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Minutes / Protokoll

8th Meeting Board of Directors on Sunday 4 NOVEMBER 2018 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (CET)

8. Präsidiumssitzung am Sonntag 4. NOVEMBER 2018 14:00 – 17:00 (MEZ)

via Skype-conference (or as in person meeting at the home address of the Treasurer in Unterägeri)

members/Teilnehmer: Karl Weiß, Franz Peter Iten, Winfried Kronsteiner, Jörn Verleger, Roger Willen, Alwin Oberkersch, Ines Mayer, Franco Giori, Cristiane Suffert, Christoph Oberlehner
excused/entschuldigt: Carlos Hexsel, Dr. Giana Hexsel, Rolf Petersen, Anke Baas

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1. Opening and approval of the agenda / Eröffnung und Beschlussfassung zur Tagesordnung

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

2. Minutes of the last Board meeting – approval / Protokoll der letzten Sitzung – Genehmigung

The last Board meeting was dated 10 February 2018. The minutes were sent out with this invitation.

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

Declaration to the minutes:

Concerning TOP 6. Regulations World Championships it was discussed:

“The current Regulations World Championships are valid as for 1 December 2011.

Proposal:

The IFA Secretary General is asked to updated the current Regulations World Championships to be valid 1 April 2018. The voting should be made by email within the next 4 weeks.

Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.”

That is not correct. A remission of the “IFA Regulations World Championships” was already discussed and approved by the Board meeting dated 17 June 2017. Therefore no further action was

3. Financial Budget 2018 – current status / Budget 2018 – Aktueller Stand

The draft of the Financial Report 2018 is enclosed (see appendix 01). An update was provided within the meeting.

Proposal:

The IFA Board of Directors acknowledges the Financial Report 2018.

Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.

4. Financial Budget 2019 – approval / Budget 2019 – Beschluss

An updated draft of the Budget 2019 was provided within the meeting.

The State of Austria will also in 2019 support IFA financially to run the IFA Office in Linz.

Volker Bernardi worked for IFA as consultant on a basis of an annual contract since January 2017. Even when the cooperation was very effective IFA seems 2019 not to be in a position to continue the cooperation fully.

Currently a balanced Budget with an overplus of 720,- € is planned. All additional measures like Fistball Academy, new website or marketing require additional income.

Proposal:

The IFA Board of Directors approves the Financial Budget 2019.

The IFA Board of Directors cancels the contract with Mr. Volker Bernardi to the 31 December 2018 due to financial reasons.

The Executive Board is mandated to discuss a smaller contract with Mr. Bernardi within the IF Forum 2018.

Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.

5. Membership Samoa Fistball Association – provisional approval / Mitgliedschaft Samoa Fistball Association – Vorläufige Anerkennung

The Samoa Fistball Association has sent a membership application and all required documents (see appendices 02 & 03). The founding of the organization was supported by Blase Dowall and the New Zealand Fistball Association. President elected is Jonathan Lene. Samoa will already participate in the 2018 Asia-Pacific Fistball Championships in Melbourne.

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 IFA Board of Directors provisional approves Samoa Fistball Association as 58th IFA member association.

Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.

6. Preparation of the 2019 events / Vorbereitung der Veranstaltungen 2019

a) IFA 2019 World Tour Final 13 – 15 September / Salzburg (AUT)

Based on the evaluation with the 2018 participants under the leadership of the IFA Sports Commission the IFA 2019 World Tour Final was awarded to Salzburg (Austria) dated 13 – 15 September 2019. It was agreed within the teams to run the Final as three days event in the future. Furthermore, the Final should not anymore directly be connected to a World Tour Event on the following day.

For the future it was discussed that the winner of the previous year should be automatically qualified for the following World Tour Final.

The WTF regulations approved by the Board only applied to the 2018 WTFinals.

The chair of the IFA Sports Commission will present more details orally.

Proposal:

IFA Board of Directors approves the enclosed Regulations "IFA Fistball World Tour Finals" valid 1 November 2018 (see appendix 17).

The Competition Manager for this event is Christoph Oberlehner. The Technical Delegate is Winfried Kronsteiner.

Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.

b) IFA 2019 Fistball Men´s World Championship 11 – 17 August / Winterthur (SUI)

After a 1st Venue Inspection by Verleger and Oberlehner in February 2017 the Chair of the IFA Sports Commission Winnie Kronsteiner together with Verleger and Oberlehner visited the venue on 17th September 2019. The meeting with the LOC under the leadership of President Toni Meier was constructive. Also present have been Heinz Bächlin (Infrastruktur), Tom Maurer (Events), Peter Strassmann (Marketing/Sponsoring), Frieder Koruna (Spielbetrieb), Thomas Hitz (Festwirt) and Sandro Fazzini (TV/Livestream).

