

IFF ExCo Meeting, In Espoo, August 14th, 2012

Participants:	Tomas Eriksson,	IFF President
	Filip Suman,	IFF vice-president
	Stephen King,	AOFC President
	John Liljelund,	IFF general secretary

Report on present issues

1. *Opening of the Meeting*

Mr. Eriksson opened the meeting at 10.00.

2. *ExCo work during the Autumn*

The ExCo had a general discussion upon how to prepare for the upcoming CB meetings in end of August and on the 3th - 4th of November in Helsinki and the IFF General Assembly in Zurich in December.

The focus for the next four years should be built on the present three pillar chosen already in 2010, but elaborate more with the Association Audit and the build an action plan based on the results. The main target will be to enter the multi-sport events, reach a broader universality and strengthen our situation with TV and Marketing. The end objective is to reach the IOC Short list in 2015 and/or 2019.

We need to clarify the targets and objectives for the CB for the next four year period, prior to the General Assembly. The question is to find the best working model for the CB.

3. *Association Audit*

The IFF CB decided in its last meeting that the Association Audit would be conducted during the autumn, prior to the IFF General Assembly. Mr. Liljelund made a first draft of the questionnaire based on the result of the workshop and asked for comments from the CB members and now all have commented, upon which the next version of the questionnaire has been made.

The ExCo discussed the proposal for the questionnaire and the execution of the Association Audit. Due to the extended size of the audit questionnaire – a new more realistic time table is needed, in which the interviews are made before the end of the year.

The interviews will be made during September to December, with January as a spear month. The interviews will be made by two to three persons from the IFF Office.

The ExCo will present the questionnaire for the CB, which will have to discuss how the results will be used and how IFF will work with them in November.

4. *IFF General Assembly*

The IFF ExCo discussed the time and place for the GA. The basic idea was to have it on Friday the 7th of December, but since there are a number of teams is still playing in Berne on Friday, so it will be easier to have the GA on Saturday 8th of December, in Zurich, in order to secure as broad a participation as possible.

A possibility would be to start the GA at 08.30, ending it by 13.30 and if possible, have the reception of the City of Zurich starting at 14.00 in order to make it for the first semi-final at 16.30.

The proposal for the CB programme will be as follows;

- Arrival Thursday 6th of December in Zurich,
- CB meeting Friday 7th at 09.30 in Zurich,
- GA Saturday 8th at 08.30 in Zurich and
- Sunday 9th of December finals and departure.

The Invitation needs to be sent out before the 9th of September, which is 90 full days in advance of the General Assembly, approved by CB first. The final Agenda is to be sent out no later than the 8th of November which is 30 full days before the General Assembly, approved by the CB first. The dead-line for the nominations and proposals to the GA shall be made 60 full days in advance, which is the 9th of October.

Report on present issues (Cont.)

The ExCo discussed the main objectives and targets for the IFF activity for 2013 – 2016. The proposal is that the IFF CB will have a short work session during its meeting in Frankfurt to discuss the main political objectives for the period 2013 – 2016, by each field of activity.

The following documents need to be produced for the General Assembly:

- Annual report 2011 – 2012, prepared by the Office
- Plan of Action 2013 – 2016, prepared by Mr. Liljelund/ExCo
- IFF Statutes – already approved by the CB
- Financial documents, prepared by the Office and approved by the CB
 - a) Financial report 2010 and 2011,
 - b) auditors reports 2010 and 2011 and
 - c) Budget 2013 and 2014
 - d) Discussion about membership fees
- Other materials: Nominations, co allocated by the office

Additional Agenda points:

- Unihoc to give their view of Floorball development
- Possible guest speaker (TV person)
- Next organizers presentations U19 WFC 2013, WFC 2013 and maybe WFC 2014

The ExCo discussed which VIP invitations, IFF needs to make:

The following have been discussed:

- IOC: President Rogge, Director General Christophe De Kepper, Sports Director Christophe Dubi and Sports Consultant Christian Wassmer
- Swiss IOC members: Mr. Patrick Baumann (FIBA), Mr. Rene Fasel (IIHF), Mr. Gianfranco Kaspar (FIS), Mr. Dennis Oswald
- SportAccord: President Hein Vanbruggen and Director General Vincent Gaillard
- IWGA: President Ron Froehlich, WOC Mrs. Agata Granatowska
- ARIFS: President Jan Fransoo
- FISU: President Claude-Louis Gallien and Director General Eric Saintrond

The invitation will have to be made in beginning of September.

