

### Meeting with Floorball Thailand: Pattaya & Bangkok 07.-08.03.2011

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#### Report on present issues

##### 1. *Background*

The Thai Floorball is operating out of Pattaya and is only registered in the local community. IFF has granted Floorball Thailand provisional membership in 2007 for this group, but there has been very little development. At the same time a second Floorball group has been formed in Bangkok (Thailand Floorball Association), which apparently has got a registration with the Thailand government.

The objectives for the meeting were the following:

- how to speed up the development of Floorball in Thailand,
- to try to find a solution for joining the two organisations together and
- to investigate if a Floorball Development Seminar can be organised in Thailand during 2011 for the region, as a part of the process.

##### 2. *Pattaya Floorball – Niels Colov*

- The Pattaya Floorball is at the moment being run on a purely recreational basis registration of an organisation is reportedly occurring at the moment. There is a mixed group of ex-patrians and local Thai (20 persons) playing each Sunday and Floorball Pattaya organises each week games for children (up to 100) from an orphanage together with a charity organisation.
- The activities was first run by a golf-pro, which since has stopped and now there is a dutch person, who has coached the dutch teams who will start running it.
- The groups have a good hall, with synthetic flooring and a set of sticks. There is a finnish group also playing, but they are apparently playing with a modified set of rules, so there is not a good co-operation existing.
- The plan for Pattaya is to contact the International schools to get them to play and the aim is to build a school league.
- Concerning the situation with the different organisations, Mr. Colov expressed that one solution could be to form an umbrella organisation with province organisations.
- Mr. Colov feels that IFF needs to take the lead in this process and that the new organisation must be built based on equal representation.
- In the discussions on how to promote Floorball a few ideas were mentioned:
  - Introduction of the sport into the school system
  - Need to find sticks (20 per school) and goalie materials
  - Introduction of the sport to the Police and Army
  - Organising a show event with either South-East Asian teams or European teams
  - Organising a Friendship match with Bangkok

##### 3. *Bangkok Floorball – Mr. Kitihka (President) and Mr. Itthapol*

- Meeting with Thailand Floorball Association President Mr. Kitihka and Mr. Itthapol
  - Mr. Stefan Dahlgren had advised the Thailand Floorball Association to first register by the sports authorities and then apply for membership of the IFF. The Pattaya Floorball gained for membership just some weeks before Thailand Floorball Association gained official registration.
  - Bangkok Floorball (Thailand Floorball Associations) has been registered by the Thailand Sports Ministry, supported as the Ministry of Interior. However it is unclear whether the registration is covering the National Sports Confederation/NOC.
  - Presently there are no teams playing in Bangkok, but there are two teams existing, but they have not been playing for a while. All activities have been stopped due to lack of official approval of IFF.
  - If an official approval for IFF exists the plans would be to form a Floorball Academy with the biggest university Rapkheim in Thailand.
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### **Report on present issues (cont.)**

- The basic solution of having a Thai Federation, with provisional federations and a common CB with equal representation and the role of Mr. Colov was discussed.
- The main problem seems to be the organisational issues and not the Sport.
- The solution to re-activate the active in Bangkok, would be to formulate a letter of support, in which it is stated the IFF recognises the activity of the Thailand Floorball Association in Bangkok.
- The aim is to unite the two different organisations and IFF will take the lead in the process.
- The plan is to build a number of teams first in Bangkok and then move to other provinces.
- It was agreed that the Thailand Floorball Association has to achieve the following during the coming 12 months:
  - have a number of 4-5 team playing regularly and organise an tournament
  - found a solution how to solve the organisational situation with Pattaya
  - have participated in the Floorball Development Seminar planned for South-East Asia in 2011.

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

- IFF to write a letter of support to the Thai Floorball Association, giving them a possibility to move forward in developing Floorball locally (JL – Mar 2011).
- Expectations from IFF towards the two organisations for delivery of the sport (SK – Mar 2011)
- IFF to connect the Thailand Floorball Association with ex-patriot Floorball players in Bangkok (SK – April 2011)
- IFF to start the process to merge the two different organisations together (SK/JL – May 2011).
- Invitation for the Floorball Development Seminar in South-East Asia (JL – May 2011)
- If there are positive results in the development in Thailand Floorball Association with-in the coming 12 month, IFF will take a look on the membership issue in the second half of 2012 (SK/JL – March 2012)

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### **New ideas, etc...**

- IFF to investigate the proper procedure for the official registration of Floorball in Thailand