

# Prague, Czech Republic 7<sup>th</sup> of December, 2018

# IFF Central Board meeting 5/2018 07.12.2018

Place: Meeting at Hotel Clarion Congress, Prague, Freyova 33, CZ-19 000 PRAGUE

Participants: Tomas Eriksson Monica Birdal Stephen King Martin Klabere Carlos Lopez Kimmo Nurminen Ron Spence		President Treasurer
	Filip Suman	Vice President
	Veli Halonen Stefan Kratz John Liljelund	Operations Manager Competition Manager Secretary General
Excused:	Jörg Beer Thorbjörn Ovedal Lidwien Reehuis	Resigned 25.11.2018 ATC Chair

# Minutes

#### § 1. Opening of the meeting

Mr. Eriksson opened the meeting and welcome the members to the fifth CB meeting of the year, in connection to the WFC 2018 in Prague, which has proven to be a marvellous event in all aspects. The WFC yesterday broke the record for overall spectators in one event. Ms. Reehius and Mr. Beer have both excused themselves due to personal reasons and will therefor not participate in the meeting.

Mr. Eriksson informed to the CB that Mr. Thorbjörn Ovedal has in writing resigned from his position as a CB member. (**Appendix 2**) The CB is to discuss of the measures to be taken based on this. The President of Danish Floorball Mr. Carsten Provstgaard Sørensen has asked for a meeting with the IFF during the WFC.

Mr. Eriksson expressed that the IFF will in writing ask, in accordance with the IFF Statutes, if the Danish association will be interested to propose a replacement for the seat. Mr. King pointed out that the person and the Danish association has to commit to participation in international development and the work of the IFF CB if they choose to nominate a person.

<u>CB decided</u>: To approve the report and decide to that the IFF will contact the Danish association.

#### § 2. Approval of the agenda

Mr. Eriksson to conclude if there are any updated appendixes for the meeting.

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Appendix 22 - Changes of Regulations

CB decided: To approve the report and update the proposed appendixes

# § 3 Minutes from the CB meeting: 04/2018 in Prague, Czech Republic 28.10.2018 (Appendix 1)

The minutes from the last meetings are to be scrutinized, approved and put ad acta.

#### § 4. Economy

#### a) Financial report 2018, by 30.11. 2018

Mrs. Birdal presented the financial report and the balance sheet by the 30.11.2018 (**Appendix 3**). The outcome is positive, with a result around 203,400 CHF which is some 236,000 CHF better than on the same time last year, but the liquidity is down by around 86,000 CHF to 105,200 CHF. One of the reasons for the good result is that we had the World Games last year and the earlier payments of the organiser. Mr. Kratz expressed that this doesn't mean that we will make a big surplus, but that we had income earlier.

**<u>CB decided</u>**: To approve the report.

#### b) Information on IFF claims – status November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Mrs. Birdal presented the claims situation by the 30.11.2018 for Associations in WFC 2018 and those not participating. (**Appendix 4 and 5**). The number of old debts is decreasing.

Not much has happened concerning payments after the last meeting since the expected pay-offs have been scheduled for December. Meetings has and will be held during WFC Prague with the Associations with severe debts to discuss how to solve these. The Slovakian federation will pay half of their present debt by the end of year and then made a new payment plan until end of June for the remaining part, so that they will not run into issues with the organisation of the upcoming WFCQ 2019 in Trencin. IFF will have meetings with Latvia and Slovenia. Mr. Eriksson asked how we will deal with the outcome of the meetings with Latvia and Slovenia. Mr Liljelund expressed that CB needs to have a per capsulam decision on the outcome of these meetings in January.

The following actions needs to be taken in connection to the registration of the teams for the WFC 2020, as the dead-line for registration is in the end of December 2018, in accordance of the IFF License System 2.0. The association must be without debts to IFF by the time of the registration to be guaranteed participation but also associations following a set up plan to pay off their debts may be given the possibility to participate. For the WFC 2019 the association must be without debts by the end of year 2018, to be able to participate in the qualifications.

CB decided: To approve the reports

# IFF General Assembly 2018, Prague, Czech Republic

Mr. Eriksson reported that the 15<sup>th</sup> IFF the General Assembly will be held during the WFC2018 in Prague, Czech Republic on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December at the IFF Official Hotel Clarion Congress Hotel, starting at 08:30 and expected to end until 13:00.

