



APPENDIX 14

AOFC ANNUAL MEETING, 3 FEBRUARY 2017 ASB SPORTS CENTRE, WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND

MEETING MINUTES

§ 1 *Introduction and welcome to all members*

Mr. Dato'Seri Chaiyapak Siriwat, President, welcomes everyone to the meeting. The following people were attending:

- Dato'Seri Chaiyapak Siriwat, Thailand
- Christian Bertschinger, New Zealand
- Kim Hwang Joo, Korea
- Kim Sewoong, Korea
- Rizal Razman, Malaysia
- Gary Lee Kah Yoon, Malaysia
- Stefanie Zhou, China
- Cui Linna, China
- Zhang Jing, China
- Peter Harris, Australia
- Karen Bowden, Australia
- John Liljelund, IFF
- Takanobu Yoshino, Japan
- Jason Choo, Thailand
- Meng Huay Tan, Singapore
- Kenneth Koh, Singapore

§ 2 *Apologies*

Apologies received from:

- Stephen King
- Indonesia
- Ralph Ramos – Philippines
- India
- Iran
- Pakistan

§ 3 *Welcome and accept new Members*

China Floorball Federation and Hong Kong Floorball Federation have applied for membership with AOFC and submitted all the required paperwork.

The motion to accept these two new Floorball Federations was approved by the meeting. AOFC now has got 15 member countries.

§ 4 AOFC CB Committee Reports

Referee Development Committee

Gum Sung Kang provided a report about referee development and highlighted the seminar in Thailand in 2016 which was very successful. AOFC would need more opportunities like that. It is very good for referees to observe games and discuss it with observers and experts. If possible, a referee seminar should be held during the AOFC Cup in Thailand later in the year.

John Liljelund points out that it is important that each country has got at least one international referee pair, each Association should work towards that.

IFF will hold a seminar in China in August/September. If anyone is interested to look at hosting a seminar, they should contact IFF.

Asian Games Project Committee

At this stage, Floorball is not a demonstration sport at the Asian Games 2018 held in Indonesia. The Indonesian Floorball Association is still trying to get some form of demonstration games played during the games.

Chaiyapak Siriwat suggests that the best way forward is to work towards Floorball to be included in the Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games. That has worked for other new sports like Futsal.

Competitions Committee

AOFC Competitions committee has been involved in allocating the 2017 Men's U19 WFCQ which was played in Japan.

It is proposed to co-opt Ralph Ramos, the chairman of the AOFC competition committee to the IFF RACC to establish a closer connection between IFF and AOFC.

New Members Committee

Now 15 members, report is attached, refer appendix 1.

Chaiyapak Siriwat also mentioned that he is in contact with Laos and hopes that they will visit the AOFC Cup in Thailand.

Athletes Commission

Nothing to report

All the reports were adopted by the meeting.

§ 5 WFCQ Organisers.

Women U19 2018

Currently registered: Australia, New Zealand. Japan will not enter a team, Thailand is yet to confirm, deadline for registration with IFF is 12 February.

Australia and New Zealand are to liaise regarding qualification tournament.

Post meeting update: Thailand have confirmed that they will not enter a team into the Women U19 WFC 2018.

Men 2018

Currently registered: Australia, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Singapore Thailand, Malaysia and China also plan to enter a team, deadline for registration with IFF is 12 February.

Preference for hosting is Philippines to allow them to host an IFF event and promote Floorball so that it can be included in the 2019 SEA Games. Contact with Philippines to be made to check if they are able to host the event, decision is required by mid-February to allow proceeding with back-up option.

If Men's WFCQ 2018 can't be held in the Philippines, Korea will be hosting the event. Date for the event to be in late February to avoid Chinese New Year and the Winter Olympics in PyeongChang.

Post meeting update: The Philippines are not able to host this event and Korea are therefore starting to organise it.

Men U19 2019

TBC

Women 2019

Philippines and Thailand have both expressed interest to host this event. For the Philippines, it will depend on whether Floorball will be part of the SEA Games in that year.

China might also be interested in order to host an IFF event prior to hosting the Women's U19 WFC in 2020.

Women U19 2020

TBC

Men 2020

Thailand to host

Men U19 2021

TBC

Women 2021

Japan to host

Christian Bertschinger highlights that it is important that countries register teams with IFF on time and that qualifying events are awarded early so that all associations have got more time to organise the teams and the events.

The meeting agrees to award the IFF events for upcoming years as per the proposal above. The AOFC competition committee is to liaise with the countries interested to host events in order to confirm for the 2019 event.

§ 6 AOFC Combined Sales Package

John Liljelund explains that 10 European associations got together to prepare a combined sales package to market a range of different Floorball events as a package in order to attract larger sponsors. It is proposed that AOFC also looks to establish a similar package proposal for AOFC events including WFCQ, AOFC Cup and potentially club tournaments. It is agreed that we start preparing a detailed proposal and ask Stephen King to lead this.

§ 7 IFF Service Award

IFF Service Award will be presented to Yoshino Takanobu for his long-standing services to Floorball in Japan. The award will be presented during the Women's WFC in Bratislava in December.

§ 8 AOFC Cup

Chaiyapak Siriwat proposes to hold an AOFC Cup 2017 in Thailand (Bangkok). The date of the tournament is proposed to be end of June with 28 June the earliest start date.

The 2017 AOFC Cup will be for Men's teams only. Thailand, Korea, Philippines, Malaysia, Pakistan, China and Japan have indicated that they will be attending. Australia and New Zealand state that it is unlikely that they will attend this year.

It is proposed to hold an AOFC referee seminar at this event and Thailand will liaise with IFF about that.

The AOFC Cup is proposed to be an annual event and in 2018 will be for Women only. The Philippines and China have both expressed interest to host this event in June 2018. This would allow the Philippines another Floorball event in order to promote Floorball for the 2019 SEA Games in the Philippines. On the other hand, it would give China an international event prior to hosting the 2020 Women's U19 WFC.

The meeting decided to proceed with this event and Thailand will provide more information to all teams and finalise the dates of the 2017 event.

The AOFC competition committee is to liaise with the Philippines and China about hosting the 2018 AOFC Cup, this should be done in connection with assigning the hosting of the WFCQ 2019 event, refer § 2.

§ 9 AOFC Membership Fees

It is proposed that AOFC commences to charge membership fees. The fees would primarily be used to support a Development Officer to become a full-time position.

It is proposed to introduce a 3-tier system based on the IFF tier system.

Details of the tier system and fee structure for each tier are to be defined and will be communicated to all associations via email. Chaiyapak Siriwat, Stephen King and Christian Bertschinger will develop a detailed structure.

Closing of the Annual Meeting

Mr. Chaiyapak Siriwat closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.