

### Minutes

#### 2nd Meeting Board of Directors dated 6 May 2016 14:00 – 17:15 (MET)

via Skype-conference

**members:** Karl Weiß, Jörn Verleger, Winfried Kronsteiner, Roger Willen, Franco Giori,  
**excused:** Franz Peter Iten, Alwin Oberkersch, Carlos Hexsel, Tricia Groeber, Dr. Giana Hexsel, Rolf Petersen, Lorena Mödinger Rondanelli, Anke Baas

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**1. Opening and approval of the agenda**

The President opens the meeting and declares that the meeting is in compliance with the regulations. The proposed agenda is approved.

**2. Minutes of the last Board meeting – approval**

The last Board meeting was dated 15 January 2016. The minutes were sent out 5 February 2016. There were no comments.

According to the Standing Orders the minutes will be accepted and published on the website if no member of the Board disagrees within 14 days after receiving the minutes.

One comment was made after the deadline:

As Chair of the IFA Youth and Sport Commission the Board voted for Uwe Schneider (GER) wrongly spelt as Uwe Schmidt (GER) in the minutes.

Proposal:

The Board approves the changed minutes and publishes them on the website.

Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.

**3. Financial Report I/2016 – report and decision**

The bank accounts at the Deutsche Bank dated 31 March 2016 were as following:

Account	01.01.2016	31.03.2016
Kontokorrentkonto	43.761,11 €	43.272,01 €
db GeldmarktSparen	10.552,22 €	10.552,22 €
db PrivatMandat Depot	35.246,34 €	34.937,17 €
	<b>89.559,67 €</b>	<b>88.761,40 €</b>

The account db PrivatMandat Depot concerns bond paper Nr. 926268. The development is unsatisfactory.

Proposal:

The treasurer suggests to sell these papers as soon as possible to avoid a further loss.

Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.

**4. IOC Recognition Process – report and decision**

The IOC informed that the 2016 IOC recognition procedure will develop in two phases, with the aim of submitting recognition requests to the IOC Executive Board in July 2016 and in December 2016.

Applicant IFs deciding to take part in Phase 1 of the 2016 procedure must submit their IOC Recognition Request File by 15 May 2016. Files submitted by the Applicant IFs which could potentially be recognised will be submitted to the IOC Executive Board during its meeting on 30 and 31 July 2016 in Rio.

Applicant IFs deciding to take part in Phase 2 of the recognition process must submit their IOC Recognition Request File by 31 August 2016. Files submitted by the Applicant IFs which could potentially be recognised will be submitted to the IOC Executive Board during its meeting from 6 to 8 December 2016 in Lausanne.

The current status of the questionnaire was sent out to the Board members on 5 May 2016.

IFA had 54 Member Federations at the end of 2015. Meanwhile the Belgian Fistball Association (BFA) was founded. Chairman is Bert Stoelen, Driehoekstraat 64 2240 Zandhoven Belgium, Tel: +32478665593, [stoelenbert@gmail.com](mailto:stoelenbert@gmail.com)

According § 15 Admission of member federations 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 approved the provisional membership of the Belgian Fistball Association (BFA).

The Board of Directors agrees to submit an application for IOC recognition of the International Fistball Association (IFA) in Phase 1 if the necessary 50 membership certificates are handed in by the Member Federations to IFA until Monday 9 May 2016 to prepare the necessary papers.

Voting: The proposals were accepted unanimously.

#### 5. IFA Anti-Doping Plan 2016 – adoption

2 reliable female (from Brazil and Chile) and 1 reliable male athlete from Brazil have to be added to the testing pool (see yellow marks).

The task was discussed during the Board members in January 2016. The Board members were asked to help finding the missing members of the testing pool until end of January.

SUI nominated a woman. No further proposal was made by BRA and CHI.

Proposal:

Patrick Biermann and Tatiana Schneider from Brazil will be asked by Karl Weiss and if they agree they will be added to the Testing Pool.

The Secretary General will ask Lorena Mödinger Rondanelli from Chile to make a further proposal for CHI.

Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.

#### 6. IFA Juridical Regulations – adoption

IFA has to develop an independent juridical system to fulfil the IOC requirements.

