

Minutes

4th Meeting Board of Directors dated 25 February 11:00 – 14:00 (MET)

via Skype-conference

(or at the Press Center of the Faustball Bundesliga Final3 tournament at Sporthalle Leonding)

members: Karl Weiß, Jörn Verleger, Winfried Kronsteiner, Franco Giori, Alwin Oberkersch, Carlos Hexsel, Rolf Petersen, Ines Mayer and Christoph Oberlehner (as IFA Administrative Director)

excused: Franz Peter Iten, Roger Willen, Dr. Giana Hexsel, Cristiane Suffert, Anke Baas,

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1. Opening and approval of the agenda

The President opens the meeting. The proposed agenda is approved.

2. Minutes of the last Board meeting – approval

The last Board meeting was dated 12 November 2016. The minutes were send out 15 December 2016. There are no comments.

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

3. IFA Athletes´ Commission – new composition

National player Ines Mayer from Austria and national player Eric Kindler from USA have been elected unanimously as Chair and Deputy of the IFA Athletes´ Commission. The Commission was established in 2015 to tighten the connection between players and board members, including a voting right of the chairperson in the Board of Directors.

Current Members of IFA Athletes´ Commission are:

- Ines Mayer (AUT), Chairwomen
- Eric Kindler (USA), Deputy
- Klemens Kronsteiner (AUT)
- Katharina Lackinger (AUT)
- Fabian Marthy (SUI)
- Rolf Petersen (AUS)
- Hinrike Seitz (GER)
- Celina Traxler (SUI)
- Nick Trinemeier (GER)

The IFA target is to have athletes from all over the world and all continents as member in the athletes´ commission. The chairwoman of the commission will make a proposal for 2 further players to the Board of Directors to add to the Athletes´ Commission.

4. IFA Headquarters in Linz – report

The IFA-Headquarters moved to Linz, Austria on 1 January 2017. The new address is:

INTERNATIONAL FISTBALL ASSOCIATION (IFA)
Hölderlinstraße 26 | A-4040 Linz | Austria
office@ifa-fistball.com | www.ifa-fistball.com

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On 13 February 2017 a great press conference was organized with Upper Austrian State Council for sports and economy Mr. PhD Michael Strugl, who welcomed IFA in Linz and introduced Mr. Christoph Oberlehner to the media as IFA Administrative Director. Christoph started working as fulltime employee on 1 February 2017.

All IFA office documents are currently transferred to a Microsoft OneDrive Cloud as new storage tool for all IFA related documents.

E.g. new letter templates for the members of the IFA Board can be found under:

https://1drv.ms/f/s!AoAfdEejuwHkh2jmbXPG_bQcKoz

IFA was granted a status as not-for-profit organisation if IFA agrees with the enclosed amendments to the Statutes (see appendix 04).

Proposal: The Board agrees with the amendments to the Statutes which will be forwarded for voting to the IFA members which have currently voting rights in the IFA Congress as they paid the IFA membership fee 2016.

Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.

5. Remission and amendments of "Fistball – Rules of the Game" – decision about the proposal of the IFA Sports Commission (see appendix 01)

The IFA Sports Commission proposes 4 modifications as from 1 April 2017. All modifications have been tested during the IFA 2016 Fistball World Championships and got a positive feedback.

According § 20 IFA Statutes remission and amendments of and to the Competition Rules are duties of the Board of Directors.

Proposal: The Board of Directors approves the proposals.

Voting: The voting was carried out for each modification separately:

Modification 1: The proposal is accepted with 7 yes and 1 no-vote; a limitation of the substitutes is not necessary

Modification 2: The proposal is accepted with 6 yes and 2 no-votes.

Modification 3: The proposal is accepted unanimously.

Modification 4: The proposal is accepted unanimously.

6. IFA Events 2017 – discussion and decision

i. The World Games 2017 Wroclaw/POL 20 – 25 July

IFA commit itself to send the best athletes from 6 men teams in accordance with the World Games Rules to participate in The World Games 2017.

The fistball competition is dated:

Jetlag day: 19.07.2017 (arrival day for athletes from outside of Europe)

Arrival day: 20.07.2017

Training day: 21.07.2017

Competition: 22.-25.07.2017

Departure day: 26.07.2017

The following teams are qualified for The World Games according to the ranking of the IFA 2015 Men´s World Championship Argentina:

1. Germany
2. Switzerland
3. Austria
4. Brazil
5. Argentina

So far it was planned to have team Poland as team #6. Further qualifiers are:

6. Chile
7. Italy

Free accommodation will be provided for 10 athletes + 1 coach = 66.

The maximum size of the IFA delegation for The World Games is 12 persons:

- 10 officials (including 6 referees)
- 1 Competition Manager
- 1 IT person

IFA will try to get further accreditations for IFA President, IFA Secretary General and IFA Media Representatives. Some IFA Board members (Giori and Iten) informed that they will be participating in a fan journey to Wroclaw.