5. *Athletes Committee elections*

The ExCo discussed how to organize the election of the male members of the Athletes Commission. It was concluded that the IFF CB will ask for the nominations from the federations of the male players. The ExCo proposes that the CB will for the first time conduct the election of the chairman of the Athletes Commission, in order to include this person in the IFF CB, if the proposed IFF Statutes are approved.

6. *New organisers*

The ExCo need to prepare the proposal for the CB meeting in order to appoint the organisers:

WFC2016, by the dead-line of May 11th CFbU applied and LFU has shown interest.

U19 WFC 2015: Singapore and Switzerland have applied

U19 WFC 2016: Switzerland has applied and Canada shown interest.

The CB will have to decide the organisers in the CB meeting in December.

7. *WFC 2012 TV*

The situation with TV for the WFC 2012 is critical. The SUHV has promised Swiss TV exclusivity for the host broadcasting of the Swiss quarter final, possible semi final and medal matches, which means that IFF needs to make an investment of around 100.000 CHF to secure the TV production from the Zurich group and since there is no broadcasted matches from Berne, we might need to make additional investments there as well, depending on the Swedish interest.

Due to the very late reaction of Swiss TV, the takers from Sweden and partly Czech Republic, we are for the first time since 2006 in a situation where it is unclear if Eurosport will take any matches or not.

IFF has now been looking for different offers from other production companies, since Swiss TV is far too expensive. Negotiations are also ongoing with YLE that they would like to be the host-broadcaster for the WFC's for the next four years.

Report on present issues (Cont.)

8. *World Games*

The ExCo needs to discuss the answer of the IWGA President Mr. Ron Froehlich, where he indicates that IFF needs to contact the World Games OC to propose our sport as an invitational sport and the action to be taken towards the OC.

The ExCo proposes that the IFF should send a letter to the WOC to Mrs. Granatowska, with copy to the PFF and then try to set up a meeting with the WOC to introduce the sport and the value Floorball can bring to the World Games, in the form of spectators. We will need to be prepared to look over the format of the tournament.

9. *Too Long Sticks*

During the spring it was revealed that there are a number of male top players, who have been playing with too long Floorball sticks, either made by them or provided to them by the manufacturers. The problem is that since our member associations have been reluctant to endorse the IFF Material Regulation, when it comes to check material, the IFF Material function has created a test system for the coming season 2012 – 2013, in order to see how big a problem it is and what kind of players are using too long sticks. Now a player can apply for an exemption to participate in the test if he is taller than 190 cm (190 – 193 cm max 116 cm and 194 – max. 118 cm stick).

The IFF will test the stick lengths of all players during the WFC 2012.

10. *SSL Opening game in Switzerland*

The information the IFF Office has received is that the SSL is apparently planning to play their opening game of the season in Berne, Switzerland. The game would be played between Warberg IC and Storvreta IBK.

The ExCo decided to change the IFF Friendly International Regulation, valid from the 15th of August, in order to meet these types of situations. The IFF will act very lenient towards these type of cases.

11. *Member Associations Situations*

Russia:

There are two organisations in Russia, the first one who initially was introduced to the IFF, the RFF – President Mr. Piskov has been registered by Ministry of Justice and NFFR/President Mr. Chernov is seeking for registration from the Ministry of Sport. Both organisations are applying for certification by Ministry of Sports.

- The Problem is that we need to have a clarity by the end of September for the WFC 2012

Canada:

FC has informed that Mr. Greg Beaudin is no longer supported by FC, due to a number of reasons, the FC has indicated that they will send in an official letter.

- The ExCo is to ask Mr. Beaudin for an answer to the CB.

GB:

Most of the teams have separated from GBFUA and started their own organisation, but the situation is still pending.

India:

The Indian Floorball Federation, President Dr. Prabhat Kumar, IAS, has sent in their membership application and there has been no response from the FFI and Mr. Ansari. The ExCo is putting the application forward to the IFF CB.

12. *Any other issues*

Sales of IFF Floorings: The ExCo felt that IFF can start in looking in the reselling of the obsolete floorings.

Next CB meeting – In Germany (Frankfurt) on Friday the 31st of August, starting at 11.00/11.30

**Upcoming
meetings and
issues**

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

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**New ideas,
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