The proposal was not finished until this meeting.

Proposal:

The Board of Directors enables the Executive Committee to approve provisional IFA Juridical Regulations. The final version will be approved by the Board of Directors by a decision making process outside a meeting.

Vote: The proposal is accepted unanimously.

#### 7. IFA Youth and Sport Commission – forming

As Chair of the IFA Youth and Sport Commission the Board voted for Uwe Schneider (GER) in January. As Vice Chair of the IFA Youth and Sport Commission the member federation of Benin nominated its President Thomas Joly NGBONGA. As member the member federation of Brazil CDBT nominated the teacher Mr. Tales Amorim. Tales Amorim is a physical education teacher, majoring in Education (teacher training), master's degree in physical education and a PhD in Epidemiology, all courses at UFPel.

He had his first experiences with Fistball at school in 2002 and works directly with this sport since 2011, in IFSul-campus Camaqua (Brasil). In these five years, in addition to the student teams training, created an extension project that has as main objectives, spread Fistball at school through courses to teachers and physical education students, and practical workshops for children and adolescents, in a adapted form to the structural reality of schools. To date, these courses and workshops involved over 700 teachers and academics and 1,200 young people in nine cities, more than 30 schools and 4 universities. Created

the Campeonato Gaúcho de Punhobol Escolar (Fistball Scholar Championship at the Rio Grande do Sul state), which in 2016 will be in its third edition. Organized the Forum of Scholar Fistball in 2013. He participated in the 2013 World Games (Cali-Colombia) in the delegation of the Brazilian team. Led group of students for the World Punhobol in Argentina.

The Chair of the IFA Youth and Sport Commission plans to hold an IFA Youth Congress dated 22 July 2016 within the framework of the IFA 2016 Fistball U18 World Championships.

The tasks and aims of the IFA Youth and Sports Commission could only be reached if the IFA Member Federations share their ideas, work together and joint their resources.

Therefore the IFA Youth and Sports Commission invites all interested coaches, sportsmen etc. to participate in the IFA Youth Congress 2016 dated Friday 22 July 2016 around 6 pm to discuss and share the ideas of youth concepts from the IFA member federation to increase the youth appeal of fistball.

To prepare this Congress the Commission asks for proposals and ideas as well as the registration of participants until latest 31 May 2016 via the Chair Uwe Schneider ([u.schneider@ifa-fistball.com](mailto:u.schneider@ifa-fistball.com)).

Proposal:

The Board approves Thomas Joly NGBONGA (Benin) and Tales Amorim (Brazil) as members of the IFA Youth and Sport Commission. After the IFA Youth Congress 2016 the final forming of the Commission should be made.

Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.

#### 8. 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 (IMGGA)
- to prepare a Fistball masters event at the World Masters Games and the European Masters Games

By email dated 22 March 2016 with the deadline 31 March the member federations have been informed. No nomination has been made by the member federations.

It was suggested by Christoph Oberlehner to ask TAFISA Secretary General Wolfgang Baumann (GER) and Prof. Dr. Peter Kapustin from the University of Würzburg (GER) as consultants of the Commission.

The Commission including a Chairman/-women should be established by 15 May 2016.

Proposal:

The Board approves Peter Hinterholzer (AUT) as Chair of the IFA Sport for All Commission.

The Board approves Jose Luis Eitz (BRA) as members of the IFA Sport for All Commission.

Karl Weiss will ask a female masters participant to also become a member of the IFA Sports for All Commission. If this person agrees she will directly become member of the Commission.

Wolfgang Baumann (GER) and Prof. Dr. Peter Kapustin (GER) will be asked to become consultants of the IFA Sport for All Commission.

Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.

#### **9. IFA Entourage Commission - forming**

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.

The IFA has established IFA Guidelines for the Conduct of the Athletes' Entourage in June 2015.

To supervise the execution of these guidelines and advise members of the Entourage commission 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.

Tasks according IFA Standing Orders:

- to discuss and improve all issues related to the male and female Fistball players concerning the performance of the athletes
- to support the Host Cities concerning a side and social program for the Fistball community

No nomination has been made by the member federations so far.

The Commission including a chairperson should be established before 15 May 2016.

