MINUTES IFF GENERAL ASSEMBLY (GA) 14.12 2024

Place: Malmö Arena Hotel on 14th December 2024 at 08:30 CET

Participants: According to appendix 13

§ 1 Opening of the General Assembly by IFF President Mr. Tomas Eriksson

Mr. Tomas Eriksson greeted all the participants welcome to the GA and the 18th IFF General Assembly thanking the Swedish Floorball Federation for organising the World Championships 2024 here in Malmö..

Mr. Eriksson stated how pleased he is with the work done by the Associations, CB members, committees and volunteers and also made a special address to Mr. Liljelund and the administration stating that without them we would not have accomplished what we have done.

Mr. Eriksson thanked the IFF sponsors Unihoc, Gerflor, Puma and Swerink which are also helping to build the floorball brand.

With these words Mr. Eriksson opened the IFF General Assembly 2024.

§ 2 Approval of present Associations and the voting roll

There are 31 ordinary member associations, i.e. Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, India, Iran, Italy, Latvia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Ukraine and USA present, which according to the IFF Statutes § 29.2. have the right to vote at the General Assembly, if they have fulfilled their obligations towards IFF.
Cote d'Ivoire and Serbia have not fulfilled the obligations and are therefore not eligible to vote.

The ordinary members of Belarus and Russia are suspended from all IFF activities and therefore not allowed to participate in the IFF General Assembly

With 29 participating member federations a simple majority is 15 votes, and the 2/3 majority is 20 votes, according to the Statutes.

There are 3 provisional members associations present, i.e. Burkina Faso, Cameroon and Hong Kong.

The General Assembly decided unanimously to approve that the voting roll is 29 ordinary members and that 20 votes are needed for a 2/3 majority and 15 votes for a simple majority.

§ 3 Greetings to the General Assembly

Ms. Märit Bergendahl, President of the Swedish Floorball Federation greeted the GA participants welcome to the WFC 2024.

§ 4 Election of two scrutineers of the General Assembly

The IFF Central Board proposes to elect Mr. Jörgen Olshov (Italy) and Ms. Dorothee Vogelesang (the Netherlands) as scrutineers of the IFF General Assembly.

Further the IFF CB proposes that the IFF Ethics Commission members Ms. Carol Roberts and Mr. Bill Howitt will act as official scrutineers of the IFF General Assembly.

The General Assembly decided unanimously to elect Ms. Carol Roberts and Mr. Bill Howitt will act as official scrutineers and to elect Mr. Jörgen Olshov and Ms. Dorothee Vogelesang as scrutineers of the IFF General Assembly.

§ 5 Approval of the agenda (appendix 1)

The General Assembly decided unanimously to approve the agenda for the IFF General Assembly

§ 6 Approval of the protocol of the last General Assembly (Article 31 paragraph 2)

The General Assembly noted that the protocol from the General Assembly held in Zurich 2022 has not been opposed to and is therefore automatically approved according to the IFF Statutes article 31 paragraph 2.
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§ 7 Modification of the statutes (changes in statutes a 2/3 majority is needed)

The IFF Central Board has not made any proposal of changes to the IFF Statutes

§ 8 Admission or expulsion of official member Associations

The following provisional IFF members have on their own accord applied for ordinary membership: Hong Kong.

The CB proposes that they are decided by the General Assembly to become ordinary members.

The CB has decided not to propose that any following provisional members would automatically be considered ordinary members, according to IFF Statutes, Article 13 paragraph 3.

The new voting roll will be approved by the General Assembly, if any new ordinary members are approved.

There are now 30 ordinary member associations i.e. Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, India, Iran, Italy, Latvia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Ukraine and USA, which according to the IFF Statutes § 29.2. have the right to vote at the General Assembly, having fulfilled their obligations towards IFF.

With 30 participating member federations a simple majority is 16 votes, and the 2/3 majority is 21 votes, according to the Statutes.

The General Assembly decided according to the proposal to unanimously to approve Hong Kong as ordinary member and to update the voting roll to be 30 ordinary members present members and that 21 votes are needed for a 2/3 majority and 16 votes for a simple majority.

§ 9 Approval of the CB reports (appendix 2)

IFF President Mr. Eriksson presented the Annual report 2023-2024, a resume from the plan of action decided upon in Zurich, Switzerland in 2022 for the period 2023-2024 and the activities IFF has had in the period, pointing out some of the successes but also some shortcomings.

Mr. Eriksson asked the General Assembly to approve the Annual Report 2023 – 2024.

The General Assembly decided unanimously to approve the Annual report 2023 – 2024.

