

Floorball Development Seminar, Quezon City, the Philippines and meetings held in connection to the Event, 20.-22.05.2016

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Report on present issues

1. *Floorball Development Seminar, Quezon City*

The PFA organised a Floorball Development Seminar with a coaching and referee stream, as a continuation to their local seminars, with the aim of having new clubs formed in high schools, both public and private. The seminar was organised at the Institute of Human Kinetics at the University of the Philippines and had a total of some 30 participants and a delegation of 7 persons from the Chinese Floorball Federation. The seminar was well organised and the PFA formed a Coaching Committee and Referee Committee, which both med concrete development plans.

The seminar was visited by the Philippine NOC secretary general Mr. Steve Hontiveros, who came unannounced to seminar and visited both streams and discussed with the PFA of a possible future cooperation. IFF had had a separate meeting the previous day with him to discuss the SEA Games 2019 in the Philippines.

A more detailed report from the seminar is available separately, but here needs to be mentioned, that the lecturers were conducted by Mr. Sharil Ismail (SIN), Mr. Peter Harris (AUS) and Mr. Liljelund.

2. *Philippines Floorball Association, Mr. Ralph Ramos, PFA President*

The PFA today has a total of 8 clubs and some 200 active players. The PFA has run an introduction tour to schools and as a result of this a number of PE teachers have participated in the series of local seminars, which now ended with the IFF seminar. PFA is now running U17 and U19 projects, to gain new players.

PFA is trying to spread the sport through the schools and universities, where it is mostly played at the moment. The he main issue is that the public school doesn't have financial resources to buy sticks. Therefore the PFA is asking for extra sticks to support their activities.

In connection to the SEA Games 2019 in the Philippines, the possibility of building a project for the IFF Development Board support, was discussed and the PFA will prepare a proposal for the application process 2017 to the IFF Development Board.

3. *Philippines Floorball Association, Mr. Steven Hontiveros, secretary general*

IFF asked for a meeting with POC and Mr. Hontiveros and this was easily arranged by the PFA. In the meeting Mr. Hontiveros gave quite straight feedback to the PFA, for not being active enough after the Singapore SEA Games. Mr. Ralph Ramos explained that he has just returned from Finland, where he was studying and the organisation has been running the seminars.

Mr. Hontiveros explained that there might be some issues to get Floorball on the program for the 2019 SEA Games, as the PFA needs first to be run properly and have a good base to build the sport on, both from an organisation and player base. They need to actively seek the POC support and follow their guidelines. In addition the POC is primary looking for Sports where the Philippines can win gold medals. It would be good if the PFA could together with the POC find a type of godfather for the organisation, who could actively promote Floorball in the Philippines. Mr. Hontiveros gave the impression that he would be willing to help finding this person.

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Mr. Hontiveros is well connected with the AOFC President Mr. Chaiyapak Siriwat and spoke warmly about him also in connection with Floorball. Mr. Hontiveros was not aware of the present development of Floorball internationally, which IFF updated him about, including the World Games in Wroclaw and the possibility to be on the Master Games 2019.

For the POC recognition of the PFA needs to have Floorball on three SEA Games or on the Asian games or Olympics. In addition the Association needs to register with the National Sports Confederation, which will be done in the coming months. There is also a need that the PFA promotes the sport in the TV and IFF can provide signal form the games where Philippines are playing and preferably winning. As a step in this process the PFA will organise the Men's WFCQ 2018 in Metro Manilla. POC asked the IFF to support the PFA.

The meeting with Mr. Hontiveros was really positive and it was agreed that the PFA will meet in the coming weeks to start the process. The aim is to have Floorball on the SEA Games 2019

4. Meetings with HFF/CFF, Mr. Shao Yun Sheng, Director Harbin Sport Administration

The HFF/CFF, which will apply for the membership of IFF in the coming weeks, participate in the seminar with a delegation of 7 persons, lead by the Harbin vice mayor Mr. Ziang Xian You. In the delegation was also Mr. Shao Yun Sheng and Mr. Ching, the CEO of YuuZoo China and some coaches and referees. The PFA leadership and the IFF crew was invited for a lunch with the Chinese delegation on Saturday to discuss the development in China on a general level. The Mayor informed that the HFF/CFF has now got the official approval of the China Sports Bureau and therefore the HFF is now officially representing the sport in China.

In a meeting on Sunday with Mr. Shao and Mr. Ching the process of the membership application was discussed. The application has already been sent to the China General Sports Administration for approval and the HFF/CFF is trying to make it in time for the IFF CB on the 11th of June. The only issue is that the Sports Administration has placed Floorball under the National Ice hockey Federation, so a process for having the right for an independent activity is still needed between the HFF and the Ice Hockey federation.

CFF is very keen of receiving official positions in the IFF. It was explained how the CB is elected in the IFF General Assembly the fact that you need to speak English to be able to work in the IFF. The procedure for the membership application of the AOFC was also explained.

The CFF is participating in the Harbin Sport Festival with a Floorball seminar to the local sports community, to which they would like to have a few lecturers from the IFF. CFF is taking care of all costs. In addition they would like to start discussions with the IFF about the equipment production. They are looking to invite some AOFC countries and Unihoc and maybe other manufacturers to the seminar.

In Addition to this CFF has been given the chance to promote Floorball at the China General Sport Administration National Sports Seminar in the end of July, this year arranged in Xian, Xian Xi. The seminar has a total of some 2000 School Sport responsible participating. The CFF wants IFF to participate in this seminar to promote the sport with a few players, for example from Singapore.

The CFF informed that they are very keen to organise all kind of IFF Events and are looking forward applying for any available WFCQ, U19 WFC and Adult WFC.

Upcoming meetings and issues

- HFF Floorball Seminar in Harbin in mid July
 - China General Sport Administration Seminar in Xian in end of July
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Issues that need to be discussed or decided upon or taken action upon

- IFF to check the possibilities to provide additional Floorball material to the Philippines (PiL)
 - IFF to check the CFF application for membership when it arrives, that it fulfils the requirements.
 - PFA to prepare an application for the IFF Development Board in 2017
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New ideas, etc...