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The invitation has been sent out 90 full days prior to the GA, which was on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September 2018. The member associations have only sent in one motion to the IFF GA the required 60 full days prior to the IFF GA, which was the 7<sup>th</sup> of October 2018, namely the EFT countries motion of the Euro Floorball Championships. The IFF CB has sent out all proposals and materials of the GA 30 full days before the meeting, on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November 2018.

Mr. Eriksson went through the Agenda for the IFF General Agenda and clarified how the meeting will be run. Based on this the CB discussed the running of the General Assembly and the program for the day. The CB is also to finally approve the Agenda for the IFF GA (**Appendix 6**) Mr. Kratz will be handling the minutes of the IFF General Assembly.

IFF has received the IOC Patronage for the WFC2018 given by the IOC President Thomas Bach. A total of some 51 countries have registered for the IFF General Assembly, with 38 ordinary members out of the present 44. In addition, 13 provisional members out of the 25 have registered.

CB decided: To approve the reports and the Final Agenda for the IFF General Assembly 2018

#### d) Change of Financial Regulation 2019

Mr. Kratz proposed to change the dead-line for the payment of the IFF membership fees to the 15<sup>th</sup> of February, to steady the cash flow for IFF during the financial year. (**Appendix 22**)

**<u>CB decided</u>**: To approve the report and change the Financial Regulations accordingly

#### § 5. World Championships

#### a) WFC 2018 Prague, Czech Republic

Mr. Suman gave an update on the running of the WFC 2018 so far and the actions taken by the Czech Floorball and the WFC LOC. So far over 70.000 daily and session tickets are sold and the school campaign has brought over 6000 school pupils for the morning matches during the group stage. The LOC estimation is to have a total of 160.000 – 170.000 spectators in the Event. The WFC has already after the Day 6 of the Event broken the previous overall spectator record of 104.445, which now with three days to go is 106.694. The merchandising and ticket sales the has been much higher than expected. There have been some questions from the press about the spectator records. The financial outcome is still unclear. Mr. Suman stressed that this event should act as a motivator to organise the WFC, as we can se the development from 1998 and 2008. Mr. Suman also informed that there were over 50 mayors from all over the country for the opening day.

Mr. Eriksson concluded that the Event has been a sheer success and the Czech Floorball has set a new benchmark for coming organisers.

Further Mr. Liljelund reported on the TV situation. The final agreements with Czech TV have been made and Czech TV will produce all matches and transfer the signal to satellite of IFF's, from where IFF will distribute the signal. (**Appendix 8**) IFF has secured a satellite for the broadcasts and the 2<sup>nd</sup> signal for the matches played in the Sparta Arena. IFF the Turn Around for Asia has been secured. A total of 44 matches out of the 48 matches have been broadcasted for TV and there has so far been 144 matches broadcasted, in a total of 18 takers.

Mr. Liljelund will also report on the present Ticket sales situation by the 30.11. (**Appendix 9**) During the opening day of the championships, the organiser made a new record for a single

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group game 12362 spectators and the best ever first day spectator and any WFC day spectator result with 31073 spectators.

CB decided: To approve the reports

#### b) U19 WFC 2019, Halifax, Canada

Mr. Kratz reported that the preparations for the U19 WFC 2019 final round is ongoing and according to plan. The LOC has prepared marketing materials and IFF is preparing the travel of the officials.

The U19 WFC 2019 LOC have prepared a marketing video for the Event, which will be shown at the IFF General Assembly. IFF has also made a promotional video with the former floorball player, presently the NHL star and Stanley Cup champion Mr. Teuvo Teräväinen , which has been published last week.

CB decided: To approve the report

#### c) WFC 2019

As Mr. Beer is hindered to participate in the meeting, Mr. Kratz reported that the preparations are ongoing upon the preparations of the WFC 2019 in Neuchatel, Switzerland. The LOC has made a study trip to the WFC 2018, to take learning from the organiser.

Mr. Kratz reported on that the preparations of the qualifications are ongoing and in accordance with plans. Only teams without debts, or with a pay-off plan by the end of 2018, will be eligible to participate in the qualifications.

Mr. Liljelund reported that the negotiations with Polar HD for the production of the TV-signal/stream is ongoing.

