

**Singapore, 10<sup>th</sup> of December 2023**

## **IFF Central Board meeting 5/2023 07.12.2023 as a physical meeting in Singapore**

**Place:** Park Royal Hotel, 7500A Beach Road, The Plaza Singapore 199591

<b>Participants:</b>	<b>Tomas Eriksson</b>	<b>President</b>
	<b>Filip Suman</b>	<b>Vice President</b>
	<b>Jörg Beer</b>	
	<b>Tamuz Hidir</b>	
	<b>Steen Houman</b>	
	<b>Calle Karlsson</b>	
	<b>Stephen King</b>	
	<b>Martin Klabere</b>	
	<b>Carlos Lopez</b>	
	<b>Agata Plechan</b>	<b>ATC chair</b>
	<b>Pakkamol Siriwat</b>	
	<b>Kaarina Vuori</b>	
	<b>Veli Halonen</b>	<b>Operations Manager</b>
	<b>Stefan Kratz</b>	<b>Competition Manager</b>
	<b>John Liljelund</b>	<b>Secretary General</b>
<b>Excused:</b>	<b>Monica Birdal</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>

## **Minutes**

### **§ 1. Opening of the meeting**

Mr. Eriksson welcomed all members to the fifth CB meeting of the year 2023 in Singapore and the WFC 2023 and informed that Ms. Birdal can't participate due to personal reasons. Mr. Eriksson opened the meeting at 09:04.

### **§ 2. Approval of the agenda**

Mr. Eriksson concluded that there are the following updated or new appendix for the meeting.

Appendix	11	-	WFC 2023 LOC report (new)
Appendix	12	-	WFC 2023 Ticket sales report (new)
Appendix	21	-	East-Europe Report (new)
Appendix	22	-	Champions Cup streaming report incl. semis (new)
Appendix	23	-	Adult WFC term survey (new)
Appendix	24	-	Euro Floorball Championships term survey (new)

**CB decided:** To approve the report, the new and updated appendixes and the agenda for the meeting

**§ 3 Minutes from the CB meetings: 04/2023 in Berlin, Germany (12.11.2023)**

The minutes from the last CB meeting 04/2023 were scrutinized, approved, and put ad acta. (**Appendix 1**)

**CB decided:** To approve the minutes of the IFF CB meeting 04/2023

**§ 4. Financial questions**

**a) Financial report 2023 by 30.11.2023**

Mr. Kratz in the absence of Mrs. Birdal presented the financial report and balance sheet by the 30.11.2023 (**Appendix 2**). The outcome per 30<sup>th</sup> of November is CHF 192.815 which is some CHF 185.554 (2022: CHF 378,369) lower than last year. There has not happened anything special since the last meeting, apart from the smaller income from the streaming revenue than expected from the WFC 2023, mainly due to the time difference.

The forecast points at a negative outcome of CHF 33.911 due to higher-than-expected cost for the SEA Games 2023, a predicted lesser income than budgeted on marketing in general and especially for the Champions Cup home and away edition as well as on sales, where no rinks or floors have been sold this year.

The liquidity per 30<sup>th</sup> November is CHF 489.244 some CHF 180.510 less than the same time last year (2022: CHF 669,754) partly due to the less income on marketing and sales but also that the TV income from the WFC were earlier due to it being played earlier last year.

The finances are continued to be monitored on a daily basis, and possible saves will be considered if and when we see signs of possible less income than now budgeted.

**CB decided:** To approve the report

**b) Information on IFF claims – License system and WFC 2023 – status November 30<sup>th</sup>**

Mr. Kratz in the absence of Mrs. Birdal presented the claims situation by 30.11.2023 for Associations participating in the WFCs 2023 and separately for those not participating in any of the IFF Events. (**Appendix 3 and 4**).

Since the last CB meeting no payments have been done, which is in accordance with the pay-off plans. (**Appendix 5**).

The office is monitoring the debts situation for teams registering for the WFCs 2025.

**CB decided:** To approve the reports, to continue to follow up on the pay-off plans for Canada, Cote d'Ivoire, Malaysia, Russia and Slovenia, to continue to follow up on the debts of the non-participating Associations and to monitor the debts situation of the teams registering for the WFCs 2025.

**c) Budget 2024 update**

Mr. Kratz presented the updated proposal for the budget for 2024 (**Appendix 6**), that had already been sent to the CB in advance.