Proposal: The IFA delegation will be composed of:

- 6 Referees from GER (2x), SUI, AUT, BRA, ARG
- Christoph Oberlehner as Competition Manager
- Valentin Weber as IT person
- Winfried Kronsteiner as Technical Delegate
- Dr. Giana Hexsel as Medical Officer

- Alwin Oberkersch as Technical Assistant
- Carlos Hexsel as Head of Delegation or Sönke Spille as IFA Media Manager

Voting: The board accepted the proposal unanimously to send the qualified teams according to the ranking of the IFA 2015 Men's World Championship Argentina to the World Games 2017:

1. Germany
2. Switzerland
3. Austria
4. Brazil
5. Argentina
6. Chile

The proposal of the IFA delegation is accepted unanimously. The 6 referees will be determined by the IFA Referee Commission.

ii. IFA 2017 Fistball World Tour

IFA got a very positive feedback (see appendix 02) on the survey concerning the future of the IFA Fistball World Cup. A working group composed by Weiss, Kronsteiner, Oberkersch, Verleger, Oberlehner analysed the feedback and agreed on the enclosed concept (see appendix 03).

IFA published the call for teams and tournaments to become part of the new IFA 2017 Fistball World Tour. There are 4 different categories of tournament. First deadline is Friday 24 February 2017.

Currently the following 12 tournament from 3 continents have applied:

DJK Sportverband e.V.	DJK-Pfingstturnier 2017	MAJOR
TSV Jona Faustball	Obersee Masters	MAJOR
Berliner Turnerschaft	Wedding-Cup	MAJOR
TSV Dennach 1900 e.V.	42. Internationales Pfingstfaustballturnier Dennach/ 42nd International Pentecost Fistball Tournament Dennach	MAJOR
TAMILNADU FISTBALL ASSOCIATION	IFA WORLD TOUR TOURNAMENT	MAJOR
Union Greisinger Münzbach	Greisinger Trophy	IFA 750
SOCIEDADE GINÁSTICA NOVO HAMBURGO	XXII TORNEIO INTERNACIONAL - COPA VITOR NICOLAU KÖRBES	IFA 250
Faustball Widnau	Grenzlandturnier Widnau	IFA 250
TV Stammheim	.wtv-Stuttgart-Open	IFA 100
SOGIPA	Copa Porto Alegre Internacional	IFA 100
TV 1891 Waldrennach e.V.	5. Waldrennacher Flutlicht-Cup	IFA 100
Turnverein 1880 Käferthal e.V.	Käferpokal (in this year's tournament there will be embedded Men's 2017 Champions Cup)	IFA 100

Currently the following 34 clubs from 4 continents have applied:

TV Stammheim	Germany
Union Raiffeisen Haidlmair Nußbach	Austria
UFG Sparkasse Grieskirchen/Poetting	Austria
Union Tigers Vöcklabruck	Austria
Naturheil- und Luftbadverein Stuttgart-Vaihingen e.V.	Germany
Leichlinger TV 1883 e.V. M1	Germany
SOGIPA	Brazil
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Wisconsin Fistball Association	United States of America
TSV Pfungstadt	Germany
Fistroy Lions FC	Australia
Berliner Turnerschaft	Germany
SOCIEDADE GINÁSTICA NOVO HAMBURGO	Brazil
TV 1880 Käfertal	Germany
TV 1880 Käfertal	Germany
South Jersey Fistball Club	United States of America
South Jersey Fistball Club	United States of America
STV Wigoltingen 1	Switzerland
STV Wigoltingen 2	Switzerland
MKE Fistball	United States of America
TuS Raiffeisen Kremsmünster	Austria
TAMILNADU	India
UNIVERSAL SPORTS FOUNDATION	India
TV Waldrennach	Germany
Yacca sports	India
Union Compact Freistadt	Austria
TSV Dennach 1900 e.V.	Germany
FBC Askö Urfahr	Austria
FBC Askö Urfahr	Austria
Faustball Widnau	Switzerland
C.C.A.A.Rosario	Argentina
TV Obernhäusen	Germany
South Melbourne Fistball Club	Australia

Proposal: IFA will publish an additional 2nd deadline dated 15 March 2017 for further tournaments.

Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.

iii. IFA 2017 Fistball Master´s World Cup

The IFA Fistball Masters World Cup (Masters) is an annual event for women and men aged over 35 years. The last edition took place 2015 at Llanquihue (Chile). The decision about the host is made by the IFA Board of Directors.

There seem to be two possibilities to host this event in 2017:

- an event in the City of Dresden (Germany) dated Thursday 27 July until Saturday 29 July 2017 organized by IFA or
- an event as part of a Masters tournament in Kremsmünster (Austria) dated Friday 18 August until Sunday 20 August 2017.

IFA Secretary General and IFA Administrative Director have planned the event for Dresden. The maximum financial outcome was the basis for the financial requirements for Kremsmünster (see appendix 05).

Running the event by IFA in Dresden would need great time resources from IFA. On the other hand the date could offer the possibility for teams to be as spectators in Wroclaw and then travel to Dresden as the distance between Wroclaw and Dresden is only a 3 hours drive.