**CB decided:** To approve the report

# d) Upcoming organisers

# WFC 2020, Helsinki, Finland

Mr. Nurminen reported on the preparations of the SSBL for the WFC 2020. The theme for the event is more, in the aspect of more spectators than in previous Finnish WFC, bigger financial outcome, bigger visibility. The budget is around 3 mill euros and the City of Helsinki is the main partner for the Event. Ms. Hanne Pirkola is the Event Director for the Event.

Mr. Kratz reported that the invitation to the WFC 2020, with 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 as last date to Register. Presently there are only 7 teams registered. Only teams without debts, or with a pay-off plan, by the end of registration will be considered. For those teams in need of a pay-off plan a new plan must be made which they will have to sign and also start the pay-off.

IFF will contract PolarHD as the production company and do the production for YLE. YLE will still act as Host Broadcaster.

# **<u>CB decided:</u>** To approve the reports

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#### U19 WFC 2020, 2021 and 2022

Mr. Kratz reported that the registration to the U19 WFC 2020 is ongoing with 31st December 2018 as last date to register. As also is the case for the adults WFC 2020 only teams without debts, or with a pay-off plan, will be considered. For those teams in need of a pay-off plan a new plan must be made which they will have to sign and also start the pay-off.

Further to be reported is that discussions has started with Czech Floorball to organize the U19 WFC 2021.

Finland and New Zealand has shown interest to organize the U19 WFC 2022 and the aim is to start the bidding procedures in January 2019

**<u>CB decided</u>**: To approve the report.

#### WFC 2022

Mr. Halonen reported that the bidding procedure for the WFC 2022, to be played in the period 20.10-13.11.2022, has ended and only the Swiss Floorball Association has in the end handed in the application. Both Latvia and Slovakia informed that they are not in position to organise the Event. The SUHV application has been sent out to a number of evaluators from the ExCo, RACC and the IFF Office and the proposal after evaluations, is to award the event to the Swiss Floorball Association.

The evaluation gave an average 766 points of some of a total of 1000 points, which is a very good result and in average with the previous appointed WFC organisers. The big question is the question related to the building of the new arena in Zûrich, whether it will be ready for the WFC 2022 in October-November.

<u>CB decided:</u> To approve the report, award the WFC 2022 to the Swiss Floorball Association and start the contract negotiations in beginning of 2019

#### § 6. EuroFloorball Cup

#### a) EuroFloorball Cup 2019

Mr. Kratz reported that he will meet representatives for NFFR during the WFC in Prague to discuss about organising the EuroFloorball Cup 2019 in Russia. The aim is to have the event in St. Petersburg.

**<u>CB decided</u>**: To approve the report.

#### b) EuroFloorball Challenge 2018

Mr. Kratz is to report that the search for an organiser of the EFCh 2019 is ongoing.

CB decided: To approve the report.

#### c) Champions Cup 2019

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Mr. Klabere reported on the preparations of the Champions Cup 2019 – Final Four, to be played in Gävle, Sweden on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of January 2019. The tournament is played in connection to the Swedish Association Youth tournament. There are some issues with the communication between the organisers.

Mr. Nurminen reported and present the proposal the Champions Cup Steering Group has prepared for the Concept for the Future of the Champions Cup (**Appendix 10**). Mr. Nurminen wanted to thank Mr. Zoss and Mr. Liljelund for the preparation of the Concept paper. The IFF CB discussed its position towards the Concept. The Champions Cup stakeholders have informed their view to the proposal. The Finnish and Swiss associations have already handed in their view to the proposal. The Czech and Swedish associations will be able to provide their answer till the end of February. The model is a bit fragile on the financial side, as it needs the sponsors. It is still however important to have a clear opinion from the IFF CB.

Mr. Klabere asked what the IFF financial responsibility is for the Event. Mr. Kratz answered that IFF pays 25.000 per year and are responsible for the Prize money. Mr. Liljelund expressed that IFF has informed that all stakeholders must share the possible commercial risk, in lack of sponsors there is no event, as the sales must be done before the decisions are made. Mr. Eriksson felt that the IFF financial responsibility can't increase from the present level. Mr. Suman stressed that the dead-line for point of no return for organised must be defined in the concept. Mr. Klabere felt that it would be better to continue with the EuroFloorball Challenge and the EuroFloorball Cup.

