

**IFF & Floorball Material Producers Development Board meeting
at Landvetter Airport Hotel, in Gothenburg, Sweden 23.03.2012**

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	FatPipe (Powerstick)	Sami Turtiainen
	Oxdog (Evosport)	Joacim Bergström
	Realstick (SB-yhtiöt)	Petri Piironen
	Unihoc (Renew)	Jan-Inge Forsberg, Torbjörn Jonsson and Kristian Strande
	Salming (X3M)	Tomas Solin and Thomas Nord
	SP	Lars-Åke Henriksson
	IFF	John Liljelund

**Report on
present issues**

1. Welcome

Mr. Liljelund opened the meeting at 10.00 at the Landvetter Airpot Hotel in Gothenburg, Sweden and informed that all the invited companies representative are present. Mr. Liljelund conveyed the greetings from by Mr. Tomas Eriksson, IFF President in which he stressed the importance of a good cooperation between the manufacturers and the IFF.

2. General Update

Mr. Liljelund reported on the number of sold sticks, balls and other material in 2011. The total sales were up somewhat after the harder years. The reported sales, was apart from the was in line to the previous years.

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.

- Balls 2.255.046 pcs
- Sticks 647.771 pcs (639.445 period Sept10 – Aug11)
- Goals 1.980 pcs
- Rinks 360 pcs
- Face masks 608 pcs

Material Approval system financial outcome 2011

The total revenue for 2011 was	CHF 265.443
The costs for running the system was	CHF 215.653
Giving a surplus of	CHF 49.790
Out of this 80 per cent, which equals a sum	CHF 39.832

for the use of the Development Board.

Mr. Liljelund further gave a short information of the main IFF activities in 2012

- a) Introduction and implementation of the IFF Licence System for the participation in the IFF Events.
- b) Working towards participating in the multi-sports games, with the upcoming possibilities with the Special Olympic Winter Games in Korea 2013 or the International Master Games Associations Winter Master Games in Italy 2015. The next new possibilities are the South-East Asian Games in Singapore 2015 or the Universiade 2017 in Taiwan.
- c) Present development with Floorball on the way to the Olympic Games and the IOC decision of the Short List in 2015.

3. Discussion about the principle to approve novelties in Floorball and the need to define the security level for these new products

IFF has based on the recommendation of SP's technical expertise approved a number of novelties throughout the years, based on SP interpretation of the Material Regulation and hence they have entered the market smoothly.

Report on present issues (cont.)

However the approval of the new carbon based blade has caused a massive discussion on the market, which IFF feels that needs to be evaluated and discussed.

Based on this situation the IFF proposes for the DB to discuss the following topics.

- Process to react upon approved novelties, which might have unforeseen security issues, which would seriously effect the market.
- IFF owns the Sport of Floorball and we need to secure the positive development of the sport and the DB is a tool to evaluate the development of materials
- IFF/SP will introduce a system for approval of new innovations twice a year, in order to avoid unnecessary problems. What elements shall we take into account, in order to not prevent the product development?

The Development Board discussed all the aspects of the introduction of the carbon blade to the market. The concern from a number of manufacturers was that the introduction of a carbon blade could change the sport in a undesirable direction.

The concern is that the hard carbon blade will damage wooden parquet floorings making it harder for Floorball to enter arenas, that the safety of the players would be at risk (stepping on the blade), the need for safety equipment would increase, it would change the sports present low cost image. The majority of the members of the Development Board felt that this is a step that the sport should not take without a broader analysis.

Based on the feedback from the market, elite players, national associations and the trade, there need to be a continuance plan for the security features related to the carbon blades/one piece sticks. The DB needs to find a common line of security features, in order to steer further development.

The Development Board decided unanimously after a lengthy discussion the following:

- The IFF/SP will take a 6 months' time-out in the approval process of the composite blade until the end of October.
- The Floorball Manufacturers are asked to provide their suggestions upon the safety features for composite blades until the 20th of May to Lars-Åke/SP
- SP is to build a proposal for a test method for composite blades, based on the proposed safety features
- All manufacturers are allowed to test their related products in the new test method, in order to have as much information as possible for an final evaluation.
- SP will make an evaluation of the carbon blades based on the tests performed and make a report by mid of September.
- The Development Board will have a meeting in beginning of October.

4. *Projects for 2011 and 2012*

The IFF proposes that the Development Board would for 2012 continue with one additional year the project in Germany. The reason for this proposal is that the Floorball Germany, still has not received the German NOC recognition and need to pull this through. The IFF proposes to support the German project and that the DB would grant the project 12.500 CHF for the years 2012.

IFF also proposes that the Development Board would move the support given to Floorball Canada from 2011 to 2012, due to a prolonged administrative process in Canada, which has prevented the start of the project as planned in 2011. (Appendix 1)

In order to strengthen the continued development of Floorball in Western Europe, IFF has started a project with the Spanish Federation, which has built a development plan (Appendix 2), in order to grow the sport in a second country of the Big 5 in Europe (UK; France, Spain, Germany and Italy). The IFF proposes to support the Spanish Federation (AUFE) project and that the DB would grant the project 12.500 CHF for the years 2012.

The Development Board approved the proposals.

Report on present issues (cont.)

5. *Floorball Manufacturer Village at Champions Cup in October in Umeå, Sweden*
IFF will run the second edition of the Floorball Village during the Champions Cup in Umeå, Sweden from the 3rd to 7th of October.

In this event all Floorball Material producers are invited to participate in the Event and based on the experience in Mlada Boleslav it has been very positive. IFF will send out a offer for participation in this Event to all manufacturers in beginning of April.

6. *Other issues*

No other issues was brought forward

7. *Next meeting*

The next meeting to be held in connection with the Champions Cup, in Umeå, Sweden. The preliminary date is set to the Friday the 6th of October, 2012

Upcoming meetings and issues

- Next meeting will be held in connection to the Champions Cup, in Umeå, Sweden, with the preliminary date of 6th of October 2012.

Issues that need to be discussed or decided upon or taken action upon

- The manufacturers are to send their proposals for safety features for composite blades to SP no later than the 20th of May 2012.
- IFF/SP is to prepare a proposal for the features in the test method for the new blades by May 30th.
- SP is to perform tests with the new test method on the existing carbon blades and report the results until the 15th of September to the Development Board.
- The Development Board to discuss the evaluation of the tests and decide about the future in its meeting in October.
- IFF to inform Floorball Germany and the Spanish Floorball Federation of the provided support for 2012 and Floorball Canada about the prolonging of the project from 2011 to 2012.

New ideas, etc...