The proposals have been discussed in detail. On the proposal of Carlos Hexsel the Board developed the idea to offer the Federation of Brazil the possibility to organize the IFA 2017 Fistball Master´s World Cup within the framework of the IFA 2017 Fistball Men´s and Women´s World Cup competition to attract as many people as possible to this event.

Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.

iv. IFA 2017 Fistball Men´s and Women´s World Cup

The IFA 2017 Fistball Men´s and Women´s World Cup should be played at the same venue in October in Brazil.

The fistball section of the Clube Duque de Caxias is willing to host this event from 27 to 29 October 2017. The new Club President confirmed the date and the conditions to the IFA President.

Enclosed you can find the draft of the Regulations IFA 2017 Fistball World Cups. The yellow marked points have been part of discussions with the Club (see appendix 06).

Proposal: The Regulations IFA 2017 Fistball World Cups are approved without the cancelled yellow parts.

The event is awarded to the Clube Duque de Caxias on the basis of the approved Regulations IFA 2017 Fistball World Cups.

Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.

7. Ball rights 2017 – report and decision

On 20 November 2016 IFA invited a three licensed ball manufacturers to bid for the ball rights of The World Games 2017. IFA got two bids. The IFA Athletes´ Commission discussed the bids within its meeting dated 2 January 2017.

The bids have not been comparable.

In February 2017 IFA asked the ball manufacturers for further bids concerning the IFA 2017 Fistball World Cup and IFA 2017 Fistball Masters World Cup.

Further information was presented oral.

Voting: The Board of Directors decided after a longer discussion to sell the ball rights for The World Games 2017 and the presenting rights for the IFA Fistball World Tour Ranking to Sportastic.

<p>Vice-President Hexcel will talk to Ludwig because of the World Cup and the Masters World Cup.</p>
<p>8. Reporting</p>
<p>a. Report by the President No further report.</p>
<p>b. Report by the Vice-President No further report.</p>
<p>c. Report by the Treasurer The IFA Treasurer has finalized a provisional Financial Report 2016. He will be back in office at the beginning of April. The meeting with the Audit Committee is planned for May.</p>
<p>d. Report by the Chair of the Sports Commission No further report.</p>
<p>e. Report by Roger Willen Valentin Weber is the new Chair of the Communications Commission elected in January 2017. Sönke Spille will act as Press Officer (German) and Peter Schierl as Press Officer (English). The decision was confirmed.</p>
<p>f. Report by the Chairwomen of the Medical and Anti-Doping Commission No further report.</p>
<p>g. Report by the Chairwomen of the Athletes' Commission No further report.</p>
<p>h. Report by the Secretary General and the IFA Administrative Director</p> <p>i. Meeting EFA Board of Directors dated 10 February 2017 in Wallisellen Intensive discussion about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- the service function of IFA- the search for organizers/hosts- help for future organizers- a Facebook site, which can be used for future events- IOC recognition- the IFA 2017 Fistball World Tour- the One-drive digital archive- the idea of a newsletter through the IFA to spread interesting and up-to-date information- EFA inquired information about the new ball license for the Drohn Faustball concerning the admission and the test of the new ball. There are questions from member associations, because this new ball is not known and is not played with in any member association.

ii. IOC Recognition Process

There were evaluation interviews which showed that the current good position of the IFA has to be confirmed during the next years e.g.

- at the World Games in Wroclaw
- at the IFA 2018 Fistball Women's World Championship
- at the IFA 2019 Fistball Men's World Championship (number of participants)

iii. IFA 2019 Fistball Men's World Championship Swiss – visit of the venue and contract

Swiss Fistball and IFA discussed the draft of the contract in detail on 10 February 2017 in Wallisellen (see appendix 07). The contract is only written in German as Swiss Fistball only agreed to sign a German version of the contract.

Swiss Fistball presented a wish of the local Organizing Committee to date the Championship from Saturday 10 August to Sunday 18 August 2019.

This is an additional day and will cost the teams approximately 2.000,- € per team for additional accommodation and boarding.

The Board discussed the proposal to have the Championships not longer than 8 days e.g. Saturday 10 August to Saturday 17 August 2019 or Sunday 11 August to Sunday 18 August 2019.

The IFA Athletes' Commission will be asked for advise concerning this matter.

iv. IFA 2018 Fistball U18 Men's / Women's World Championship

The announcement for the bidding is not finished yet.

v. IFA 2018 Fistball Women's World Championship bidding

The announcement for the bidding is not finished yet.

vi. WADA Code Compliance Questionnaire

WADA published on 20 February 2017 a Code Compliance Questionnaire to be answered by IFA.

vii. Situation Fistball in India

As agreed during the last meeting the FFI received a letter from the Secretary General. No feedback of the federation was given to IFA. Recent developments is an information concerning a new Congress in India.

i. Report by IFA regional associations/representatives

- i. EFA / Europe
- ii. PANA / Panamerica
- iii. Africa
- iv. Oceania/Asia

No further report.

10. Miscellaneous

No further report.


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