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Report from WFC C-Division 2006, Spain 02.05. – 05.05.2006

Report on present issues

Meetings:

Technical meeting and Referee meetings: please refer to the Jury report, by Mr. Wolmhed and Mr. Kratz

Poland: President Mr. Marek Budzinski

Canada : Harri Hanelius (GM), James Stasievish (Alberta), Juha Mikkola (Toronto)
Randy Sa'D (Toronto) Eero Piilokivi (Montreal), Johan Österman (Coach)

Slovakia: President Mr. Radoslav

Spain: President Mr. Manuel Johnston

Marketing: Mr. Per Jansson

Report on present issues

General WFC C-division:

There were some minor problems in beginning of the tournament, which created some discussions:

- Poland had not fully informed the organiser about their needs for the arrival day and that caused some problems with transportation and meals. The Polish had protested to the organiser and there had even been some arguing going on between the organisers volunteers and the Polish team. Mr. Budzinski was very upset at the technical meeting. I spoke to both Mr. Budzinski and Mr. Johnston and heard their version of the story and asked them to sit down and solved this, explaining that despite of mistakes we all have to behave correct. On Wednesday they had agreed upon all arguments.

- France complained, supported by Canada that IFF had not focused enough on the C-division, with limited information on the web. We made a fast plan how to solve this and built a daily reporting from the championship on our web.

- France and Spain had a small training incident when a player entered the field too early during the trainings, but that was also solved during the first day.

- Norwegian referees arrived late, due to that they were late at the airport in Oslo. Mr. Wurmlin discussed this with them very thoroughly.

- To my big surprise Mr. Andrew Clough was present in the tournament and was observing matches taking part in the referee meetings etc. I asked Mr. Wurmlin, but he had no knowledge of why he was there and had no prior information about him.

Marketing:

We analysed the contract proposal of Infront, in order to have our comments ready to be able to close the agreement before the WFC 2006 in Sweden. The proposed agreement looks really good for IFF.

Poland:

In the meeting we discussed the upcoming Floorball Development Program Seminar in October in Poland. We finalised all the practical issues and the invitation to the Development seminar will be sent out in May, prior to the General Assembly.

The other topic with the Polish was the expected behaviour of a team participating in an IFF Event and how to deal in problematic situations. Here Mr. Budzinski changed views a lot in a few days.

Slovakia:

The discussion was merely about the development of Floorball in Slovakia after the Floorball Development Seminar in Eger.

Canada:

The meeting was very interesting since for the first time all the different parts of Floorball in Canada was gathered together and they have started to work together.

The main concern of the CUFF is the changes of the WFC structure, where there will not any more be a C-division. The CUFF fears that this will hinder the development of Floorball in North America, with only one place in the WFC after 2010. They used arguments like potential market size, importance of spreading the sport and felt that the quota is wrongly built. I explained that we strive to strengthen the member federations and that there is a need for more important international matches. Also the possibility of a Pan American Confederation was mentioned.

The CUFF now in principle agrees to organise the Development Seminar in connection to the Canada Cup in 2007, we agreed to continue these preparations during the autumn with Mr. Juha Mikkola.

Spain:

Apart from the practical discussions with Mr. Johnston concerning the issues of the WFC C-div, we discussed the need for Spain to also nominate an international referee pair in the future, since this would have been an excellent opportunity for them to learn.

The development of Floorball in Portugal was also discussed and agreed that the contacts are to be shared.



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Upcoming meetings and issues

WFC C-division:

- To make a follow-up with Mr. Wolmhed and Mr. Kratz.

Poland:

- To make the invitation for the Floorball Development Seminar in Poland October 2006.
- For the Office to follow up that Poland has fulfilled their obligations towards the organiser.

Canada:

- To start the preparations with Mr. Mikkola for the Floorball Development Seminar in Canada.

Marketing:

- To finalize the contract proposal with Infront.
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Issues that need to be discussed or decided upon

- The nomination and use of referee observers in IFF Events, in order to prevent surprises from appearing.
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New ideas, etc...

Nothing to report.