

Helsinki, Finland 10th of June 2019

IFF Material Board meeting 2019

Place: IFF Office Helsinki
Alakiventie 2, 00920 Helsinki, Finland

Time: Monday 10th of June, 2019, at 12:00 EET

Participants:

Exel (E-SG)	Matti Pöyry and Lauri Nevalainen
FatPipe (Powerstick)	Sami Turtiainen
Oxdog (Evosport)	Marko Sompa
Unihoc (Renew)	Torbjörn Jonsson
Salming (X3M)	Pär Eriksson and Linda Andersson
SP	Lars-Åke Henriksson (by Skype)
IFF	John Liljelund and Veli Halonen

Preliminary Agenda:

1) Welcome and opening of the Meeting

Mr. Liljelund opened the meeting at 12:00 EET and made the Roll Call. Exel, FatPipe, Oxdog, Unihoc and Salming were present.

Principles of the IFF Material Board

Mr. Liljelund shortly described the role of the Material Board. The IFF Material Board is an advisory board to discuss and propose how to deal with issues with-in the Material questions in the IFF. The decisions of the MB will be given as advice to the IFF Central Board.

Activities of the IFF during the gone season

Mr. Liljelund made a short recap of the present IFF Activities

- IFF has now 72 members
- IFF has now eight employees
- IFF included in The World Games in Birmingham Alabama 2021 in the USA, which will be a major stepping stone for future development of Floorball.
- The Men's World Floorball Championships 2018 was ranked #18th (2017 #21st) by the Sportcal Global Sports Index out of 82 Events
- Floorball has been accepted as an official sport on the Asian Indoor and Marshall Arts Games in Thailand 2021
- The Champions Cup Final 4, will this year be played in Ostrava in Czech Republic on the 10th and 11th of January 2020

- Floorball is on the program of the European Master Games in Torino in July-August and on the South-East Asian Games in December, in Manilla, the Philippines.
- IFF has launched a new web site, floorball.sport and is still working to develop it.
- The IFF has been ranked 4 out 50 of the members of ARISF in Good Governance survey
- Mr. Liljelund also told that the IFF is steadily growing, maybe not as fast as we have hoped for, but still moving to the right direction

2) General update

Mr. Liljelund reported on the *Material Approval system financial outcome 2018*

The total revenue for the system 2018 was CHF 285.179 (CHF 287.600) and

the costs for running the system was

CHF 239.224 (CHF 244.350)

giving a surplus of

CHF 45.954 (CHF 43.250).

Out of this 80 per cent, which equals a sum

CHF 36.763 (CHF 34.600)

for the use of the Material Board.

Number of sold sticks, balls and other material

SP has on the request of IFF moved over to follow the marking of Floorball materials to a calendar year system, starting from 2011.

The total number of sold certified material for 2018 was:

- o Balls 2.428.111 pcs (2.683.713 pcs) – 9,1 %
- o Sticks 584.029 pcs (663.752 pcs) -12,0 %
- o Goals 2.600 pcs (2.030 pcs) +28,1 %
- o Rinks 493 pcs (466 pcs) +5,8 %
- o Face masks 1,089 pcs (4.665 pcs) -76,6 %

The decrease in stick sales is around 79.700 sticks, equalling -12,0 % compared to 2017.

Mr. Liljelund also shortly described the problems which the IFF faced in conjunction with the MU19 WFC 2019 in Halifax in Canada.

3) Proposal for Changes of the Material Regulation 2018

- Material Board members had a discussion especially about the new material regulation regarding the grip of the stick and the material board members found the proposal regarding the grips very positive. There were some doubts for the controlling of the use, but generally very positive.

Mr. Henriksson reported that there have been some changes included to the IFF Material Regulation, edition 2018, in accordance to the Certified Companies with debts and how IFF shall be able to act in regard to them. RISE and IFF has made some smaller changes in accordance with the discussions we have held previously and after recent events also the possibility for IFF to change the delayed payment to sanctions is now included in the proposal.