§ 10 Approval of the financial report and the auditor's report 2022-2023 (appendix 3-6)

Mr. Liljelund presented the financial statements for the Calendar year 2022 and 2023

The Auditor Mr. Mikael Brandstam presented the auditor's report for the Calendar year 2022 and 2023

Mr. Eriksson asked if the IFF General Assembly have any questions or remarks regarding the finances.

Mr. Eriksson proposed the General Assembly to approve the financial reports of 2022 and 2023.

The General Assembly decided unanimously to approve the financial reports for 2022 and 2023.

§ 11 Decision on freedom of responsibility for the CB

The auditor Mr. Mikael Brandstam recommends to the IFF General Assembly that the IFF Central Board and secretary general shall be discharged from liability for the financial years 2022 and 2023.

Mr. Eriksson asked if the General Assembly could grant freedom of responsibility for the CB and secretary general according to the Auditor's proposal.

The General Assembly decided unanimously to grant the Central Board and the secretary general freedom of responsibility for 2022 and 2023.

§ 12 Decision on membership fee

Mr. Eriksson informed that the IFF Central Board proposes to make no change to the membership fees system.

A 2/3 majority is needed for a change, and a simple majority for the amounts.

The General Assembly decided unanimously not to change the membership fees for the period 2025-2026.

§ 13 Examinations and decisions on proposals and motions of the members (appendix 7-9)

The Association representatives were given the possibility to introduce their motion for a maximum of 2 minutes.

1. IFF Central Board Recommendation regarding the Motion from the Cote d'Ivoire Floorball federation concerning the forming of an African Floorball Confederations, was presented by the IFF secretary general John Liljelund.

   The General Assembly decided according to the CB recommendation not to approve the motion with the votes 28 to 1

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2. IFF Central Board Recommendation regarding the Motion from the Swedish Floorball Federation concerning the formation of an IFF ParaFloorball committee, was presented by IFF secretary general John Liljelund

The General Assembly decided unanimously according to the CB recommendation to gives the IFF Central Board the task to decide about the formation and form of the ParaFloorball Committee and discuss with the respective organisation of their participation in the committee.

3. IFF Central Board Recommendation regarding the Motion from the Ukraine Floorball Federation concerning the expulsion of the IFF membership of the National Floorball Federation of Russia, was presented by the IFF secretary general John Liljelund.

Tamuz Hidir, on behalf of the Ukrainian Floorball Federation, explained the reasons for the motion and asked the IFF General Assembly to decide according to their proposal.
Märit Bergendahl, on behalf of the Swedish Floorball Federation, informed that they are in favour of the IFF Central Board recommendation and added that a statement from the IFF General Assembly should be sent to the Russian Floorball Union regarding their illegal actions.
Mr. Steve Wilburn, on behalf of the United States Floorball Association, asked why no more action against Russia. The reply from Mr. Liljelund was that it is due to the current jurisdiction, IFF Statutes and IOC recommendations. Ms. Dorothee Vogelesang, on behalf of the Dutch Floorball Federation, asked if the IFF Central Board will change the jurisdiction. Mr. Liljelund replied that the IFF Central Board follows up on the IOC revisions to come,

The General Assembly decided according to the CB proposal including sending a statement to the Russian Floorball Union from the GA stating the inappropriate actions by Russian Floorball Union illegally incorporating Ukrainian floorball regions into the Russian Floorball Union.

4. Confirmation of the IFF Central Board decision to amend the IFF Code of Ethics scope to include the leadership and staff of the IFF member federations, was presented by IFF secretary general John Liljelund

The General Assembly decided unanimously to confirm the IFF Central Board decision to amend the IFF Code of Ethics scope.

5. Approval of the IFF Strategy 2021-2032 Implementation report for first period 2021-2024, was presented by the IFF Strategy working group chair Mr. Stephen King.

The General Assembly decided unanimously to approve the report

§ 14 Approval of the IFF CB proposals, budget and working plan for the next two years (appendix 10-11)

1. Plan of action for the period 2025-2026 (between General Assemblies), was presented by the IFF vice President Mr. Filip Suman

   The General Assembly decided unanimously to approve the plan of action for 2025-2026

   2. Budget for the calendar year 2025 and 2026, was presented by the IFF secretary general

   The General Assembly decided unanimously to approve the budget for 2025-2026

§ 15 Elections (appendix 12)

All nominations having arrived to the IFF Office at least sixty (60) full days prior to the IFF General Assembly, i.e. until October 14th, 2024, are according to appendix 12

The following persons are to be elected for the coming four-year period (2025-2028).

Mr. Eriksson presented the IFF CB proposal to elect the IFF CB to consist of the President and 11 members of the IFF Central Board for 2025-2028.

The General Assembly decided unanimously to approve the proposal of electing the President and eleven members.

IFF President for four years
Mr. Eriksson informed that the only nomination for President is Mr. Filip Suman, the present IFF Vice President.