Mr. Nurminen informed that the Champions Cup Steering Group will have a micro meeting on Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of December, to check the status of the Champions Cup Concept 2023 and forward.

CB decided: To approve the report

# § 7. Committees and Ad Hoc group reports

# a) ExCo reports

Mr. Eriksson reported on the ExCo activities after the last meeting and the preparations in advance of the CB meeting and the preparation of the IFF General Assembly. The preparations of the IFF GA has been extensive and the coordination of the IOC Patronage has been done by the secretary general.

Mr. Eriksson has through the Swedish Ice hockey Federation Chair Mr. Larsson has discussed on limitation on terms for the positions in the IFF. The IIHF has accordingly more or less decided the same as IFF is now proposing, at its AGM on limitations on terms for IIHF President and council members in force with maximum 12 years. In addition, Mr. Eriksson has had talks with Mrs. Sörling, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of International Table Tennis Fed on the situation in China situation, where they face severe issues with their Chinese federation, concerning the arrangement of the upcoming World Championships and the fact that they have to reestablishing national federations as we in Floorball face as well. Further to this Mr. Eriksson has spoken with Mrs. Nilsson Damgren, vice president of ITU (Triathlon) on gender equality challenges and she had the same opinion on ASOIF survey and what has been presented by ASOIF in co-operation with Equestrian Federation Ingmar de Vos on speeding up gender equality in line with Olympic Values.

Mr. Eriksson has further meet with IOC Olympic Games Bid Department Miss Barrett and Miss Burns in conjunction with the Bid of 2026 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games in Sweden. The interesting outcome is the conclusion on how the bid processes will, under "IOC New Norm" be

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implemented and having huge impact on all International Federations event bids and applications in the future

Mr. Liljelund reported that the IFF Ethics Commission (ETC) will have its yearly meeting on Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> of December in Prague, to discuss among other topics the Guidelines for the IFF ETC, the gambling situation in Floorball and the link between the Ethics Commission and the IFF Disciplinary committee.

Mr. Liljelund reported that Mr. Kalsta has prepared and collected the necessary documents for the IFF registration and Mr. Eriksson and Mr. Liljelund has visited the Vaud Commercial Registry in November to verify some signatures. Everything is on track and final adjustments to statutes expected to be decided on in the GA. After that the final submission of papers will be made and we hope for a smooth process once the appeal period for the GA Minutes has closed and everything is duly signed.

**<u>CB decided</u>**: To approve the reports

#### b) CB members responsibilities

Mr. Halonen reported of the development with the Western European countries and the meeting of the 6 Nations meeting to be held on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss a possible project for coach education for the six, with the aim to Close the Gap between these nations and the EFT countries.

Mr Lopez reported about the on the development in Central and Latin America and the plans for the future. There is not too much to report after the last meeting.

Mr. King reported on the on the present status of the proposal for the implementation of the IFF Development Officer Mr. Juerg Kihm for the AOFC with New Zealand as the country. (**Appendix 11a**) The Mentor program has started well and there is an agreement to be signed. There is a Key Performance Indicator – KPI's list to be defined. Mr. King will report upon the process in the next CB meeting. The SEA Games have been secured for the Philippines and some development work is to be connected to this. The Pakistani association has got a venue to play floorball in and Nepal has been reactive.

Mr. Spence to report on the present issues in Northern America. (**Appendix 11**) There has been a meeting in the USA to run a new project for the USA Floorball National Team, to build the team mostly based on US based players. There has been a tournament of eight tournament in San Diego. There has also been some referee development, with WFC reports running them. The development in Canada it seems to be complicated. At the moment there is fast development on the East-Coast, with the U19 WFC in Halifax. There are some leagues being built in Canada. The University of British Colombia has organised a tournament in the University.

# CB decided: To approve the reports

# c) Contacts to International Sports Organisations

Mr. Eriksson shortly reported on the development in the International field, mainly on the IF Forum, held in Lausanne, Switzerland and other events happened.