Proposal:

Leif Petersen (RSA) Chair – Player / President South Africa

Pia Augl (AUT) – Lawyer

Roberto Hoenigesz (ARG) - Manager Club Villa Ballester / Buenos Aires

Marianne Muster (SUI) - Physio

Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.

#### **10. IFA Victory Ceremony – decision**

Proposal:

See appendix 04.

IFA will provide a uniform IFA Backdrop for all IFA events in case the organizers do not produce a Backdrop, which also could be used for press conferences.

Size: 300 x 245 mm (print 300 x 190 mm)

Price: 191,- €

The payment of the price by the Local Organizers will be included in future Host City Contracts.

The Marketing Department will provide a draft until the next meeting.

Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.

#### **11. World Games 2017 Wroclaw/POL 20 – 25 July – report**

In the framework of the SportAccord 2016 the President, the Chair of the Communications Commission and the Secretary General had two meetings with the WOC represented by Vice President Adam Roczek, Sportsdirector Grzegorz Pyzalka and Edyta Musiol.

The Fistball events have been switched from the Morsowe field to the Olawka Stadium sports complex.

<p>The possibilities to have a floodlight have been discussed. The WOC will check if the final match could be played under floodlight even if it might be a different location.</p> <p>A proposal to have an international Fistball test event (club level or national teams) with 4-5 teams plus a host team in April 2017 in Wroclaw was developed to increase awareness in Wroclaw and to test the sports venue for fistball. Cost (transfer to/from hotel to/from airport/train station, hotel accommodation/full board for delegations) have to be approved by WOC Board.</p>
<p><b>12. World Games 2021 Birmingham/USA - report</b></p> <p>In the framework of the SportAccord 2016 the President and the Secretary General had a meetings with the OC represented by Scott Myers and Director of Sports Steve Mistrot as well as David Galbaugh from the City of Birmingham.</p> <p>A proposal to have an international Fistball test event (club level or national teams) with 4-5 teams plus a host team in in March/April 2019 in Birmingham was developed to increase awareness. On the national level together with the USA member federation a national awareness event should be developed for 2018. In general the OC agreed to cover the cost as following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- transfer to/from hotel to/from airport/train station,</li><li>- hotel accommodation/full board for delegations</li></ul>
<p><b>13. IFA 2018 Fistball U18 Men's / Women's World Championships – bidding process</b></p> <p><b>Proposal:</b></p> <p>The IFA Youth and Sport Commission is asked to make a proposal for the bidding process of the IFA 2018 Fistball U18 Men's / Women's World Championships together with the Secretary General. The bidding process should formally be opened in the framework of the IFA 2016 Fistball U18 Men's / Women's World Championships in Nürnberg.</p> <p><b>Voting:</b> The proposal is accepted unanimously.</p>
<p><b>14. IFA 2020 Fistball Women's World Championship bidding – bidding process</b></p> <p><b>Proposal:</b></p> <p>The IFA Women in Sport Commission is asked to make a proposal for the bidding process of the IFA 2020 Fistball Women's World Championships together with the Secretary General. The bidding process should formally be opened latest in August 2016 to be finished during the IFA 2020 Fistball Women's World Championships in Pomerode.</p> <p><b>Voting:</b> The proposal is accepted unanimously.</p>
<p><b>15. Reporting</b></p>
<p><b>a. Report by the President</b></p>
<p><b>i. SportAccord 2016 in Lausanne</b></p> <p>Karl Weiss reports about the IWGA, AIMS and Sportaccord General Assembly as well as the AIMS recognition as umbrella organisation by the IOC. IOC recognition will be necessary in the future to be part of the World Games Programme after a change of the IWGA statutes.</p> <p><b>ii. IFA 2016 Fistball Masters' World Cup Novo Hamburgo (BRA) 21 – 23 Oct</b></p> <p>Novo Hamburgo is facing huge economic problems. Currently Brazil see no chance to host the Masters' World Cup. Karl Weiss will discuss the situation again with Novo Hamburgo. Curitiba as an alternative will be checked by Karl Weiss as well.</p> <p>The Board also discussed alternatives apart from Brazil but finally the Board agreed to cancel the Masters' World Cup 2017 if no city in Brazil is in a position to host the event.</p>