Mr. Eriksson proposed that the General Assembly would elect Mr. Filip Suman as President of IFF for 2025-2028.

The General Assembly decided unanimously to elect Mr. Filip Suman as IFF President for four years.

Eleven IFF Central Board members for four years
Mr. Eriksson informed that there are 14 candidates nominated, namely the following in alphabetical order:

Mr. Jörg Beer, Swiss Floorball (re-election), Mr. Tamuz Hidir, Floorball Ukraine (re-election), Mr. Steen Houman, Floorball Denmark (re-election), Mr. Remo Hubacher, Floorball Germany, Mr. Pekka Ilmivalta, Floorball Finland, Mr. Calle Karlsson, Floorball USA & Floorball Canada (re-election), Mr. Carlos Lopez, Spanish Floorball (re-election), Mr. Ben Ow, Floorball Singapore, Ms. Pakkamol Siriwat, Floorball Thailand (re-election), Mr. Egils Sveilis, Floorball Latvia, Ms. Zuzana Svobodova, Czech Floorball, Mr. Teodor Turay, Slovak Floorball, Mr. Marcel Wadja, Floorball Cote d'Ivoire, Ms. Helen Wiklund-Wårell, Floorball Sweden

Each candidate was given the opportunity to present themselves for a maximum of 2 minutes

The General Assembly decided in a ballot to elect the following persons for the IFF CB for the four coming years.

Mr. Jörg Beer, Switzerland (re-election) nominated by Swiss Unihockey
Mr. Tamuz Hidir, Ukraine (new) nominated by Ukrainian Floorball Federation
Mr. Steen Houman, Denmark (re-election) nominated by Floorball Danmark
Mr. Calle Karlsson, USA (re-election) nominated by USFbA and Floorball Canada
Mr. Carlos Lopez, Spain (re-election) nominated by Spanish Floorball Association
Ms. Pakkamol Siriwat, Thailand (re-election) nominated by Thailand Floorball
Mr. Remo Hubacher, nominated by Floorball Germany
Mr. Pekka Ilmivalta, nominated by Finnish Floorball Federation
Mr. Ben Ow, nominated by Singapore Floorball Association
Ms. Zuzana Svobodova, nominated by Czech Floorball
Ms. Helen Wiklund-Wårell, nominated by Swedish Floorball Federation

Chair and two members of the Appeal Committee

Mr. Eriksson informed of the candidates as chair respective members and substitutes to the IFF Appeal Committee.

- IFF Appeal Committee Chair
Ms. Märit Bergendahl, Sweden (re-election) nominated by Swedish Floorball Federation

- Three ordinary members of the Appeal Committee and substitute members
Members:

Mr. Tom Hedkrok, Finland (re-election) nominated by Finnish Floorball Federation
Mr. Giorgio Rambaldi, Italy (re-election) nominated by Italian Floorball Federation
Ms. Aiga Staltmane-Veksa, Latvia (new) nominated by Latvian Floorball Union

Substitutes:

Mr. Felix König, Switzerland (new) nominated by Swiss Unihockey
Mr. Toni Schnelle, Germany (new) nominated by Floorball Germany
Mr. Kuppusamy Ramanujam Vignesh, Singapore (new) nominated by Singapore Floorball Association

The General Assembly decided to, for the four coming years, unanimously elect Ms. Märit Bergendahl, Sweden as Chair and Mr. Tom Hedkrok, Finland, Mr. Giorgio Rambaldi, Italy and Ms. Aiga Staltmane-Veksa, Latvia as members.

As substitutes the General Assembly unanimously elected Mr. Felix König, Switzerland, Mr. Toni Schnelle, Germany and Mr. Kuppusamy Ramanujam Vignesh, Singapore

Chair and two members of the Disciplinary Committee

Mr. Eriksson informed of the candidates as chair respective members to the IFF Disciplinary Committee.

- IFF Disciplinary Committee Chair
Mr. Stephen King, Australia (new) nominated by Floorball Australia

- Three ordinary members of the Disciplinary Committee and substitute members
Members:

Mr. Tomas Brezina, Czech Republic (re-election) nominated by Czech Floorball
Ms. Linda Noppa, Sweden (re-election) nominated by Swedish Floorball Federation
Mr. Ilmars Blumbergs, Latvia (new) nominated by Latvian Floorball Union

Substitutes:

Mr. Yevgen Gulechko , Ukraine(new) nominated by Ukrainian Floorball Federation
Mr. Mr. Tobias Köstler, Germany (new) nominated by Floorball Germany
Mr. Jorgen Olshov, Italy (new) nominated by Italian Floorball Federation
Mr. Glendon Phua, Singapore (new) nominated by Singapore Floorball Association
Mr. Martin Rindlisbacher, Switzerland (new) nominated by Swiss Unihockey

The General Assembly decided to, for the four coming years, unanimously elect Mr. Stephen King, Australia as Chair and Mr. Tomas Brezina, Czech Republic, Ms. Linda Noppa, Sweden and Mr. Ilmars Blumbergs, Latvia as members.

