

Minutes

3rd Meeting Board of Directors dated 12 November 15:00 – 18:00 (MET) via Skype-conference

members: Karl Weiß, Jörn Verleger, Winfried Kronsteiner, Roger Willen, Franco Giori, Franz Peter Iten, Alwin Oberkersch, Rolf Petersen,

excused: Carlos Hexsel, Dr. Giana Hexsel, Lorena Mödinger Rondanelli, Anke Baas

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<p>1. Opening and approval of the agenda</p> <p>The President opens the meeting. The proposed agenda is approved.</p>
<p>2. Minutes of the last Board meeting – approval</p> <p>The last Board meeting was dated 6 May 2016. The minutes were sent out 24 May 2016. There are no comments.</p> <p>According to the Standing Orders the minutes are accepted and published on the website if no member of the Board disagrees within 14 days after receiving the minutes.</p>
<p>3. IFA Headquarter in Linz – decision</p> <p>i. Finances</p> <p>IFA was provided the possibility to get a subsidy of 50 T € from the State of Austria/Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Defence to support the hosting of the IFA office in Austria. This means 50 % up to a maximum of 50 T € of the total costs of more than 100 T € for the IFA office are supportable.</p> <p>ii. Tasks</p> <p>A working group composed by Karl, Winnie, Alwin, Roger and Jörn developed in a meeting dated Saturday 11. November 9 am – 3 pm a proposal for the tasks run by the IFA Headquarter in Linz.</p> <p>Under the responsibility of the Secretary General the Headquarter will be focus on event management including event marketing and all event related communication with the member federations.</p> <p>iii. Staff</p> <p>The working group presents the proposal to hire Mr. Christoph Oberlehner as fulltime IFA Administrative Director. The contract should be time limited according to the subsidy from the State of Austria starting 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2019.</p> <p>Proposal:</p> <p>The treasurer and the Secretary General are asked to develop a final financial concept for the IFA Office until the end of 2016 under the leadership of IFA President Karl Weiss</p> <p>Mr. Christoph Oberlehner will be hired as fulltime IFA Administrative Director from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2019.</p> <p>The Secretary General is asked to work out the details of the contract.</p> <p>The IFA administrative team is complement by a contract with Volker Bernardi concerning the international communication especially with the IOC. The contract has a value of 1.100,00 € per month and a duration from 1st January 2017 to 31st December 2017.</p> <p>Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.</p>
<p>4. IFA Events 2017 – discussion and decision</p> <p>i. IFA 2017 Fistball Men´s World Cup</p> <p>ii. IFA 2017 Fistball Women´s World Cup</p> <p>iii. IFA 2017 Fistball Master´s World Cup</p> <p>On the basis of this year´s events the future of the events was discussed in different aspects.</p> <p>The IFA Board of Directors is convinced that quality of the events need improvement starting with starting in 2018 and with qualifiers starting in 2017. The 2017 edition should be</p>

played according to the existing system as one team per continental federation (Africa, Asia, Oceania, Europe, North and South America) is eligible.

The following points have been agreed within the discussion:

8 teams shall participate in the event.

Continental cup holders shall continue to be directly qualified for the World Cups.

A World Cup Series should be established to offer the opportunity to qualify for world cup in a different way.

Women's and men's competitions should be carried out at the same time/venue on the basis of the same conditions.

The economic conditions for host/participants must be adopted.

Proposal:

The Chair of the Sports Commission is asked to develop a written concept until 30th November 2016 to be sent out to all member federations and the IFA Athletes' Commission for feedback until end of January 2017.

Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.

5. Financial Report 2015 – report and approval

See appendix 2.

Proposal: The Board of Directors approves the Financial Report 2015.

Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.

6. Situation Fistball in India – report and decision

IFA has carefully studied the outcome of the FFI Congress dated Sunday 4th September 2016 in Dehli.

IFA has learned that Mr. Karam Singh has been “elected” as President, Mr. Parag Wankhade as Working President and Mr. Sandeep Bhosale as Secretary General. A real voting has not taken place due to fact that no candidates have been submitted by the regional associations as foreseen in the election guidelines sent out prior to the Congress.

The duties of the named representatives are not clear, as FFI did not send any standing orders or statutes as promised.

With reference to the IFA Anti-Harassment Policy and Procedures as approved by the IFA Board of Directors Mr. Karam Singh, promised in meetings with the IFA President and the IFA Secretary General not to integrate Mr. Parag Wankhade for these elections in the governing bodies of FFI.

IFA has also has learned and recognized that FFI was not participating in the IFA 2016 Fistball Women's World Championship in Brazil which was also agreed between IFA and FFI in Nuremberg.

This means FFI did not fulfil two of the main duties agreed between FFI and IFA in Nuremberg.