The main differences compared to the budget proposal in the last CB meeting is that the

expected marketing income has been reduced with some 57,000 CHF to 237,000 CHF, where a total of 174,000 CHF has already been sold for the year 2024 and 8,000 CHF is advertisement production (which we are invoicing). The remaining 55,000 CHF is to be sold during 2024, which should be possible with the Men's WFC.

The expected income from the IFF Media app has been increased with some 18,000 CHF to 148,000 CHF which is slightly more than forecasted for this year. Mr. Eriksson stressed that he is very happy with the way the administration has built and prepared the budget. It is vital that the budget is discussed transparently.

When the original budget for the Champions Cup was made in August 2022, approved by the IFF GA, the actual cost for the CC was underestimated (although in the concept budget). The budget for 2024, where we start with the finals in January and end with the Semi-finals in November to have the costs the year these occurs, is more in line with the concept budget but adjusted to what we have learned as well as costs which were not considered in the concept budget.

In the detailed CC budget (**Appendix 7**) we have added some costs that are part in other cost centers (Doping tests, CC streaming graphics, advertisement material production and Refs outfit) to show the actual IFF operative cost as well as operative loss. Comments are added to show the calculations. Mr Eriksson expressed that we first need to have played a full edition of the Home & Away, before we can make an analysis. Mr. Suman asked that if we don't get the marketing income for the Champions Cup, the IFF investment is roughly 80.000 CHF, which was confirmed. Mr. King asked if we would need to evaluate the situation of the Champions Cup to which Mr. Liljelund and Mr. Klabere answered that we need to make evaluation but only after the 2024-2025 edition.

The cost side has been adjusted so that we still have a balanced budget.

**CB decided:** to approve the updated budget for 2024

**e) IFF Association meeting**

Mr. Eriksson reported that the invitation to the Associations Meeting has been sent out on the 27<sup>th</sup> of November 2023. with the pre-material for the meeting including the Agenda, an explanation letter, the Future of Floorball material, the presentation for the proposed International calendar and the new WFC format. (**Appendix 8a-d**)

Mr. Halonen is reported that there are 27 member associations registered to the Associations' Meeting. The number is a slight disappointment but in the present financial situation also understandable. Some of the MA participating in the WFC were also having problems to find/send representatives to the meeting.

The registered members are Australia, Burkina Faso, Canada, China, Cote d'Ivoire, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, India, Iran, Japan, Latvia, Malaysia, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Singapore, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Ukraine and United States. Of the registered countries we have not heard anything about Burkina Faso and Iran. It seems that the time of year is a bigger problem than the finances. There will be around 35 persons from the countries, so there will be between 4-6 persons per group.

The CB discussed the running of the IFF Association meeting based on the Agenda (**Appendix 9**) The CB discussed the running of the working groups.

Mr. Eriksson felt that we have a very good agenda, with several workshops. It is important to remember that the non-European federations have been travelling to the IFF Events in Europe since 1995. Mr. Suman asked that we are splitting the audience three times and how the splitting

be made. It was discussed to run with 4-5 groups in the working sessions. Mr. Suman felt that it is good that we have created the practical questions for the Future of Floorball workshops and the importance that the group leaders are well prepared.

Mr. King encouraged all to get everyone in the groups to talk and get involved in the discussion.

**CB decided:** to approve the report

## § 5. World Championships

### a) Women's WFC 2023, Singapore

Mr. Kratz reported on the ongoing WFC 2023 in Singapore from the IFF side. The Daily report has mentioned a number of issues in the venue, like security and spectator behaviours. There has been a number of technical solutions made to be able to show the intermission time. There has been some issues with the local doping agency running the Doping tests.

Mr. Halonen reported that IFF received a very disturbing news a week before the start of the Event, when it had become evident that the Gerflor flooring had not arrived in Singapore as originally informed by Gerflor. It was Gerflor, as the IFF sponsor which was responsible of shipping the 2<sup>nd</sup> blue competition flooring to Singapore, but unfortunately the shipment was delayed according to the information from Gerflor. That means that eventually the practice venue was without a proper flooring and there was the original wooden flooring. There is an official IFF blue flooring in the OCBC 1 and in the OCBC 2, the teal colour Gerflor flooring provided by Kin productions. Mr. Lionel Arlin from Gerflor has provided the official excuse and apology for the occurred (**Appendix 10**). Gerflor has promised to pay all the other cost, caused for the delivery of the flooring.

