

IFF ExCo Meeting, Bern, March 4th, 2008

Participants:	Tomas Eriksson,	IFF President
	Renato Orlando,	IFF vice-president
	John Liljelund,	IFF general secretary

Report on present issues

1. *Opening*

Mr. Eriksson opened the meeting at 15.00 in the SUHV Office, Bern, Switzerland

2. *IOC Recognition application process*

The ExCo discussed the present situation concerning the IOC recognition process and the application. IOC asked for additional information for the application, which the office has supplied and the IOC Sports Department has informed that our file is completed. The discussion with IOC EB vice president Gunilla Lindberg and Gerhard Heidelberg member has been positive. The decision shall be taken by the IOC EB and it has meetings in April in Beijing, in June in Athens, in August in Beijing and in December in Lausanne.

3. *Visit with Dennis Oswald*

The ExCo discussed the preparations for the meeting with Mr. Dennis Oswald. It was decided to focus on giving information about Floorball and also ask about how the Rowing federation is organised and discuss the IOC recognition process.

4. *New potential members*

The ExCo discussed the present countries who could become members in the future. Presently there are no new member applications.

There are however some countries that might be possible to apply in the near future:

Bosnia, attended the FDS in Zelezniki

- are looking into the possibilities for forming a federation, probably during 2009

Turkey, attended the FDS in Zelezniki

- They will make an inquiry with the local authorities on forming the federation

Lithuania

- IFF Office to be in contact with the federation asking for their situation.

Sierra Leone, has asked for the financial support

- The ExCo will evaluate the situation further and if there is a federation applying for IFF recognition, supported by the appropriate Sierra Leone authorities, the will reconsider the application.

The ExCo feels that, whilst there is still a strong need for all new and also applying federations, they must firstly concentrate on building an own championships and strengthen their organisation. Other countries are Croatia, Mexico, Nicaragua, Tanzania, which might be in the position to apply in the future.

5. *WFC 2008 C-division*

The ExCo discussed the situation, which has occurred since Argentina has informed that they can not participate in the C-division? The ExCo is very disappointed that Argentina has withdrawn, due to the fact that they don't have enough players to participate, despite that they asked for the wild card. The ExCo does not agree with the Argentinean federation behaviour, first they are keen and enthusiastic and then withdraw just some months later. Despite the clear rule violation, the ExCo hopes that the positive development of Floorball continues in Argentina.

The ExCo decided, in accordance with the Juridical regulation, to sanction the Argentinean federation with 3.000 CHF and holding back the participation fee of 2.000 CHF.

The ExCo discussed the situation related with Serbia, which has faced some issues with visas and could not participate in the seminar in Slovenia. IFF has asked the Serbian federation to apply for visas early enough for Slovakia and the Serbian federation has informed that they will apply for visas. IFF will give all possible support, in our means.

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6. *Nomination of organisers*

The following organisers have to be appointed and the ExCo has taken recognition of the status:

- EFCQ West: There are no applicants yet
- EFCQ East: Latvia is interested to organise it on 20.-24.8
- EFCQ Top2Q: Finland and Sweden are both planning to hand in an application
- U19 WFC 2009: Hungary has applied for a "one-arena-organization" 10.-14.9.
- WFC 2009: Slovenia is considering to apply for the organisation 4.-8.2.2009

7. *Licence Group*

Mr. Orlando reported on the proposal put forward to the CB, to create a Licence System for Participating Nations in IFF Events. The office is now collecting the feedback from inside the working group. The proposal will be put forward to the CB in April.

8. *Strategy Group*

The ExCo was informed about the first planning meeting of the Strategy Group, which will be held in Zurich on the 7.-8. of April. The task of the working group is to define the direction and development of Floorball over the next decade. The plan is to have no more than three meetings for the group. The meeting starts with a dinner on the 7th.

9. *Planning of the IFF Calendar for 2008*

The ExCo discussed the dates of meetings and events and plan for the coming months. For practical reasons the CB meeting in September is moved to the 12.-13.9.2009.

10. *IFF General Assembly*

The ExCo discussed the preparations for the IFF General Assembly held on the 13th of December 2008, in Prague. The CB needs to prepare the following documents:

- Plan of Action, prepared by ExCo/CB
- Annual report, office has started collecting the data
- License system, approved proposal by the CB
- Strategy paper, proposed by the Strategy work/CB
- Financial report 2006 – 2007, already exists
- Budget 2009 – 2010, proposed by ExCo/CB
- Statutes, some needed amendments are needed
- Anti-doping regulation, in order to inform the members.
- Nominations

11. *Any other issues*

The ExCo discussed the participation from at the AOFC in 20.-24.8. in Perth, Australia, with a referee observer from IFF together with the secretary general.

12. *Closing*

Mr. Eriksson closed the meeting at 18.00

Upcoming meetings and issues

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

- Write a letter to the Argentinean federation about the ExCo decision. (JL)

New ideas, etc...

