

## Minutes

### 1. Meeting Board of Directors dated 15 January 2016 13:30 – 16:30 (MET) via Skype-conference

**members:** Karl Weiß, Carlos Hexsel, Jörn Verleger, Franz Peter Iten, Winfried Kronsteiner, Roger Willen, Alwin Oberkersch, Tricia Groeber, Franco Giori

**excused:** Dr. Giana Hexsel,

#### Approved agenda

1. Opening
2. Introduction of the new members of the Board of Directors
3. Approval of the agenda
4. Minutes of the last Board meeting - approval
5. IFA Strategic Plan 2015 - 2018 – adoption
6. IFA Standing Orders – adoption
7. IFA Congress 2015 – adoption of the minutes
8. Financial Status 2015 – reporting
9. IFA Budget 2016 – adoption
10. IFA Sports Commission – adoption of future structure
11. IFA Women in Sport Commission - forming
12. IFA Youth and Sport Commission – forming
13. IFA Sport for All Commission - forming
14. IFA Ethics Commission - forming
15. IFA Entourage Commission – forming
16. IFA regional associations – forming and preliminary appointment of representatives
17. IFA Corporate Design (Logo, email-signature, paper, business cards) – adoption
18. IFA Anti-Doping Plan 2016 – adoption
19. Reporting
  - a. Report by the President
    - i. Legal seat and headquarter (statues: IFA's legal seat is located in Austria. The location of the IFA headquarter is decided by the Board of Directors.)
  - b. Report by the Vice-President
    - i. Panamerican Fistball Association

- c. Report by the Treasurer
  - i. IFA Financial Orders
- d. Report by the Chair of the Sports Commission
  - i. IFA 2016 Fistball Men's European Championship – discussion (dated 15:00)
  - ii. IFA 2016 Fistball U18 Men's / Women's World Championship Germany
  - iii. IFA 2016 Fistball World Cup Man and Women
  - iv. IFA 2016 Women's World Championship Brazil
  - v. IFA 2016 Fistball Masters World Cup
  - vi. Book of rules – discussion about alternatives
- e. Report by the Chair of the Communications Commission
- f. Report by the Chairwomen of the Athletes' Commission
- g. Report by the Chairwomen of the Medical and Anti-Doping Commission
- h. Report by the Secretary General
  - i. IF-Forum 2015 in Lausanne
  - ii. IFA Anti-Doping Program 2015
  - iii. IOC Recognition Process
- i. Report by Alwin Oberkersch
  - i. IFA Fair Play campaign
  - ii. Census
  - iii. New federations

## 20. Miscellaneous

<b>1. Opening</b> The President opens the meeting and declares that the meeting is in compliance with the regulations.
<b>2. Introduction of the new members of the Board of Directors</b> The new members of the Board introduce themselves. According to the statutes all members have a voting rights.
<b>3. Approval of the agenda</b> The proposed agenda is approved.
<b>4. Minutes of the last Board meeting – approval</b> See appendix 01. The last meeting of the Board of Directors took place in Vienna dated 18/19 September 2015. There are no comments.
<b>5. IFA Strategic Plan 2015 - 2018 – adoption</b> A working group composed by Karl, Alwin, Winnie and Jörn developed the draft with the help of Volker Bernardi during a meeting in Munich dated 30 December 2015 .  The plan outlines the common aims of the IFA Board of Directors members. It adjusts IFA policies reflecting and acknowledging the changes of international principles of sport governance as set out by the Olympic Agenda 2020 and the Basic Principles of Good Governance as well as the Olympic Charter, the key framework established by the International Olympic Committee.