Mr Eriksson informed that during the GAISF IF Forum, which had the main topic on ESport and the possibilities and challenges new technology brings to the Sports community. The topic of

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Blockchain was carefully discussed and there was a specific workshop on Esports, upon how the IF's could develop their readiness to Esports. (**Appendix 12**)

Before the IF Forum GAISF organised an informal meeting, where the council informed that Mr. Raffaele Chiulli will be acting president of GAISF until the next AGM in May 2019. The GAISF will continue on the path laid down by Mr. Patrick Baumann and introduced the organisation of the GAISF Urban Games 2019 in Los Angles. In the meeting the GAISF also informed about the Good Governance project for the GAISF members, based on the ASOIF project carried out earlier in 2018. The ARISF and AIMS IF's are to fill in the self-assessment questionnaires 20 questions, compared to the 50 questions in the ASOIF questionnaire. The questionnaire is to be handed in by the 16<sup>th</sup> of January 2019. (**Appendix 13ab**)

Mr. Liljelund reported that during the ARISF Council meeting the present situation in GAISF was discussed and the fact that the GAISF office is taking over the practical operations of the ARISF administration and will run projects on Good Governance and Sustainability. The ARISF council decided that the ARISF President will also write a letter to the member federations of the present development. The letter was composed by Mr. Tom Hollowell and Mr. Liljelund. In addition, Mr. Hollowell and Mr. Liljelund were given the task to start the process for the ARISF Strategy until the ARISF AGM during SportAccord in May 2019 (Appendix 14)

Mr. Eriksson reported concerning the Urban Games. If the first edition is a success, Los Angeles has a possibility to organise a 2<sup>nd</sup> edition in 2021. IFF had applied for inclusion on the program for the 1<sup>st</sup> Urban Games and we had not received any information from GAISF prior to the announcement of the Los Angeles Urban Games that we are not included on the program. IFF held some discussions concerning this with the GAISF Director Mr. Philippe Gueisbuhler and the Urban Games responsible. GAISF apologised that no information had been given to the IF's on the program.

Mr. Liljelund informed that IFF participated in the IWGA – Olympic Channel workshop in Madrid, where IFF made a presentation on our streaming and TV operations as a best practice example. The workshop discussed a lot concerning the way IF's should work with social media and video creation. During the meeting IFF held a meeting with the Olympic Channel to secure the visibility of the WFC on the Olympic Channel with 19 matches.

Mr. Eriksson reported that FISU's President Mr. Oleg Matytsin invited for a short meeting to discuss the future of the Floorball World University Championships. FISU wants to change the system for the WUC from 2022 to stop playing with National Teams and move over to University based teams. It was agreed that discussions would continue during SportAccord and the topic would be presented for the IFF Association meeting in Neuchatel 2019. However, it seems that FISU has not included Floorball on the first list asking for WUC organisers for 2022. This had happened without the knowledge of the FISU Floorball Technical Director. IFF will continue the discussion in 2019, as the FISU Council member Ms. Hilkka Pöyhönen informed that the decision is not final.

In addition, the FISU has informed that the Floorball WUC 2020 will be played from the 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> of August 2020, in Koper, Slovenia.

The preparations of the IMGA European Master Games in Torino, Italy next year are ongoing, and the registration has started. IFF has included an ad in the WFC 2018 Match Program and will after a meeting with the Italian association decide how to proceed with the marketing of the Event.

Mr. Eriksson reported that Floorball has been included on the 30<sup>th</sup> South-East Asian Games to be organised in November-December 2019. The Floorball tournament is planned to be played from the 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> of November 2019, which is good as the Women's WFC will start on the 7<sup>h</sup> of December in Neuchatel, Switzerland.

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Mr. Eriksson further reported that the IOC Sport Department has informed that all IF's are to secure the participation of all countries in their Events and agree this with the organisers. This is based on the issues with the Kosovo delegation participation in the Karate World Championships in Spain in October. (Appendix 16)

CB decided: To approve the reports

# d) RACC

Mr. Klabere reported that RACC activities will be reported in the next CB meeting.

Mr. Kratz proposed to include a clarification of the Team Jerseys to be made in the Competition Regulations §5. Based on the experience from the WFC 2018 the Shirts should be the same colour on both front and back, and the main colour must be dominating. (**Appendix 22**)

CB decided: To approve the report

#### e) RC

Mr. Halonen reported, that the IFF RC organized a seminar for all the international observers in conjunction of the Men's WFC in Prague from the 1st to 2nd of December. There were 23 observers out of 24 present. The observers nominated to the WFC were naturally participating according to their own schedules in the WFC.