The main challenges for the LOC has been the issues with the Internet in the venue, which has had a black-out on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> of December during the opening game and is very unstable, which hinders the work of the match secretariat, media and the IFF Office. The other main challenge has been the way the ticket sales system has been built and the problem with having spectators trying to buy tickets to fairly empty venues and the ticket system indicating that the venue is full. The system doesn't make it possible to make changes, which then creates additional problems for the LOC. The LOC is solving problems well, but are limited in their flexibility due to strict venue protocols and provider contracts

Mr. Klabere gave an oral report from the Jury chair. There are a lot of the so called beginners problems, of which some are continuing. There are the big things like the ticketing system and the internet.

Mr. King asked where all the school kids are, the service on the IFF App has been fairly average, with a lot of dropouts, delays and some problems to reload the game. Mr. Eriksson answered that he has discussed with the newly elected Singapore Floorball Association president Mr. Ben Ow about the low number of spectators. Mr. Ow hadn't given any real answers to this, but the main issue might have been the lack of active promotion of the event and the ticket prices, and that it is school holidays. Mr. Houman and Ms. Plechan reported that there has been issues with the IFF App using it on the TV, where there has been a lot of delays and hiccups. Mr. Houman also proposed that we should have a national ranking in the IFF App Guessing game, along the Global one.

The LOC has provided a report of the organisation (**Appendix 11**)

The Ticket sales has still been quite low and the number of spectators has been moderate during the few first days, compared to previous Women's WFC's. After the first three days there has been just a little more than in the WF 2005. The overall ticket sales have picked up a little after the previous report for the CB in November. The total number of sold tickets is now 6.788 (4.254 reported in the November meeting) sold tickets (**Appendix 12**) In the OCBC 1 the increase during the three first days has been almost some 900 tickets (now 1.145 sold) compared with compared with the 295 reported in November, The LOC has launched a promotion with two ticket for the price of one ticket for the final weekend.

Mr. Liljelund reported on the TV situation and the issue of the signal transfer. The whole signal distribution is handled by PolarHD, which means that they are now handling the whole event from start to finish. The PolarHD MCR has been in touch with all TV takers and carried out two signal distribution tests and in the TV meeting on Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> of December everything has been confirmed concerning the production and the signal distribution.

In the end we ended up with 16 countries taking the WFC signal and there are a total of some twenty TV takers. Our TV sales company was in the end able to provide the following takers: CBC/Canada, MNC/Indonesia, Sport TV /Slovenia and BEIN Sports/USA. In addition the agreement with the German Spontent channel was made via Protocol Sports. This is clearly a little disappointing result compared to last year both financially and in number of takers. The main reason has been the time difference and then the poor global financial situation. (**Appendix 13**)

The IFF Media department was asked to reach out to the Member federations to promote the IFF App prior to the WFC. The Media department has been working with the normal preparations and lead up towards the big event WFC 2023 in Singapore. Finalising all the presentations, and the exchange with Media LOC was increased again.

All member federations got an email about the IFF app for upcoming WFC – sent on 23.11.2023, the participating nations Media teams have all received been invitation for an information call. There were two calls organised (21.11.23 and 23.11.23). The invitations were sent to the Media Officials from the WFC 2023 Teams to the responsible person for media from the federations and to the Secretary General from all participating nations. In total 18 persons attended out of the 44 invited at the two calls – two of them were Secretary Generals.

During WFC 2023 the promotion of the IFF App will be handled so that in the press center we will hang up A4 posters with QR code for the app and have hang up A4 posters at the venue with the QR Code for the app.

There has been some issues in the Philippines and Slovakia to register into the App, which has been solved by the creation of an email registration.

Additionally the IFF App has been promoted in the weekly newsletters and there has been an additional article on homepage and newsletter between 20th and 25th November. The IFF Office has built an email footer which is guiding to the app and the live stream passes. Last but not least, if we would have budget to advertise it on Social Media channels

**CB decided:** to approve the reports.

## **b) U19 WFC 2024, Finland**

Ms. Vuori reported on the preparations of the U19 WFC in Lahti Finland. Mr. Liljelund reported that the LOC has approved the TV production offer from SpringMedia/PolarHD.

**CB decided:** to approve the reports

**d) Upcoming Events**

**WFC 2024, WFC 2026, EC 2025 and EC 2026**

Mr. Liljelund reported on the started WFC 2024 TV discussions and the first offers for the production of the Event.