<p>iii. Legal seat</p> <p>Starting with 1 January there is a new law in Austria concerning international organisations. Karl Weiss will have a meeting in Vienna dated 20 May 2016 to discuss all formal criteria including necessary changes of the statutes to have the legal seat of IFA in Austria.</p> <p>iv. Membership in the International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education (ICSSPE) – decision</p> <p>ICSSPE was founded in the late 1950s with the aims of maintaining an inclusive perspective on the different disciplines of sport, sport science and physical education, and of furthering a continuing collaboration between them. It brings together a wide range of scientific and professional organizations of various sport branches and disciplines, and creates the possibility for interdisciplinary collaboration. The membership fee is 242,- €.</p> <p>Proposal:</p> <p>IFA applies for membership in the International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education (ICSSPE).</p> <p>Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.</p>
<p>b. Report by the Vice-President</p> <p>i. IFA 2016 Fistball Women´s World Championship Brazil 25 – 30 Oct</p> <p>Concerning the Zika virus in Brazil see appendix 06. The information was confirmed by members of the IFA Medical and Anti-Doping Commission and will be added to the Official Bulletin. The Board of Directors sees actually no further action to be taken by IFA.</p> <p><i>Background information about Zika:</i></p> <p><i>In May 2015, the public health authorities of Brazil confirmed autochthonous transmission of Zika virus in the northeastern part of the country. As of 8 October, autochthonous cases of Zika virus had been detected in 14 states: Alagoas, Bahia, Ceará, Maranhão, Mato Grosso, Pará, Paraná, Paraíba, Pernambuco, Piauí, Rio de Janeiro, Rio Grande do Norte, Roraima, and São Paulo.</i></p> <p><i>Zika fever is a mosquito-borne viral disease caused by Zika virus, consisting of mild fever, rash (mostly maculo-papular), headaches, arthralgia, myalgia, asthenia, and non-purulent conjunctivitis, occurring about three to twelve days after the mosquito vector bite. One out of four people may not develop symptoms, but in those who are affected the disease is usually mild with symptoms that can last between two and seven days. Its clinical manifestation is often similar to dengue, also a mosquito-borne illness.</i></p>
<p>c. Report by the Treasurer</p> <p>i. New form “Spesenabrechnung / reimbursement of costs”</p> <p>The new form was introduced.</p>
<p>d. Report by the Chair of the Sports Commission</p>
<p>i. IFA 2016 Fistball Men´s European Championship Grieskirchen 26-28 Aug - report</p> <p>Winfried Kronsteiner reported about three LOC meetings he took part. The participation of 8 national teams is confirmed. The Secretary General is asked to prepare an invitation list for this event together with EFA/Franco.</p>



<p>ii. <b>IFA 2016 Fistball Men's World Cup Cape Town (RSA) 14 - 15 Oct - report</b></p> <p>Roger Willen reported about a crowd funding campaign for this event and the planned social programme. The venues is currently not clear.</p> <p>iii. <b>Licensing of balls - report</b></p> <p>Beside the existing ball manufacturers, the company Drohn has made a proposal for a licensed ball. The testing for this new ball is still ongoing. The licensing of the already licenced balls from Sportastic and Ludwig has been extended.</p> <p>iv. <b>Book of rules - report</b></p> <p>The new rules valid 1 April 2016 have been published in English and German on the website and sent to the member federations by email dated 22 March 2016. The App was also published. The App has to be improved in the near future.</p> <p>As reported in January a sub-commission "Change of Rules" was established by the Sports Commission.</p> <p>The sub-commission agreed unanimously on the following changes of the Rules and suggests to test this rules already during the IFA 2016 Fistball U18 World Championships in Nuremberg:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ 10 players being permitted per match: would improve the tactical opportunities for coaches, would reduce problems and chaos during game because every player at match report can get access to game</li><li>▪ implementation of coaching zone: special coaching zone from substitutes' bench to sideline - coaches must be in there - not more than two? - would bring better structure to general court setting</li><li>▪ Time out carried out outside the court - at substitutes' bench/coaching zone: would bring about a better organised structure - less chaos (cf therapists and substitutes entering the court carrying whatsoever) - players wait at sideline after the timeout - referee whistles - players enter court - restart within 15 seconds</li><li>▪ When jumping or running during service: Simultaneous ground contact with one leg in front of and the other on or behind the service line is regarded as valid: It is always difficult to decide if the landing is at the same time or not. Therefore it is better do decide for no mistake.</li></ul>
<p>e. <b>Report by the Chair of the Communications Commission</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Nicolas Bitsch was established as media contact person to the IWGA.</li><li>ii. Sönke Spille will be present in Brazil, Nicolas Bitsch in Nürnberg and Valentin Weber in Grieskirchen to do the IFA media work.</li><li>iii. A campaign is planned in the run-up to the IFA 2016 events with focus on Fistball players in different countries and video clips analyzing the participating teams.</li></ul>
<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>