The main topics were the use of the IFF Way of Refereeing Playbook and the experience of using it and also the planning of the edits of the Playbook for the future. Also, the new edition of Rules 2018 was discussed basically to get the feedback from different IFF member associations and how the new rules have been adopted to use.

**<u>CB decided</u>**: To approve the report.

#### f) Medical committee

Mr. Halonen, in the absence of Ms. Bruun, reported that the all the participating teams at WFC have completed anti-doping education in one way or another. They have had three options to choose from: a) Participating in an Anti-Doping Education session organised by the National Anti-Doping Organisation/IFF Member Association before the event b) E-learning or c) IFF anti-doping education session during event.

Surprisingly many of the teams chose the C option (9 teams), although the anti-doping education survey indicated that the athletes themselves would rather choose another option, i.e. having education in own language and not during the event.

CB decided: To approve the report

#### g) Athletes Commission

Mr. Liljelund informed in the absence of Ms. Reehuis that IFF has been informed by WADA, that the IFF nomination Ms. Agata Plechan (IFF ATC) has not been elected as a member of the WADA Athletes Committee. (**Appendix 17**)

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CB decided: To approve the report

#### h) **Marketing function**

In absence of Mr. Beer, Mr. Liljelund reported about the current sales and marketing situation. The main sales points are still the negotiations with SwissTiming (Timing Partner) and the discussions with several Sports Apparel Sponsors (the sight for these is and agreement from 2020 onwards). Our Swiss agent is also the Director of the IIHF 2020 World Ice-Hockey Championships in Lausanne and will contact six agreed IIHF sponsors with our agenda. (Appendix 18)

The footage for the reference videos will be shot during the WFC 2018 in Prague by the IFF video crew. We will also be able to include at least one of the LOC sponsors as a video reference material. The final material will be put in use for sales and marketing during early 2019. The Fan Value-Based survey for Floorball was started in September. The questionnaire has been finalized and translations are due to begin, after which the interviews will begin. The final report will be available in January 2019.

Mr. Liljelund reported that the WFC 2017 High-Lights program, produced and distributed by Broad Reach Media has been broadcasted by 7 Broadcast Partners, in 57 countries and have had a possibility to reach a total of 220 million households. The broadcasters were Fox Sport Europe (9 countries), Setana Sports Ireland, Front Runner Sports UK, Dubai Sports Channel (24 countries Pan Middle-East), OSN Sports (27 countries Pan Middle-East), Fox Sport Pan Asia (19 countries) and the Olympic Channel. We had for the WFC 2017 lost the Eurosport Asia Pacific, but have confirmed broadcast for WFC high-lights and the African channels Kwese and Fox Africa, as there is limited interest for women's sport in Africa. But there are discussions to bring at least one back for 2019. (Appendix 19)

IFF has an agreement for the WFC 2018 and all arrangements have been made for this in cooperation with the Czech TV, which will provide the material to BRM/Steven Morris. IFF is looking to continue this cooperation also for WFC 2019 and WFC2020.

Mr. Liljelund further reported that the new Sponsorship deals for official rink and flooring will be announced during the IFF General Assembly and the floorball material sponsor will be announced during the WFC Bronze game intermission.

CB decided: To approve the reports

#### **f**) **Development & Equality Ad Hoc group**

Mr. Halonen reported that there after the previous CB meeting a short development seminar was organized in Dublin in Ireland. There were some 30 coaches from Special Olympics Ireland and the approach was mainly the introduction to officiate Floorball and the introduction of coaching Floorball. Floorball is growing in Special Olympics Ireland and the SO Ireland has invested some substantial amount of money to improve the facilities to play by purchasing for example new rinks, goals and floorball equipment. Also actions to develop the Irish floorball overall was discussed.

CB decided: To approve the report

#### International Lobbying Ad Hoc group g)

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Mr. King gave a short report on the ongoing activity within the field of lobbying. (**Appendix 20**) The aim is to build a Lobbying package for the members, during the Q1 next year and the World Games activation. Looking to create a development seminar in connection to the AOFC Cup.

Mr. Eriksson felt that it is good that Mr. King is on top of the process.