Mr. Liljelund reported on the WFC 2025 contract discussions and that so far there has not been any reactions from Czech Floorball to the proposed agreement sent out in October. Mr. Suman reported that the LOC has not discussed the possible implementation of the new WFC system and are waiting for the discussion in the Association Meeting.

Mr. Kratz reported that the preparations are ongoing for the WFC 2024 qualifications to be played in Latvia (Liepaja) 31.01-03.02, Slovenia (Skofja Loka) 31.01-04.02, Poland (Lochow) 01-04.02, Canada (Toronto) 17-18.02 and the Philippines (Pasig City, Manila) 21-25.05.

**CB decided:** to approve the reports.

**e) Covid-19 and other Event Status Update**

Nothing reported

**CB decided:** To approve the report

**§ 6. Club competitions**

**a) Champions Cup**

Mr. Kratz reported that Thorengruppen and Pixbo have qualified for the Women's final and IBF Falun and Tatran Stresovice for the Men's Final.

The bidding for organising the respective final is ongoing and the Swedish federation has informed that they will hand in a proposal for the organisation of the Women's final prior to the IFF CB meeting and for the Men's final the second finalist will be settled on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December, after which the finalist will hand in their bids, even if Wiler-Ersigen has already done so. The IFF has actually today received an offer for the two finals in Sweden. So far there has not been any bid from Czech Republic to which Mr. Suman confirmed that the Czech Floorball will send in a bid, as there is a Czech team in the final for the first time in eleven years.

Mr. Liljelund reported on behalf of Mr. Kihm on the sales of the IFF App for the Champions Cup. **(Appendix 22)**

On behalf of Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. Kratz reported that results of the feedback survey which has been collected from the quarterfinal clubs. **(Appendix 14)**

Mr. Liljelund reported that the Champions Cup Steering Group (CCSG) has held a meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October to discuss the present edition of the Champions cup and the preparations for the coming season. **(Appendix 15)**. As the timing for all of the matches for the season 2024/2025 still needed some preparation, there will be a meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December in Singapore to decide upon the places for the Finals and the match schedule for the Champions Cup 2025.

Mr. Klabere asked if the IFF has asked for money from the potential organisers, to which Mr. Liljelund answered that we have asked for what IFF costs the organiser would be willing to take

over from the IFF. Mr. Klabere felt that we need to ask for more money from the organiser, as we are presently paying more than the other stakeholders.

**CB decided:** To approve the reports

## **§ 7. ExCo, Strategy Implementation and Ad Hoc group reports**

### **a) ExCo reports**

Mr. Eriksson reported on the activities of the ExCo since the last meeting. The ExCo has mainly worked on a few separate topics, namely the preparation of the Association Meeting and the CB Agenda.

The IFF Ethics Commission (ETC) will have its yearly meeting during the WFC in Singapore to discuss among other things the following topics: Vetting rules for candidates for positions in the IFF, Need for a Social Media policy, publication of ETC cases, situation with sanction on Russia and Belarus, education of national Associations and Guidelines on internal Rules. The ETC will also have a slot in the Association meeting to describe the need for the member federations to look after their own ethical rules.

**CB decided:** To approve the report.

### **b) Strategy Implementation**

Mr. King reported on the work of the IFF Strategy Implementation, where the Strategy Working Group (SWG) chair has prepared a proposal for the handling of the Strategy reporting at the IFF Association meeting.

IFF Committees and the Office is working with the Suggestion Actions table and updating that is ongoing, in accordance with the decision taken earlier that the updates have to be taken in time for the IFF CB meeting. The link to the Strategy Implementation table:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1hRw\\_iAWuPDdTGsAaiPXZ6YSn3QJl\\_Z4?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1hRw_iAWuPDdTGsAaiPXZ6YSn3QJl_Z4?usp=sharing)

**CB decided:** To approve the report

### **c) CB Member responsibilities**

Mr. Houman reported about the Six Nations cooperation and that during the Core Country meeting in November 2023 in Berlin, a Six nation meeting was planned, where changes in relation to the seminar structure were to be discussed. Unfortunately, Steen Houman had to cancel due to personal reasons and therefore the meeting was not held.

Subsequently, there has been an email dialogue about the change, and during WFC2023 in Singapore, the changes will be written into an updated agreement and signed by the six countries, in case all six nations are present.

