

IFF ExCo Meeting, Denver, March 25th, 2009

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 13.00 in the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Denver, USA.

2. *General Update*

a) U19 WFC in Finland

The preparations of the event are proceeding well. A reception of the city of Turku will take place on Friday the 8th of May. There have been some issues with the information flow from a number of teams, which the IFF Office has assisted with. It was decided that the ExCo will invite the presidents of the four biggest associations for an informal meeting on the 9th of May. Mr. Liljelund is to make the invitation

b) World University Championships 2010/FISU

The ExCo took cognisance that the Swedish Student Sport Federation (SAIF) is contemplating whether they would host the 2010 WUC in Sweden. During the Sport Accord, there have been discussions with FISU about the possibilities for IFF to enter the Universiade in the future. According to FISU the upcoming summer games in Kazan 2013 and the one in 2015, might be hard to enter.

The ExCo decided to take the following steps:

- discuss with the Russian Floorball Federation if they would be able to contact the organiser in Kazan
- when the FISU board in May has decided the organiser for 2015 contact them and start the process
- at the same time prepare a letter to the FISU Board, for their May meeting asking whether there would be possibilities to enter with Floorball as a demonstration sport in the winter Universiade, proposal to be ready by 8th of May

c) AOFC CB in Korea 29th of March

The ExCo took cognisance of the AOFC CB meeting to be held in Pyeong Taek. Mr. Liljelund will participate in the meeting representing the IFF CB and bring the greetings from the IFF ExCo.

3. *Next CB meeting in Turku 8.-10.5.2009*

The ExCo discussed the issues that need to be taken up at the next CB meeting and in particular how to increase the interaction of the CB. For the meeting in Turku a major issue is to discuss how to implement the Plan of Action in the coming 18 months. The ExCo proposes for the CB to start with a new procedure where one major topic decided by the CB, will be discussed separately outside the meeting agenda, in order to deepen the level of the CB into a more strategic direction. This would start from the first meeting in the Autumn.

The programme for the CB is as follows:

Friday 8.5.	Arrivals	
	Reception City of Turku	17.00 – 18.30
	CB Dinner	21.00 – 22.30
Saturday 9.5.	CB Meeting	09.30 – 12.30
	Lunch	12.30 – 13.30
	CB Meeting	13.30 – 15.30
	semi-finals	16.00 -
Sunday 10.5.	CB Meeting (if needed)	09.30 – 12.30
	finals	13.00 –

The invitation for the CB meeting will go out on the 29th of April

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4. *Implementation of the Plan of Action 2009 - 2010*

The ExCo proposes that the CB will discuss the implementation of the Plan of Action in general at the next CB meeting.

5. *Strategy Roll-out*

The ExCo felt that the CB needs to start the out-rolling of the IFF Strategy and proposes that the CB will deal with this topic in the meeting in autumn. It was further discussed that according to the paper there needs to be a steering group which follows and controls the out-rolling of the Strategy.

6. *Preliminary financial outcome 31.12.2008 and status claims*

The ExCo took cognisance of the preliminary final financial 2008 report, which shows a turnover over 1 million Swiss Francs and a surplus of around CHF 25.000. The claim situation was discussed and Mr. Kratz will have to start the talks with some federations concerning their claim situation.

7. *IOC Recognition process continuation*

During the SportAccord the ExCo had a meeting with the IOC Sports Department (Mr. Jean-Laurent Bourquin and Ms. Isabella Burczak), in order to discuss the status of our recognition.

In the name of the CB and representing the whole Floorball family Mr. Eriksson thanked the IOC for giving us the recognition. Mr. Bourquin congratulated IFF for receiving the IOC provisional recognition. The IOC Executive Board will decide upon IFF's full recognition in the end of 2010. It was stressed out, that IFF needs to keep up the pace, in developing Floorball and continue to take decisions in interest of the sport, like the change of the competition calendar, the Development programme and the new format for the Adult WFC's playing system. Further it was stressed that IFF shall strive to participate in as many multi-sport events as possible in the coming years. A meeting between Mr. Eriksson and the ExCo and Mr. Rogge, will have to be planned.

8. *The situation in Great Britain*

GBFF

The ExCo has taken cognisance of the letter which IFF received on the 6th of March, where Mrs. Bev Needham, expresses that the GBFF in practise has ceased to exist, due to financial discrepancies and lack of support of the clubs. The problems of GBFF has continued for some time and meanwhile there has been formed a youth organisation (GBFUA), which has been taking care of the GBFF. Since the accounts of GBFF cannot be audited Sport England cannot consider the GBFF as a recognised governing body of Floorball. The GBFUA has been developing fast and the GBFUA is now requesting that the IFF recognise GBFUA as the new national governing body of Floorball in Great Britain.

