allowed the participants to learn how much fun the game is. The 2nd session was a theoretical session on rules and how to run a schools session.
- Just about all attendees were currently either development officers with the FNCS, Fiji Hockey and AFL or were International athletes for Fiji in a variety of sports.

3.3 Schools

- A session was held with a local school (18 children primary school) to introduce them to the sport. A number of drills were carried out and then a game was played. The participants in the train the trainer sessions were asked to run the drills under the guidance of Christian. They were also put in charge of the teams with Stephen and Christian helping them.

4.0 Outcomes

4.1 The major outcomes from the visit were as follows

- Introducing the sport into the sports establishment of Fiji and the positive feedback from those bodies
- Good media coverage in local paper and TV
- Establishment of an initial committee to setup a formal organisation. This is with the Fiji National Sports Commission direct support with persons on the initial committee and a directive from Peter Mazey for his staff to assist to develop the committee and introduce the sport into sports development activities in Fiji
- The school who attended the session want to incorporate floorball into their sports program and the children were keen to know where they could train and play the game



5.0 Future Actions/Options

5.1 The following actions/options need to be pursued

- AOFC and NZ as the mentor work to continue to help setting up the official committee and organisation
- As soon as the FFF (Fiji Floorball Federation) is established AOFC/NZ to work with FFF to include floorball in the Fiji Sports Outreach program and local schools
- A package for cheap school kits to be established with FFF and the help of IFF with its sponsors. FNSC is happy to buy the cheap school sets to help spread the sport across the country
- Longer term we should use Fiji as the launching pad for the Oceania/Pacific's region. FNSC has indicated they are prepared to assist with this.

Stephen King

Christian Bertschinger