As substitutes the General Assembly unanimously elected Mr. Yevgen Gulechko, Ukraine, Mr. Mr. Tobias Köstler, Germany, Mr. Jorgen Olshov, Italy, Mr. Glendon Phua, Singapore and Mr. Martin Rindlisbacher, Switzerland

Chair and three members of the Ethics Commission

Mr. Eriksson informed of the candidates as chair respective members to the IFF Ethics Commission.

- IFF Ethics Commission Chair
Ms. Sylvia Shenk, Germany (new) nominated by IFF

- Members of the Ethics Commission
Ms. Ojonoka Agudah, Nigeria (new) Nominated by IFF
Mr. Bill Howitt, Australia (re-election) Nominated by IFF
Ms. Carol Roberts, Canada (re-election) nominated by IFF
Mr. Riku Tapio, Finland (new) nominated by Finnish Floorball Federation

The General Assembly decided to, for the four coming years, unanimously elect Ms. Sylvia Shenk, Germany as Chair and Ms. Ojonoka Agudah, Nigeria, Mr. Bill Howitt, Australia, Ms. Carol Roberts, Canada and Mr. Riku Tapio, Finland.

§ 16 Appointment of a chartered auditor for two years

Mr. Eriksson informed that the IFF Central Board proposes re-election of Mr. Brandstam.

The General Assembly decided to unanimously re-elect Mr. Mikael Brandstam as auditor of IFF for two years.

§ 17 Approval of Regulations within the meaning of article 15 paragraph 2 littera c)

The IFF Central Board does not propose any Regulations for approval for the General Assembly, but wants to inform about the two topics:

1) IFF Event structure and international calendar discussions were presented by Mr. Martin Klabere, IFF RACC chair and the IFF Event Manager Ms. Sarah Mitchell

2) The World Games 2025 in Chengdu, China was presented by IFF Event Manager Ms. Sarah Mitchell.

§ 18 Decision on all affairs being reserved for the General Assembly by the statutes or by law

Mr. Eriksson informed that the IFF Central Board does not propose any such affairs.

§ 19 Decision on the meeting place for the next General Assembly

The IFF Central Board proposes the next General Assembly to be held preliminary on the 12.12.2026 at 09:00, during the WFC 2026 in Tampere, Finland.

The General Assembly decided unanimously to have the next General Assembly during the WFC 2026 in Tampere, Finland.

§ 20 Appointment to be honorary member

The new elected IFF President Filip Suman presented the IFF Central Board proposal to appoint Mr. Tomas Eriksson as the IFF Honorary President.

The General Assembly decided unanimously to appoint Mr. Tomas Eriksson as the IFF Honorary President

Mr. Tomas Eriksson and Mr. Filip Suman thanked the resigning IFF CB members Ms. Monica Birdal, Norway, Mr. Stephen King, Australia, Mr. Martin Klabere, Sweden and Ms. Kaarina Vuori, Finland, and presented them with flowers.

§ 21 Presentations on coming World Floorball Championships

• WFC 2025 Men U19 in Zurich, Switzerland was presented by Mr. Andreas Cadisch, Event manager, Swiss Unihockey

• WFC 2025 Women in Brno and Ostrava, Czech Republic was presented by Mr. Petr Chvojka, Czech Floorball and Petr Handl, Vitkovice Arena a.s.

• WFC 2026 Women U19 in Lignano Sabbiadoro and Latisana, Italy was presented by Mr. Jorgen Olshov, Italian Floorball Federation

• WFC 2026 Men in Tampere, Finland was presented by Ms. Hanne Nyrönen, Event Manager, Finnish Floorball Federation, Mr. Matti Helimo, Deputy Mayor & Mr. Perttu Pesä, Director of Major Events, City of Tampere and Mr. Antti Kirkkola, Head of Events, City of Turku.

§ 22 Closing of the General Assembly (TE/FS)

In the closing remarks Mr. Suman thanked the IFF office for the preparations of the GA, the GA participants for their contribution and efficient work during the General Assembly, congratulated the new elected IFF Central Board members and declared the General Assembly as closed at 13:20 CET.

John Liljelund IFF Secretary general	Tomas Eriksson IFF President
Official outside scrutineers	Scrutineers

Ms. Carol Roberts	Mr. Bill Howitt	Mr. Jörgen Olshov	Ms. Dorothee Vogelesang