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

1. Report
2. Petition Togo concerning age limit – decision

The member federation of Togo asked for the exception to play with 4 male and 3 female players born in 1997 (19 years) in the IFA 2016 Fistball U18 Men's / Women's World Championship Germany. E.g.

- Akara Robert born on 19 December 1997
- Akara Hubert born on 19 December 1997
- Apla komlan. born on 12 April 1997
- Samani Achile born on 10 May 1997

In the official Bulletin it is determined:

*Participation, Teams and Quota*

*The IFA 2016 Fistball U18 World Championships Germany is open to all Federations affiliated to IFA as members, each of which can nominate one team for the Women and Men section, respectively. The players have to be born in year 1998 or later.*

**Proposal:**

On a case by case decision the Board of Directors agrees to the submitted proposal of Togo to play with up to 4 male and up to 3 female players up to the age of 19 years in the IFA 2016 Fistball U18 World Championship in Nuremberg/Germany. This possibility is taken into consideration in the first year of a participation of a team in an U18 World Championships 2016 and in the case of a submitted proposal to the Board for a decision making process.

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

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

It was agreed that IFA will send a draft of the contract to Franco Giori by 8 June 2016.

iii. Cooperation with "Sport and Peace" Foundation – report

The Secretary General will ask Gastao Englert to prepare an application together for a refugee project.

i. Report by Alwin Oberkersch

i. IFA 2016 Fistball Women's World Cup Dennach 6 – 7 August

ii. Appointment of an IFA Development Directors

Since 2011 IFA has developed an IFA Development Programme applied on a case by case basis by the IFA Board of Directors supporting interested fistball players with equipment, balls and training camps.

With the appointment of an IFA Development Director in 2016 and an the integration of a particular budget IFA aims to establish a permanent IFA Development Programme to actively support the Member Federations with regard to their Federations Structure development and an Equipment support Programme.

Tasks of the IFA Development Director are:

- Establish IFA Development Programme for members

- Active support for Member Federations and Federation structure development

- Prepare an Equipment Support Programme

Proposal: Alwin Oberkersch will be appointed as IFA Development Director.

Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.

j. Report by IFA regional associations/representatives

i. EFA / Europe

EFA is planning to have a small EFA Congress within the framework of the European Championship in Grieskirchen.

ii. Africa

iii. Oceania/Asia

iv. Pan America

17. Miscellaneous

- a) In person Board meeting in Brazil during the IFA 2016 Fistball Women´s World Championship Brazil or the IFA 2016 Fistball U18 World Championships in Nuremberg – discussion

Because of the fact that some Board members will not be in Brazil or Nuremberg the Board asked the Executive Committee after discussion to prepare (if necessary) a present Board meeting with some Board members following the meeting by Skype.

- b) Profile to be published on the IFA website

All members of the Board are asked to provide their profile to be published on the IFA website.

- c) Fistball World Cup Series 2017 – The brainstorming was postponed to the next meeting.

- d) An Indian Youth Coach will be with the support of ÖFBB in Austria in the next days to improve his Fistball skills.

- e) Decisions taken by a decision making process outside a meeting:

The following decisions have been taken by majority of the members of the Board between the meeting dated 15 January 2016 and this meeting:

- World Cup 2016: The draft of the contract was accepted.
- Fistball Rules of the Game: The draft was accepted.

  
Karl Weiss  
President

  
Jörn Verleger  
Secretary General