In the future, this will mean the involvement of the referee committee, in relation to a series of online seminars, as well as the Development Committee, which will look at topics for the coach seminar online

Mr. Hidir reported on the development in Easter Europe and the Middle East (**Appendix 21**), where Floorball has been introduced to Uzbekistan.

Mr. Suman reported on the last session of the Fit4Future Erasmus+ project meeting held in November and the plans for how the continuation of the project will look like (**Appendix 20**). The two main tools are ready, the Maturity Matrix and the Handbook? are ready and they Czech Federation is working on the electronical tool for the use of the Matrix.

The discussion is now concentrating on how to change the Fit4Future from a project to a long term tool for the development of the member federations. The Czech Floorball has been speaking with the EFT federations on a financial support of the continuation of the project, to which all the EFT countries have agreed. The idea is to have a person working on the project in the future, as a joint project under the umbrella of IFF. The plan is to introduce the continuation of the project in the association meeting and then later contact the IFF members in the future. In the future the idea is to enlarge it for the Asia-Oceania and North American sports system, which needs some adaptation of the approach

**CB decided:** To approve the report

## **§ 8. International Sports**

### **International Olympic Committee/IOC**

Mr. Halonen reported that IFF has signed for Joint Pledge on Sport, which is mainly concentrating to offer sports possibilities for refugees, which has been promoted by the IOC.

### **Global Association of International Sport Associations/GAISF & SportAccord**

Mr. Eriksson reported that SportAccord organised the IF Forum in Lausanne on the 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> of November and the SportAccord Convention will be held in Birmingham, Great Britain in beginning of April next year. The IF Forum program focused on Equality and Sustainability. in connection the IF Forum the Sport for Nature signatories met for a seminar.

### **Association of IOC Recognised International Sport Federations/ARISF**

Mr. Eriksson reported that ARISF held its AGM in Lausanne, in connection to the IF Forum on the 13<sup>th</sup> of November. The AGM approved the new ARISF Statutes and the Strategy document. There was some discussion about how ARISF is now going to serve and support its members. The ARISF Strategy group has sent out a questionnaire asking this from its members, in order to be able to continue the discussion internally.

### **International World Games Association/IWGA**

Mr. Eriksson reported that the IFF has started the awareness and promotion campaign for The World Games, with the TWG branded referee outfits and the commercial s in the WFC venues. Mr. Suman asked if there has been any development with the host for The World Games 2029. Mr. Liljelund answered that there has not been any new information provided.

### **University Sport/FISU**

Nothing reported

## **Multi-Sport Games**

### **Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games 2023, Bangkok, Thailand**

Ms. Siriwat reported that the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) has yet again postponed the dates for the AIMAG, to be held after the conclusion of the Paris Olympic Games. The new dates have not been settled yet. (**Appendix 16**). The new dates have preliminary been set for the 21<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> of November 2024.

The next edition of the AIMAG 2025 in Saudi Arabia has already been rescheduled to 2026.

**CB decided:** To approve the reports

### **SEA Games 2023**

Nothing reported

**CB decided:** To approve the reports

## **§ 9. Committees and Commissions**

### **a) Rules and Competition Committee (RACC)**

Mr. Klabere reported from the RACC meeting held 21.11.2023 (**Appendix 17**) The RACC amended the questionnaire for the European Floorball Championships to include the February alternative. The RACC will continue the discussion concerning the Champions Cup and still look on the questions related to the International Calendar.

The RACC discussed the IFF competition calendar and various possible outcomes based on surveys regarding dates for the Adult World Floorball Championships (**Appendix 23**) European Floorball Championships (**Appendix 24**) and the U19 WFC. Ms. Vuori wanted to clarify how this will be discussed in the Association meeting. Mr. Klabere, Mr. Suman and Mr. Liljelund expressed that the idea is to provide the context of the proposal. Mr. Eriksson explained that there are very different cultural aspects on how the different countries are approaching the topics and the process of how they are discussed. This Association meeting has been prepared in the best possible way. Mr. Klabere thinks that it is all about the explanation of the proposals. It is our though task to take the decisions. Ms. Vuori felt that it was good that we asked , even if they haven't had the full picture, but after the process they will have a better picture.

A proposal for text regarding freeing of players has been worked out and the proposal is to implement this in the competition regulations from 1st January 2024 (**Appendix 18**).