IFA will offer to the LOC several services like TV production, Media team, LED boards etc.

Enclosed you can find a first draft for the schedule (appendix 04).

The ticketing will start soon. The ticketing prices are enclosed (appendix 04a).

Proposal:

The Competition Manager for this event is Christoph Oberlehner. The Technical Delegate is Winfried Kronsteiner.

Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.

c) IFA 2019 Congress 14 August / Winterthur (SUI)

The IFA 2019 Congress is dated 14 August 2019 9 a.m. The location is to be confirmed by the LOC. The duration should be 2-3 hours. The congress itself should be very effective and with some multimedia impressions. To prepare the congress and clarify all possible questions from member federations prior to the congress as well as to present the member federations a draft for the Strategic Plan 2019 – 2023 IFA invites to an IFA Membership Gathering dated Monday 12 August 10 a.m. – 12 a.m. in the Press Conference Room of the MWC venue.

According to the IFA Statues the deadlines are:

- for send out invitation: 14 February 2019 (6 months prior congress)
- for proposals of the member federations: 24 April 2019 (16 weeks prior congress)
- for send out final agenda and financial report: 22 May 2019 (12 weeks prior)

Enclosed you can find the draft for the invitation (appendix 05). This invitation should be send out to the member federations already in 2018 after the approval of the Board.

A first draft for the candidates of the Board of Directors should be discussed within the Board meeting. So far the members of the Board are as following:

Position	Name	Country
President / Präsident/Präsidentin	Karl Weiss	AUT
Vice President / Vizepräsident/Vizepräsidentin	Carlos Hexsel	BRA
Treasurer / Finanzreferent/Finanzreferentin	Franz P. Iten	SUI
Chair of the Sports Commission / Vorsitzender/Vorsitzende Sportkommission	Winfried Kronsteiner	AUT

Secretary General / Generalsekretär	Jörn Verleger	GER
further members / Beisitzer	Roger Willen	SUI
further members / Beisitzer	Alwin Oberkersch	GER
Athletes' Commission Chair / Athlentenkommission	Ines Mayer	AUT
Medical and Anti-Doping Commission Chair / Medizinische und Anti-Doping Kommission	Dr. Giana Hexsel	BRA
President / Präsident EFA	Franco Giori	SUI
President / Präsident PAFA	Cristiane Suffert	BRA
Representative Asia/Oceania / Vertreter Asien/Ozeanien	Rolf Petersen	AUS
Representative Africa / Vertreter Afrika	Anke Baas	RSA

4 out of 13 members of the Board are female (31 %).

According to point 10.b of the IFA Standing Orders every member of the Board has the obligation to give a written report to Congress. This report should not be longer than 2 pages and be sent to the Secretary General. According to the IFA Standing Orders the report should be finalized not later than 7 weeks before the Congress. This timeline does not fit to the requirements by the IFA Statutes.

Proposal:

The Board of Directors approves the draft of the invitation.

The invitation will be sent out 14 November 2018 (9 months prior to congress).

The Board of Directors will make a proposal for nominees for the Board of Directors to be approved within a Board meeting dated January 2019.

The Board of Directors will make a proposal for amendments to the IFA Statutes to be approved within a Board meeting dated January 2019.

The proposal for the amendments of the IFA Statutes and the nominees for the Board of Directors should be sent out end of January 2019.

All members of the Board of Directors are asked to provide a written report 2015 – 2019 according to point 10.b of the IFA Standing Orders until 1 May 2019 (15 weeks prior congress)

Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.

d) CSIT IFA 2019 Fistball Amateurs World Cup 2 – 7 July / Tortosa (ESP)

IFA signed an Agreement of Cooperation with the International Workers & Amateurs in Sports Confederation (CSIT) to host the inaugural CSIT IFA 2019 Fistball Amateurs World Cup within the framework of the CSIT World Sports Games 2019 in Tortosa (Catalonia/Spain). This event was supported by the chair of the IFA Sports for All Commission and strengthen the IFA participation in Multi-Sport Games.

The WSG are a major multi-sports event held every two years, full of sports, sport for all, cultural exchange, fun and new opportunities. These Games are not multisport games for top athletes, but for all amateurs (16 years and older) from different countries and cultures all over the world. Professional elite-athletes (members of a national team or a team playing in the first national league) have no right to participate.

Male, female and gender mixed teams are allowed. Each team may exist of a minimum of 6 players. It is possible to register more than one team. The categories are formed according to the number of registrations.

