

VENUES:

The WFC was played in the O. Nepelu ice hockey stadium and HANT arena. Both venues had their positive and negative aspects for the organiser. The HANT arena worked well also with a smaller audience. From a logistic perspective the HANT arena also was pretty close to the “bigger” one and close to the official hotel, but on the other hand other things were negative: small and few locker rooms, entry and exit the venue, missing other rooms for the LOC or IFF. The main arena O.Nepalu was too big for the event, but had the possibility to grow with the need of spectators, as it did in the end of the tournament.

LOC AND VOLUNTEERS:

The LOC was working from mid 2016 in core group of 4 people until the August 2017 when half of them left (due to unspecified reasons). A new core LOC was established in September 2017 with 6 members, and we nearly had to start from beginning, as a lot of things had not been done and these changes cause several troubles. The first day of the WFC (at least first half of it) was really messy, but later following next day I think it was a “standard” tournament as it should look like. Almost all members of LOC and volunteers worked as it was necessary. We had one bigger issue with a specific gentleman from the LOC and sadly his attitudes haven’t changed until these days.

FINANCES:

This was the most difficult part of the tournament for the Slovak federation. We had several promises and expectations but reality was different. The Slovak federation is still working to find out what actually is the reality.

SPECTATORS:

Due to minimalistic marketing which we provided, we had lower spectator’s numbers than we had expected. Also there was really small interest from Slovak clubs. Also we were expected more spectators from all TOP4 countries, which was not realised. Well, maybe next time.

TV:

If I am right for the first time we had production from both venues, there were several problems also and the production company still have some things to learn but we were satisfied at the end. From our point of view TV viewers numbers was huge in Slovakia, you may know the numbers from earlier reports.

In general it was quite good tournament, except the financial side where SFA, got lot of work, and the TV numbers should help us, until next potential big IFF event, which we definitely have to organize in near future. Sadly, there is not financial report ready yet, some invoices are still coming and also we missing, hope we have it soon.