Mr. Houman asked a practical question about the way the text is formulated concerning the sanctioning and it was discussed to make the change. Ms. Plechan thanked the RACC for making this proposal. Mr. Suman would like to specify that the time player shall be freed should be longer than the specific international term but including some previous and following days of the event in question. Ms. Vuori agreed to the proposed formulation and the CB was in favour of this additional proposal also asking if there should be a formulation based on the financial possibility to participate in the national team camp or matches.

Mr. Beer asked if we should allow the player to play if they don't have the financial means to go for the national team camp/matches. Mr. Kratz and Mr. Klabere felt that this makes it far too difficult to include such a rule, as the financial aspects are very difficult to define.

The working group Vuori-Liljelund has prepared a proposal for how the inaugural 3v3 WFC could be played and organised in Lahti, in connection to the U19 WFC 2024. (**Appendix 19**). Ms. Vuori reported that the working group had a meeting with the Lahti LOC, which are ready to organise the event and presented the proposal. Mr. Suman felt that we should have as many countries as possible participating. Mr. Beer thanked for the proposal and think that the proposal would be a good way to go and hope that we will have this number of countries, so we should approve this proposal.

Mr. King asked if the players of the U19 WFC players can participate, to which Mr. Liljelund answered that this is the case. Mr. Karlsson asked if the federations are to sanction the teams participated. Mr. Klabere expressed that quite many questions have to be solved in the regulations. The question is if we will continue with in the U19 WFC and the organiser in Switzerland has already said that they are ready to organise the event in 2025. In the invitation the general way the event is played will be described as the regulation might not be ready. Mr. Suman felt that we should give it a go and the new format. We are only approving this for one year and we can change it after the first year. We need to be really good in informing about the rules in a webinar. It is important to try to keep the work for the IFF as a minimal level and handle it through the organiser.

Mr. Klabere felt that it could be good to show the video of the test game in the Association meeting. Mr. Lopez asked about the referees, to which Mr. Liljelund answered that in this event Finnish referees will be used. Mr. Beer wanted to add that we should sell it tomorrow at the Association meeting to motivate to participate.

Mr. Suman raised the question that playing eight matches of this high level during a short term, might increase the injury risk.

**CB decided:** To approve the report, to implement the text for freeing players in the competition regulations with the proposed amendments and to decide upon the playing of the inaugural IFF 3v3 WFC in Lahti based on the proposal. The RACC is to prepare the invitation and the regulations.

## **b) Referee Committee (RC)**

Mr. Lopez reported that the Physical Play implementation plan was created alongside with the first education guidelines, but it seems, based on the feedback, that not all IFF member associations have followed the plan on national level and the problem is mainly in EFT countries even though they are represented in the working group. It is imperative that the EFT countries will follow the Physical Play in their own educations.

The idea is also to expand the responsibility areas and also to include guidelines of the level of refereeing the stick playing, which seems to be varying a lot on national levels. Therefore, the RC would like to rename the group to be Referee Education steering group.

The IFF office was contacted by the International Ice Hockey Federation, and they asked for consultation meeting regarding the education and licensing system of international referees within the IFF. They are in a process to build new programs and wanted to have a discussion with the IFF. The meeting has been agreed to take place on the 10th of January 2024.

Mr. King asked if the RC is giving feedback to the member associations of the referees in the referee development group. Mr. Lopez answered that the RC is giving the feedback, but sometimes the RC does not have the accurate contact information, because it has not been informed by the respected member associations to the IFF.

Mr. Eriksson felt that for the upcoming nominations we need to fulfil the IFF Statutes to have representation of both genders.

**CB decided:** To approve the report and rename the Physical Play steering group to the IFF Referee Education steering group

**c) Medical committee**

Nothing reported

**CB decided:** To approve the report

**d) Athletes commission**

Ms. Plechan reported on the activities of the Athletes Commission. The topic the ATC is presently discussing is how to increase the awareness about the ATC among the federations and players. The ATC member Lara Heini has published a blog: CHAMPIONS CUP AND LARA HEINI - EXPERIENCES FROM 2012 TO 2023. Further Mr. Tomas Sladky published a blog in connection to the WFC and Ms. Plechan will write an article herself in December.

The ATC is planning to have its next online meeting in January.

**CB decided:** To approve the report,

**e) Development Committee (DevC)**

Mr. Houman reported that the meeting at the beginning of November was cancelled by Steen Houman due to personal reasons. Together with Veli Halonen and Steve King, a new meeting will be held, the purpose of which is to discuss the IFF strategy 2021-2032, and the meeting with RACC will also be pushed to the new year.