IFF has also been heavily affected by the fact that some companies are not paying their invoices to RISE in time and actions are taken to secure the IFF. If a Company doesn't follow the payment the IFF's final possibility is to prohibit the use of the Brand. It can't be correct that

some companies are living on the back of the ones which pay their invoices in time. There are new rules for how a company with debts to IFF/RISE, will not be allowed to use the self-print on the sticks but to buy stickers instead and also that pre-payment has to be installed.

Mr. Lars-Åke Henriksson presented the major changes in the MR 2020 proposal, as an attachment and the whole proposal for the Material Regulation, as it has been rewritten when it comes to the format.

Mr. Lars-Åke Henriksson presented the proposed changes and updates for the material regulations 2020. All the other proposals were approved, but the proposal for increasing the maximum length of the stick to be 1180 mm was rejected by the material board and therefore removed from the proposal to the IFF CB.

The Revised Time Table for the Material Regulation 2022.
IFF/SP has built the time table for the submission of proposals for the Material Regulation edition 2022 and the process of the Material Board to discuss these. The time table is as follows:

- Last day to send in new ideas 28th of February 2021.
- IFF/RISE checking the proposals in March-April 2021.
- Draft sent out to all manufacturers end of April 2021.
- IFF Material Board discusses the MR2022 proposal May 2021
- IFF CB makes decision in May 2021.
- Material Regulation published by 15th of August 2021.
- Some final changes/adjustments can be introduced at latest in the end of April 2022.
- Material Regulation (final version) published by 1st of June 2022.
- It takes effect 1st of July 2022.

The material board approved the proposed timeline.

4) DB Support Projects for 2018

Mr. Liljelund made a short recap about the situation of the two Development Projects ongoing. The IFF Material Board has in 2018 approved to support two projects namely the support to the Philippine Floorball Association development, in order to enhance the continued development of the federation and by this secure the participation of Floorball in the South-East Asian Games in Manila, the Philippines in 2019.

IFF proposes to continue to support the Philippines Floorball Federation in their work to build the sport and to support the participation of Floorball in the 2019 SEA Games and the Material Board approved to grant the project 12.500 CHF for the year 2019, as already planned in 2017.

In addition to this, IFF proposes that the MB would continue to support the IFF in the build-up and start of the preparations for the World Games in Birmingham, USA in 2021. IFF has together with the USFbA started the development of grassroot Floorball in Birmingham and introduce the sport to the Boy's and Girl's clubs as well as the YMCA, in cooperation with the City of Birmingham, the Birmingham Organisation Committee and the USA Floorball Association (USFbA). This project will be a three year project, depending a little of how it will

work-out, as the ground for our sport needs to be present to secure success for the sport in 2021. The material board approved to grant the support of 24.000 CHF for the The World Games project for the year 2019.

5) Organisation of the collection of Materials for the SP Surveillance Tests

Mr. Liljelund reported that the collection of the materials for surveillance tests have worked quite well in most cases. There have been some small issues with some of the smaller companies. As decided that the IFF and RISE will collect the materials for the surveillance tests directly from the wear-houses. The material board decided to propose that we will continue the collection of the materials from the manufacturer's warehouses and/or from the special stores also during this year in 2019.

6) Other issues

Mr. Liljelund informed the material board that the IFF will continue the process with the possibility for players 190 cm or longer to play with oversized sticks. There are now some 80 players using this option.

Social Media:

Mr. Liljelund also reminded the Material Board members that it is very important to embed and share the IFF videos, as we need to show the IOC that we are bringing added value as a sport and through its fans. The IOC is following only our official channels

No issues raised by the members of the Material Board.

7) Next meeting

The next meeting will be held latest in May 2020, IFF will call for the meeting at a later stage.

8) Closing of the meeting

Mr. Liljelund ended the meeting at 13.45 and thanked the material board members for a very good meeting and also stressed out the fact that Material Board is important board for the IFF.