CB decided: To approve the report

#### § 8. IFF Office

Mr. Halonen informed that the IFF office has sent out the survey link to all IFF member associations on the 30th of October. The deadline to fill the survey was set to be on the 23rd of November and two reminders were sent before the deadline. Due to the fact that there were not that many answers by the deadline, the deadline was postponed to Wednesday the 28th of November and presently there are answers from 35 member associations. Most of the member associations which participate to IFF events have answered. Out of the participating countries in the WFC Australia, Denmark and Poland has not answered the countries.

The CB members are to talk to the present nations during the WFC Final week-end which has not answered and how to secure interviews with federation present.

CB decided: To approve the report

#### a) Development operations

Mr. Liljelund reported that the Chinese Floorball Federation has worked with the Shanghai University of Technology and Science to create a Standard Test for measuring skill development in Floorball for school pupils from the 1<sup>st</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade. The Test is approved to the official test s for sports and was published in Shanghai on the 26<sup>th</sup> of November. IFF had prepared a video greeting the press conference.

CB decided: To approve the report

# b) Communications operations

Mr. Halonen reported, in the absence of Ms. Merita Bruun that both the new floorball.sport micro site WFC 2019 website on the new platform and the CC 2019 website on the old platform have been launched.

CB decided: To approve the report

#### c) Material operations

Mr. Liljelund reported that IFF is still in discussions with both our test-institute RISE (previously SP) and Exel to clarify the present status of Exel. IFF has been approached by a number of Floorball manufacturers unhappy of the present situation, to which IFF has answered that the situation is at least presently under control with the Exel Sports Group.

# CB decided: To approve the report

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#### i) ParaFloorball information

Mr. Eriksson reported that he has had meetings with the Special Olympics World Winter Games 2021 and the Special Olympics Sweden and Paralympic Committee of Sweden, secretary general Johan Strid, and SWE has handed in the bid for February 2021 in Åre/Östersund, would be yet another boost for Floorball.

Mr. Halonen in absence of Ms. Bruun reported that both Manual Wheelchair Floorball and Special Olympics Floorball will be demonstrated during the WFC 2018. Special Olympics demo is played on the 8.12. during the 1<sup>st</sup> intermission of first semi-final, with Czech and Slovak Special Olympics teams are playing. The Manual Wheelchair demo will be played on the 9.12, during the 1<sup>st</sup> intermission of the WFC final, with Czech and Swedish teams playing.

**<u>CB decided</u>**: To approve the reports

#### e) Equality operations

Nothing to report

**CB decided:** To approve the report and the update of the documents.

#### § 9. Member Federations

#### a) Membership questions

Mr. Liljelund reported that there has been an ongoing discussion within the Chinese Floorball Federation, as the legal status under the Chinese Ice Hockey Association CIHA has not proceeded during the last six months. The CFF has now discussed with the the Chinese Hockey Association CHA, to seek affiliation under the Cha and by that solve the problem of organisation. The applications to IFF will be handed-in, in the beginning of 2019.

CB decided: To approve the report

#### b) Members under suspension

No members under suspension

CB decided: To approve the report.

#### c) New Member Applications

Mr. Halonen reported that the Burkina Faso Floorball Federation has sent in their member application to the IFF CB with the proper and required documents, with some of them in French. (**Appendix 21**). There is still a small uncertainty, concerning the statutes, so the provisional membership is given conditionally, and the Burkina Faso federation has to provide the GM minutes and the approved statutes latest by the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2019.

The IFF Office proposes to approve the Burkina Faso Floorball Federation membership application with as the provisional member number 70.

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**<u>The CB decided</u>**: To approve the report and approve the Burkina Faso Floorball Federation as the IFF provisional member number 70.

#### § 10. Next CB meeting

Mr. Eriksson concluded that the next CB meeting, will be held:

Meeting 1:	0910.03. Malaga, Spain
Meeting 2:	0809.06. Stockholm, Sweden – not confirmed!
Meeting 3:	0708.09. Helsinki, Finland
Meeting 4:	12.12. Neuchatel, Switzerland
Associations meeting	1314.12. Neuchatel, Switzerland

CB decided: To approve the report and decide the time and place for the next CB meeting

#### § 11. Closing of the meeting

Mr. Eriksson closed the meeting

John Liljelund Secretary General Tomas Eriksson President

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