FFI did also no show interest to participate in the 2nd Fistball Asia Cup for which the invitation was sent out by Mr. Usman Ahmed (PAK) to take place from 14th to 18th November 2016 in the Imperial College of Business Studies, Lahore, Pakistan.

The second federation named “The Fistball Federation of India” was founded and registered under the leadership of Secretary General T. Bala Vinayakam in June 2016. The membership is composed by some former FFI members. The IFA membership of this federation was provisionally accepted by the Executive Board to allow this federation to participate with an U18 men's team at the IFA 2016 Fistball U18 Men's World

Championship Germany in Nuremberg expecting that the FFI like all the recent years will not show interest or like the last year cancel its participation in the last minute.

As you know things went different this year and two male teams from India participated in Nurmberg.

Dated 9 November 2016 the new federation confirmed in written that they have planned to develop fistball in India by implementing fistball in schools and colleges as well as conducting state and national level championships "but we are waiting for IFA board members to decide which federation to continue in India which will be helping to develop this game without any problems."

Furthermore, they expressed their interest to host the Asian Fistball Championship 2017 in India (Chennai).

According § 18 "Termination of membership" of the IFA Statues the membership terminates upon:

e) Loss of status as a national federation.

Different from a) to c) in which cases the expulsions decision has to be taken at the Congress with a two-third majority it is not foreseen that this determination has to be made by IFA Congress. As it is not fixed otherwise in the IFA Status, which body should take that determination the IFA Board of Directors as the highest ranked body has the capacity to take this determination.

Proposal:

The IFA Board of Directors remembers all member federations to act according to the principles of good governance as laid down in the IFA Code of Ethics.

The IFA Board of Directors is afraid that FFI lost the status as national federation in India.

The IFA Board of Directors mandates the IFA Secretary General to hear the FFI according to point 31 IFA Juridical Regulations regarding the above mentioned concern.

In the case that FFI does not answer within 14 days the IFA Board of Directors determines the loss of status of FFI as a national federation in India coming into force 31 December 2016.

In the case that FFI answers within 14 days a final decision will be taken by the Board of directors in decision making process outside a meeting.

In the case that the FFI membership terminates 31 December 2016 the IFA Board of Directors confirms according § 15 Admission of member federations the provisional membership of "The Fistball Federation of India" coming into force 1 January 2017. The membership has to be confirmed by the next Congress and the provisional membership of the federation will be reviewed by the Board of Directors at the end of 2017.

Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.

7. The World Games 2017 – report and decision concerning cooperation with the Schools Sport Association Wrocławski Szkolny Związek Sportowy

According to an information dated 24 October 2016 the Worclaw Organiozing Committee needs to point out a particular partner to each discipline. As there is no fistball federation in Poland so fare (see also appendix 10) the Organizing Committee suggested to take the local Schools Sport Association (Szkolny Związek Sportowy – in polish) to promote the disciplines and the whole evet itself.

You can find a draft for this letter as Appendix 03.

Proposal:

The Board agrees with the proposal.

Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.

8. Fee concerning international matches – report and decision

EFA has developed a paper “Länderspiele” (see appendix 04) and requests to change the IFA Competition Rules (IFCR) as valid as for 11 November 2011 (see appendix 05) by deleting point 2.2 International Matches which is as following

2.2.1 International matches are competitions between teams of all age levels, for men and women, pertaining to member federations of IFA, who are free to agree them.

2.2.2 Once a match has been agreed, the organizing member federation shall notify the IFA general secretariat of its time and venue.

2.2.3 After the match the organizing member federation shall

2.2.3.1 forward the original competition reports to the responsible member of the Committee and communicate the names of the referees without delay,

2.2.3.2 pay a fee according to Art. 8, par. 1.2 below to IFA within four weeks of the match taking place.

8.1.2 The hosting member federation of friendly international matches shall compensate IFA with a fee of 50 Euros.

EFA requests to make the Regional Associations responsible for friendly matches.

The Board discussed controversially.

Proposal:

The Board in general agrees to review the IFA Competition Rules (IFCR) and asks the Secretary General and the IFA Sports Commission to make a proposal for the next meeting of the Board.

Friendly matches should be under the authority of the Regional Associations including the respective fee of 50 Euro per match. The Regional Associations should think about which service for the host is covered by the fee and make this clear in advance.

The Board asks EFA to review the paper “Länderspiele” in general as some of the points may be mistakable.

Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.

9. Ball rights 2017 – report and decision

IFA has approved two new balls (see appendix 06) and signed a contract with Drohnn as new ball partner starting 1 November 2016 (see appendix 07).

This includes a bidding process for the IFA events 2017 and beyond.

All events of Regional Associations are not part of this bidding process and have to be agreed directly by the Regional Associations.

Proposal:

The Secretary General will develop a bidding process to generate more revenues and make the decision making process transparent.

IFA will provide all three official ball partners to make a proposal concerning the different IFA 2017 events.

The bidding process for The World Games 2017 should start as soon as possible and end before mid of December.

Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.

10. Participation of Team USA at the EFA 2017 Fistball U18 European Championship - decision

<p>The USA member federation ask for approval to participate in the EFA 2017 Fistball U18 European Championship as it fits more into the time schedule of school holidays in USA. EFA agrees to that proposal.</p> <p>Proposal:</p> <p>IFA agrees to participate team USA at the EFA 2017 Fistball U18 European Championship but asks the member federation USA to analyse what could be done to participate with a team in future events of the Pan-American Fistball Association.</p> <p>The Board expects a proposal concerning the 2019 U18 events until December 2017.</p> <p>Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.</p>
11. Reporting
a. Report by the President
<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. IFA 2016 Fistball Women´s World Championship Brazil 25 – 30 Octii. IFA 2016 Fistball Men's World Cup Cape Town (RSA) 14 - 15 Octiii. IF Forum Lausanne 9 – 11 November 2016
b. Report by the Vice-President
<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Founding of the Panamerican Fistball Association The founding of the Regional Fistball Association will take place on Friday, 18th November , 08:00 PM, at the dependences of the Club Manquehue in Chile within the framework of the 2016 –IFA -SOUTHAMERICA CHAMPIONSHIP AND CUP. See appendix 08.
c. Report by the Treasurer
<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Financial Report 2016 – Current Status. See appendix 09.
d. Report by the Chair of the Sports Commission
<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. IFA 2016 Fistball Men´s European Championship Grieskirchen 26-28 Aug – report
e. Report by the Chair of the Communications Commission
f. Report by the Chairwomen of the Medical and Anti-Doping Commission
g. Report by the Secretary General
<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. IFA Athletes' Commission The participants of the IFA 2016 Fistball Women´s World Championship Brazil have elected four new female members of the IFA Athletes´ Commission: Katharina Lackinger (AUT) Ines Mayer (AUT) Hinrike Seitz (GER) Celina Traxler (SUI) IFA has thanked Tricia Groeber (USA) being the Chair of the inaugural IFA Athletes´ Commission until the elections.ii. IOC Recognition Process IFA was invited by a second debriefing session at the IOC Headquarter in Lausanne held on 21 September 2016. See appendix 09.

iii. Federation in Poland

IFA is very glad to have the option for a Polish Team in future Fistball events such as The World Games. But IFA expects a development of the Polish Federation regardless of this singular event. IFA wants to help every single active person in Poland to create a sustainable and powerful Fistball federation in Poland. IFA invited several people which have shown interest in the development of Fistball in Poland or even contributed to the development of Fistball in the past to be part of this process and give a feedback until 18 November 2016. See appendix 10.

iv. IFA 2016 Fistball U18 Men's / Women's World Championship Germany 20 – 24 July

v. IFA 2020 Fistball Men's World Championship Swiss – contract

A half English and half German draft of the contract was provided to the SUI member federation on 14 October 2016 (see appendix 11). On 11 November 2016 the Secretary General was informed that the Swiss member federation is still waiting for a complete German version. This will be provided until the end of next week.

vi. IFA Athletes' and Entourage Congress 2016

Congress was conducted as a survey under the participating federations. It will be completed by a survey of the Sports Commission concerning preparation, new rules, ball weight and general improvements. See

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DP9xMRCeYUCa-2a2sSsDqfywGw859uxKrNfEyXnTXexUNVIURUY201JaUTRCQjIBUzFGVD-IUNERTNS4u>

vii. World Games 2017 Wroclaw/POL 20 – 25 July

Bulletin 1 should be send out before the end of the year.

viii. IFA 2018 Fistball U18 Men's / Women's World Championship – bidding process

The document is not finished yet.

ix. IFA 2018 Fistball Women's World Championship bidding – bidding process

The document is not finished yet.

x. Request SUI dated 5 June 2016 concerning player Roberto Dunn

See appendix 12. The chair of the Sports Commission suggested to accept this proposal if the player wants to participate in the IFA 2016 Fistball U18 World Championship in Nuremberg because of the facts:

- There is no Fistball federation in Jamaica
- He has a residence title for Switzerland and has an ongoing process for SUI citizenship
- He will have the right to play for Switzerland in the nearby future

IFA accepts this also as a sign for good integration of migrants.

h. Report by Alwin Oberkersch

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The founding of the Regional Association was delay due to the delay of the Asian Championship and the situation concerning India.

After the approval of the member federation of Belgium IFA had 55 Member Federations. Meanwhile the New Zealand Fistball Association. President is Blase Dowall: (blasedowall@yahoo.com)

According § 15 of the IFA Statues the provisional membership is to be approved by the Board of Directors, and to be confirmed by the next Congress.

Proposal:

The Board of Directors approves the provisional membership of the New Zealand Fistball Association.

Voting: The proposal was accepted unanimously.

iv. Panamerica

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