Mr. Halonen reported that the IFF ran a referee clinic during the first weekend of the WFC for 30 referees from the AOFC area. The referees came from Australia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Korea, Thailand and Singapore. The referees were mainly national referees, but also some international. The feedback was really positive and try to organise some education on a local level, maybe in Singapore as they have continuous playing.

**CB decided:** To approve the report

**f) Entourage Commission (ENC)**

Mr. Hidir reported on the work in relation to the IFF Entourage Commission and the ideas that has been prepared.

**CB decided:** To approve the report

**§ 10. Functions**

**a) Communication & Media function**

Mr. Kratz reported on behalf of Mr. Kihm that the Daily business has the previous weeks fully been concentrated on the planning on the media operations for the WFC.

IFF is now using the Magnifi clipping tool, which will provide high-lights clips to be used in the Social Media.

**Proposal** : To approve the report

**b) Marketing function**

Nothing reported

**CB decided**: To approve the report

**c) Material function**

Mr. Liljelund reported that a meeting with the Floorball material manufacturers to discuss the way forward concerning the testing and approval system for the Floorball Material was held in November and it agreed to collect ideas on how to move forward and continue the discussions next year.

Mr. Lars-Åke Henriksson has reported that Exel has made its first payment of the outstanding payments in November, in accordance with the payment plan agreed upon between IFF and Exel.

**CB decided**: To approve the report

**d) Equality function**

Nothing reported

**CB decided**: To approve the report

**e) Parafloorball function**

Mr. Houman reported that the budget for the World Winter Games 2025 is approximately 30% lower than the bid Italy had sent in, this has meant that the quota has been reduced by 28%, and this affects dance, figure skating, floorball and speed skating. The pregames will be held March 5-8 2024 in Sestriere, Italy.

Mr. Houman will have a meeting with the Special Olympic Asia on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> in the WFC venue.

**CB decided**: To approve the report

**f) Sustainability function**

Nothing reported

**CB decided:** To approve the report

**§ 11. IFF Office**

Nothing reported

**CB decided:** To approve the report

**§ 12. Members**

**Membership questions**

Mr. Halonen reported that the situation in Cameroon has not developed since the organization with the official recognition of the government, has so far not applied for the membership.

In Burkina Faso, the situation is more complicated. The present member organization, CNPF, has a written recognition from the ministry of sport, but they don't have any funding, nor players. They have not been able to pay any fees to the IFF since they became members of the IFF in 2018 and have not been in contact regarding a payment plan even though the IFF office has urged them to do so several times.

They also registered to the Africa Cup in 2023 but withdrew from the event just 10 days prior the event and the other organization, ABF, sent both men's and women's teams to Africa Cup, which eventually won both categories. ABF has most of the players in Burkina Faso and they also receive funding from ECOWAS, which is a financial joint organisation of West African nations. Due to the civil war in Burkina Faso, the government has informed that they will only support football in 2024 and possible Olympic Games representation which however seems very unlikely. To secure the positive development in Burkina Faso, the IFF office proposes to change the IFF member in Burkina Faso to be the ABF instead of CNPF.

Mr. King asked if the new member would be taking over the debts of the previous member. Mr. Halonen answered that this is the case.

**CB decided:** To approve the report and replace the Burkina Faso membership

**Members under suspension**

Nothing reported

**New Member applications**

Nothing reported

**§ 13. Next meeting**

Mr. Eriksson to conclude that the next planned ordinary CB meeting for 2024 (M1), has been planned to be held in Bangkok during the AIMAG. As the event has been moved, Mr. Eriksson proposes to hold the meeting in Malaga, Spain instead on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of March.

The plan for the CB meetings in 2024 looks like the following, in accordance with the query sent out after the previous CB meeting:

02.-03.03.	Malaga, Spain
26.-28.04.	Stockholm, Sweden
07.-08.09.	Madrid, Spain
02.-03.11.	Helsinki, Finland
13.12.	Malmö, Sweden
14.12.	GA Malmö
15.12.	New CB

**CB decided:** To approve the report

#### **§ 14. Closing of the meeting**

Mr. Eriksson closed the meeting at 12:55

**John Liljelund**  
Secretary General

**Tomas Eriksson**  
President