The registration deadline for teams is 22nd of February 2019.

Enclosed you can find the invitation (appendix 06).

e) IFA 2019 Master´s World Cup

The idea was to offer a Master´s World Cup for fans from abroad to give them the possibility to play the Master´s World Cup and to attend the IFA 2019 Men´s World Championships in Winterthur.

The asked clubs from Switzerland are not willing to organize der Cup in 2019.

The idea to host the Cup in Germany was presented to DFBL and clubs in South Germany.

Further details will be presented orally.

Proposal:

IFA Board of Directors approves the enclosed Regulations "IFA 2019 Fistball Masters World Cup" valid 1 November 2018 (see appendix 18).

Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.

7. IFA 2020 Fistball World Tour Final – Report / IFA Faustball World Tour Finale 2020 – Bericht

Details were presented orally. A decision was not taken.

8. Marketing and sponsoring activities including cooperation with TV-Canal Sport1 – Current Status / Marketing- und Sponsoring-Aktivitäten inklusive der Zusammenarbeit mit TV-Sender Sport 1 – Aktueller Stand

IFA discussed in a meeting with EFA dated 17th September 2018 and with PAFA dated 11th October 2018 possibilities for a common marketing at all IFA/EFA/PAFA highlight outdoor events.

Enclosed you can find the current marketing offer of IFA for a TV deal (see appendix 08).

Details were presented orally. A decision was not taken.

9. Qualification The World Games 2021 – discussion / Qualifikationssystem World Games 2021 – Diskussion

The World Games 2021 Fistball Tournament is dated 17 July to 22 July 2021. The proposed venue was visited by Christoph Oberlehner and USFA President Bob Feid within the 1st Competition Managers Meeting dated 3 – 4 October 2018 (see appendix 07; only German).

The selection and qualification criteria for TWG 2021 were discussed with IWGA to guarantee as well the best fistball teams as to guarantee a worldwide representation of the participants at TWG 2021.

The basis should be the recently approved IFA World Championship Selection and Qualification Criteria.

Proposal:

1. Deadline for qualified team to register and to pay a deposit of 500,- €: 9 months before the event (17 October 2020).
2. Introduction of a minimum quota of 1 team per Regional Association if
 - a. a Regional Association exists (which requires a minimum of 3 member federations in that respective region) and
 - b. a team from that Regional Association has reached as a minimum rank 10 in the previous World Championship (Men´s: 2019; Women´s: 2020).
3. The Regional Association will be represented by the Regional Champion from the year before the event or of the year before if there was no Regional Championship in that year. If a minimum of 3 teams participating in that event is not reached the IFA Board of Directors decides together with the Regional Association how to proceed.

4. The host nation can send a team if the team has reached as a minimum rank 13 (men´s) / 10 (women´s) in the previous World Championship (Men´s: 2019; Women´s: 2020).
5. The remaining places are provided to teams according to the ranking of the previous World Championship (Men´s: 2019; Women´s: 2020). If a team does not register until the given deadline according point 1 IFA will offer this starting place with a time limit of 1 week to the next qualified team up to the team ranked 10 in the previous World Championship.
6. If there is still a starting place left after these steps the Board of Directors is free to offer this starting place according to regional and sport political reasons.

Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.

10. Awarding of the events 2021 ff – discussion of the procedure / Vergabe Veranstaltungen 2021 ff. – Diskussion zum Verfahren

It is a good tradition that the IFA Congress awards the next IFA Fistball Men´s World Championship.

Already in 2015 it has been a central aim of IFA to create a fair procedure of a bid process for future World Championships. In 2017 IFA developed the IFA Regulations World Championships approved by the Board of Directors on 24 May 2017.

IFA has discussed the enclosed event schedule with EFA and PAFA (see Appendix 09)

Proposal:

The IFA Board of Directors approves the event Schedule until 2023 and starts a bidding procedure for the IFA 2022 Fistball Women´s World Championship, the IFA 2023 Fistball Men´s World Championships and the IFA 2020/2021/2022/2023 World Tour Finals to be awarded within the 2019 IFA Congress.

Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.

11. Events 2018 – reports / Berichte

a) IFA 2018 Fistball Women´s World Championship Austria

Final Standing IFA 2018 Fistball Women´s World Championship Austria: Germany, Switzerland, Brazil

The Media Analysis showed a potential of 20 Mio. contacts and a value in kind of nearly 700.000,- € (see appendix 10/10a).

b) IFA 2018 Fistball World Tour

Enclosed the official Report (see appendix 11; only German).