<p>IFA is continuously committed to executing the key principles of this framework in its governance structures as an International Sport Federation (IF) and its day-to-day management. This approach taken by IFA is to contribute to the fulfilment of requirements for the recognition of IFA by the IOC as recognised IF.</p> <p>See appendix 02.</p> <p>Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.</p>
<p><b>6. IFA Standing Orders – adoption</b></p> <p>See appendix 03.</p> <p>After discussion about voting procedure in case of equal votes to Board adds in point 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– If a ballot ends in a draw, the vote of the chair of the meeting should decide.</li><li>– A decision making process outside a meeting is possible. A proposal is accepted if a simple majority (&gt;50%) of total votes is in favor of the proposal.</li></ul> <p>Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.</p>
<p><b>7. IFA Congress 2015 – adoption of the Minutes</b></p> <p>See appendix 04.</p> <p>Voting: The minutes are accepted unanimously.</p>
<p><b>8. Financial Status 2015 – reporting</b></p> <p>The authority of the former Treasurer to sign the Deutsche Bank account ended 31 December 2015. The authority to sign the UBS account was not changed so far.</p> <p><b>Proposal:</b></p> <p>The Board mandates the Treasurer to evaluate the need and possible liquidation of the UBS account in SUI.</p> <p>The Board agrees to give a free of interest loan of money in the amount of 7.500,- € from IFA to EFA. The Board mandates the Treasurer to fix details in a contract between IFA and EFA.</p> <p>Voting: The proposals are accepted unanimously.</p>
<p><b>9. IFA Budget 2016 - adoption</b></p> <p>See appendix 12 a.</p> <p>A proposal for the subdivided according is added as appendix 12b.</p> <p>Voting: The proposals are accepted unanimously.</p>
<p><b>10. IFA Sports Commission – adoption of future structure</b></p> <p>See appendix 05.</p> <p>The draft of the proposal is presented by the Chair of the Sports Commission.</p> <p><b>Proposal:</b></p> <p>The Board discusses the general concept and mandates the Chair of the Sports Commission to find the missing members of the sub Commissions. The final structure will be presented at the next Board meeting.</p> <p>Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.</p>
<p><b>11. IFA Women in Sport Commission - forming</b></p> <p><b>Tasks:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– to help the Board keep the women´s perspective in mind</li></ul>

- to support the preparation of the IFA Fistball Women´s World Championships
- the evaluation of the IFA women events

**Proposal:**

**Heike Müller (GER) Chairwomen**

**Tanja Hofer (AUT)**

**Maria Antonia Bedoya Ramirez (COL)**

**Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.**

#### **12. IFA Youth and Sport Commission – forming**

**Tasks:**

- to increase the attractiveness of Fistball for young people
- to develop new formats of Fistball for young people
- to run an IFA Youth Camp
- to run a professional IFA U18 World Championship every two years
- to cooperate with the International School Sports Federation ISF to promote Fistball in schools
- to prepare Fistball to be part of the Youth Olympic Games 2018 in Buenos Aires

**Proposal:**

**IFA invitation to the member federations and individuals for proposals until 31 March 2016 send out by mailing to the member federations and published on the IFA website.**

**The IFA President will discuss with Mr. Uwe Schmidt (GER) to take over the Chair of the Youth and Sport Commission.**

**Voting: The proposals are accepted unanimously.**

#### **13. IFA Sport for All Commission – forming**

**Tasks:**

- to develop the Fistball Masters events
- to support the preparation of the IFA Masters events
- to prepare the membership of IFA in the International Masters Games Association (IMGA)
- to prepare a Fistball masters event at the World Masters Games and the European Masters Games

**Proposal:**

**IFA invitation to the member federations and individuals for proposals until 31 March 2016 send out by mailing to the member federations and published on the IFA website.**

**Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.**

#### **14. IFA Ethics Commission - forming**

**Tasks: according to IFA Code of Ethics and IFA Juridical Regulations**

**Proposal:**

**Volker Bernardi (GER, Sec. Gen World Flying Disc Federation) Chair**

**Dr. Gerd Zimmermann (GER, President World Minigolf Sports Federation)**

**Herman Ram (NED, President of an Anti-doping authority)**

<p><b>Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.</b></p>
<p><b>15. IFA Entourage Commission – forming</b></p> <p><b>Background information:</b></p> <p>The Entourage comprises all the people associated with the athletes, including, without limitation, managers, agents, coaches, physical trainers, medical staff, scientists, sports organizations, sponsors, lawyers and any person promoting the athletes' sporting career, including family members.</p> <p>The IFA has established IFA Guidelines for the Conduct of the Athletes' Entourage in June 2015.</p> <p>To supervise the execution of these guidelines and advise members of the Entourage on its rules and procedures IFA will establish an Entourage Commission. This commission will be comprised of such members as determined by the IFA Executive Board and will be selected under procedures determined by such Board. Any final decision on questions related to the Athletes' Entourage will be taken by the IFA Executive Board based on the procedures of the IFA Conduct Policy.</p> <p><b>Tasks according IFA Standing Orders:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– to discuss and improve all issues related to the male and female Fistball players concerning the performance of the athletes</li><li>– to support the Host Cities concerning a side and social program for the Fistball family</li></ul> <p>The Board discussed the current situation. The discussion should be continued during the next Board meeting.</p>
<p><b>16. IFA regional associations – forming and preliminary appointment of representatives</b></p> <p><b>Proposal:</b></p> <p>Appointment of the following persons as non-voting members of the Board of Directors with the special tasks to build up regional associations</p> <p>Rolf Petersen (AUS) for Oceania/Asia</p> <p>Anke Baas (NAM) for Africa</p> <p>Lorena Mödinger Rondanelli (CHI) for Panamerica</p> <p><b>Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.</b></p>
<p><b>17. IFA Corporate Design (Logo, email-signature, paper, business cards) – adoption</b></p> <p>See appendix 13.</p> <p><b>Proposal:</b></p> <p>The Board accepts the proposals. The Board mandates the Marketing sub-commission to make a proposal for IFA Branding Guidelines.</p> <p><b>Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.</b></p>
<p><b>18. IFA Anti-Doping Plan 2016 – adoption</b></p> <p>See appendix 06.</p> <p>The proposal includes the recommendations of the IFA-WADA meeting in November 2015 in Lausanne.</p> <p>3 female (from Brazil, Swiss and Chile) and 1 reliable male athlete from Brazil have to be added to the testing pool (see yellow marks).</p> <p>The Board members are pleased to help finding the missing members of the testing pool until end of January.</p>

<p>The final adoption of the IFA Anti-Doping Plan 2016 will be email decision making process.</p> <p>The new WADA Prohibited List 2016 was published on the IFA website.</p>
<b>19. Reporting</b>
<b>a. Report by the President</b>
<p><b>i. Legal seat and headquarter</b></p> <p>According to the new statues the IFA legal seat is located in Austria. The location of the IFA headquarter is decided by the Board of Directors.</p> <p>The President will have further consultations concerning the subsidies during the next weeks.</p> <p><b>ii. Licensing and ball rights</b></p> <p>Karl Weiss explains the difference between both issues.</p> <p>The licensing is task of IFA. IFA will approve all official balls. Responsible for this is the Sports Commission.</p> <p>The ball rights 2016 have been discussed and agreed with Sportastic by Franco Giori.</p> <p>The Board agrees that in the future each partner (IFA, EFA, regional associations) should negotiate the balls rights for the respective competitions by themselves.</p>
<b>b. Report by the Vice-President</b>
<p><b>i. Panamerican Fistball Association</b></p> <p>See topic 16.</p>
<b>c. Report by the Treasurer</b>
<p><b>i. IFA Financial Orders</b></p> <p>According to a meeting with the President, Sec. Gen. and Mr. Willen dated 29 December 2015 in Zurich the Treasurer will draft a new proposal for mid of 2016.</p>
<b>d. Report by the Chair of the Sports Commission</b>
<p><b>i. IFA 2016 Fistball Men's European Championship – discussion</b></p> <p>The Championship was awarded and contracted by IFA. Contracting partner is the ÖBB.</p> <p>Between IFA and EFA it was agreed that the financial benefit concerning the fees etc. will go to EFA.</p> <p>The invitation for the nations was sent out by EFA.</p> <p>It is unanimously accepted that no further discussion is needed concerning the contracted situation, the competition management, the naming of the event or the presence of EFA during the competition.</p>
<p><b>ii. IFA 2016 Fistball U18 Men's / Women's World Championship Germany</b></p> <p>The President and the Secretary General report about a meeting with the Local Organising committee (LOC) dated 21. January 2016 in Nuremberg (GER).</p>
<p><b>iii. IFA 2016 Fistball World Cup Man and Women</b></p> <p>See appendices 07a-f.</p>