The ExCo wanted to find out more about the situation in Great Britain and will ask the persons latest elected into the GBFF to formally inform about the status of the organisation. Since GBFF is an ordinary member it is for the General Assembly to accept a new ordinary member. But the ExCo feels it to be important to cooperate with GBFUA, in order to further develop Floorball in the UK. The ExCo proposes to invite the GBFUA to the EFC final round in Denmark to further discuss the issue

Scotland:

The GBFF Northern League has contacted IFF asking whether it would be possible for the Northern League to form a Scottish Federation. The ExCo is positive that IFF will take steps in the direction that there would be possibilities for a separate English, Scottish, Wales and Northern Ireland federation in IFF, keeping in mind the system used by a larger number of them sport federations. The ExCo will prepare the matter for the CB in accordance with our present statutes and in the mean time contact the GBFF Northern League and invite also them to the EFC final round in Denmark.

9. *Any other issues*

- a) The ExCo decided, in order to be able to invite for the EFCQ in time, in accordance with the proposal from the RACC to start negotiations with the organisers of the EFC 2009 qualification organisers.
 - EFCQ East: Latvian Floorball Union
 - EFCQ West: Austrian Floorball Association
 - EFCQ Top4: Swiss Floorball Federation

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- b) The ExCo further decided for time reasons, in accordance with the proposal for a new financial system for the IFF competitions to set the participation fee for the EFC and EFCQ 2009 as following, in order to be able to invite for the event:

EFC Final round	3000 CHF
EFCQ	2000 CHF + an equal part of the referee costs

- c) WFC 2010 qualifications and WFC 2010 Ballot

The ExCo decided in accordance with the RACC proposal to organise the WFC 2010 qualifications in Europe in two tournaments with 8 teams in both based on the present ranking from the last WFC. Each WFCQ will be played in two groups of four teams where the two best from each group will play in a qualification final, where the winners will qualify for the WFC. The tournaments can be organised as a four day event.

The AOFC will organise the AOFC WFCQ in connection to the APAC 2010, with 6 teams participating in the tournament. The AOFC CB will propose how the qualification will be played to the IFF CB.

The WFCQ in America will be played between Canada and USA. The RACC will discuss with the countries upon where and when to play the qualification.

- d) The ExCo decided in accordance with the RACC proposal to start the negotiations with the Polish Floorball Federation and the Spanish Floorball Federation concerning the organisation of the WFCQ's in February 2010.
- e) In order to create more publicity for the new competition system of the WFC 2010 the ExCo decided in accordance with the RACC proposal that the ballot for the groups in the final round of the WFC 2010 shall be organised in Turku during the U19 WFC.

The teams shall be divided according to the ranking of the last WFC's in four baskets as follows:

Basket 1: Ranking 1-4 (Finland, Sweden, Switzerland and Czech Republic)

Basket 2: Ranking 5-8 (Latvia, Norway, Russia and Germany)

Basket 3: Ranking 9-12 WFCQ Europe teams (4 teams – the winners of the qualifying groups)

Basket 4: Ranking 13-16 WFCQ AOFC and America (4 teams)

Each WFC final round group will then be allotted one team from each basket.

- f) The IFF ExCo took cognisance of the information that IFF is WADA Code Compliant, which was informed by the WADA IF contact manager Mr. Kelly Fairweather during a meeting at the Sport Accord. WADA stressed that IFF is following the requirements of WADA and wants us to continue on the same path. IFF is to fill out the WADA Code Compliance questionnaire again in September/October 2009.

10. *Closing*

Mr. Eriksson closed the meeting at 15.45

Upcoming meetings and issues

- IFF CB meeting in Turku, 8.-10.5.2008
 - IFF ExCo meeting with the Presidents of the four biggest associations, Turku 9.5.2008
 - Meeting between IFF President Mr. Eriksson and the ExCo and the IOC President Mr. Rogge
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Issues that need to be discussed or decided upon or taken action upon

- Invite the presidents of the four biggest associations for an informal meeting on the 9th of May. (JL)
 - Contact the Russian Floorball Federation about the possibility to have Floorball on the programme of Kazan. (JL)
 - Write a letter to the FISU Board concerning the Floorball in the winter Universiade. (JL)
 - Mr. Kratz to contact the members with debt to IFF (SK)
 - To contact the GBFF and ask for a status report and be in contact to GBFUA (JL)
 - Fill out the WADA code compliant questionnaire in September/October (MB)
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New ideas, etc...