	<p><b>Proposal:</b> In general the Board accepts the proposal as a first draft. The draft should be forwarded to the Communications Commission for revision and amendments. The mailing will be finalised by the Chair of the Sports Commission and the Secretary General.</p> <p><b>Voting:</b> The proposals are accepted unanimously.</p>
<p>iv.</p>	<p><b>IFA 2016 Fistball Women´s World Championship Brazil</b></p>
	<p>v. <b>IFA 2016 Fistball Masters World Cup</b></p> <p>See appendices 08a and 08b.</p> <p><b>Proposal:</b></p> <p>In general the Board accepts the proposal as a first draft. The draft should be forwarded to the Communications Commission for revision and amendments. The mailing will be finalised by the Chair of the Sports Commission and the Secretary General.</p> <p><b>Voting:</b> The proposals are accepted unanimously.</p>
	<p>vi. <b>Book of rules – discussion about alternatives</b></p>
<p>e.</p>	<p><b>Report by the Chair of the Communications Commission</b></p> <p>See appendix 14.</p>
	<p>f. <b>Report by the Chairwomen of the Athletes' Commission</b></p>
	<p>g. <b>Report by the Chairwomen of the Medical and Anti-Doping Commission</b></p>
	<p>h. <b>Report by the Secretary General</b></p>
<p>i.</p>	<p><b>IF-Forum 2015 in Lausanne</b></p> <p>The IF-Forum 2015 dated 11 – 13 November 2015 in Lausanne focused on good governance of sport organizations.</p>
<p>ii.</p>	<p><b>IFA Anti-Doping Program 2015</b></p> <p>The testing program was fulfilled in 2015 including a blood sample. Problems raised concerning a not correctly closed transportation box from ARG but the IFA agreed that these samples should nevertheless be analysed.</p>
<p>iii.</p>	<p><b>IOC Recognition Process</b></p> <p>The new IOC questionnaire is expected to be sent out during the next days.</p>
	<p>iv. <b>Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions</b></p> <p>In its bid to strengthen the integrity and credibility of sport and for the successful protection of clean athletes, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) published the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions on 17 December 2015 (see appendix 11). This new Code has to be implemented in the “IFA Rules against illegal and irregular betting and match-fixing”, the “IFA Code of Conduct on Sports Betting Integrity” and the IFA Juridical Regulations.</p> <p>See appendices 09 and 10.</p> <p><b>Proposal:</b></p> <p>The Board accepts the proposals. The Board mandates the Secretary General to revise the IFA Juridical Regulations and to make a proposal for new IFA Juridical Regulations.</p> <p><b>Voting:</b> The proposals are accepted unanimously.</p>

<p>i. Report by Alwin Oberkersch</p>
<p>i. IFA Fair Play campaign</p> <p>Referring to the behaviour of different sportsmen during the IFA 2015 Men's World Championship the need of an IFA Fair Play campaign was discussed.</p>
<p>ii. Census</p> <p>The annual census was send out 09 December 2015. Feedback should be send until 31 December 2015. 20 feedbacks so fare.</p>
<p>iii. New nations</p> <p>Report about activities in Greece and Togo.</p>
<p>20. Miscellaneous</p> <p>No further comments.</p>

  
Karl Weiss  
President

  
Jörn Verleger  
Secretary General