Final Standing IFA 2018 Fistball World Tour Final:

Men´s: SG Novo Hamburgo (BRA), STV Wigoltingen (SUI), SVD Diepoldsau-Schmitter (SUI)

Women´s: Clube Duque de Caxias (BRA), TSV Dennach (GER), TSV Calw (GER)

c) IFA 2018 Fistball Master´s World Cup

d) EFA 2018 Men´s European Championships and EFA 2018 Congress

EFA President Franco Giori was re-elected. New Chair of the Finance Department is Jürgen Albrecht. New Youth Office is Dorothee Schröder (GER). The further Bureau members are: Ulrich Meiners (Secretary General), Josef Andolfatto (Chairman Sports Commission), Gerhard Zeller (Associate) and Petr Riedl (assessor). 1 out of 7 members of the Board are female (14 %).

IFA was represented by President Karl Weiss and Sec. Gen. Jörn Verleger. IFA congratulates all elected representatives and is looking forward to the further cooperation.

Final Standing EFA 2018 Men´s European Championships: Germany, Switzerland, Austria

e) PAFA 2018 Pan-American Championships and PAFA 2018 Congress

The PAFA President Christiane Süffert (BRA) was confirmed. The IFA member federations from North and South America met to discuss the new PAFA Statutes and elected the board. With Silvana Nerys taking over the position of the Financial Director and Patricia Stopp elected as new Secretary now female representation is 3 out of 5 PAFA Board members (60%). As Vice-President Bob Feid was re-elected. The new Sports Commission is now chaired by Gastao Englert.

IFA was represented by President Karl Weiss, Sec. Gen. Jörn Verleger and Adm. Dir. Christoph Oberlehner as well as Board Member Dr. Giana Hexsel. IFA congratulates all elected representatives and is looking forward to the further cooperation.

Final Standing PAFA 2018 Pan-American Championships:

Men´s: Brazil, Chile, Argentina

Women´s: Brazil, Argentina, Chile

f) IFA Fistball U18 World Championships USA 11 – 15 July Roxbury

From July 11-15, the IFA 2018 U 18 World Championships took place in Roxbury, New Jersey, USA with 14 teams from Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Chile, Germany, Italy, Switzerland and the USA. This was the first time that a Fistball World Championship was awarded to the USA.

IFA was represented by President Karl Weiss, Sports Commission Chair Winfried Kronsteiner, Adm. Dir. Christoph Oberlehner and the chair of the IFA Youth and Sport Commission Uwe Schneider. The first edition of the IFA Fistball Academy was conducted.

Final Standing IFA 2018 Fistball U18 World Championships USA:

Men´s: Brazil, Germany, Austria

Women´s: Germany, Brazil, Austria

12. Situation within the Indian Fistball Federation (FFI) – report / Bericht

IFA received several letters, emails and social media communication (see appendix 12) from FFI representatives and other people from India. IFA discussed all these information internally within the IFA Executive Committee.

We decided to handle this matter (like we would do it with other member federations) as an internal matter of FFI. FFI has to solve its problems according regulations of FFI and the national law. IFA is not in a position to play any role of referee in this case.

IFA therefore decided NOT to participate in any meeting dated Sunday 26th October, 2018 what IFA was asked for.

Concerning the selection process for the players registered for the upcoming 2018 Asia-Pacific Fistball Championships in Melbourne in November IFA started an intensive communication with our friends from the Fistball Association of Australia, who at the end of the day would be the penalized if no team from India would participate in that event.

Proposal:

Concerning the selected players from India to participate at the 2018 Asia-Pacific Fistball Championships in Melbourne in November IFA confirms all selected players to have the right to participate within this event.

IFA asks all representatives of Fistball in India to support the selected players on their way to Melbourne and hopes that the players will get the chance to participate.

Concerning the potential misbehavior dated 28th September 2018 of Mr. Bala Vinayakam at a Throwball event IFA asserts that this act is not subject to any IFA rules or regulations. Therefore, IFA will not comment on a potential misbehavior at all.

Further details will be presented orally.

Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.

13. IFA Competition Rules (IFCR) / Spielordnung

The remission of IFCR was approved by the Board of Directors in the meeting dated 17 June 2017. The German version was not approved so far. EFA asked to use this IFCR for competitions of regional associations. Also some shortcomings should be corrected.

Proposal:

IFA Board of Directors approves the enclosed new version of the IFA Competition Rules (IFCR) (see appendix 19/19d).

Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.

14. Ball rights 2019

Details will be presented orally.

Proposal:

The ball rights for the IFA 2019 Fistball Men´s World Championship will be awarded to Sportastic.

IFA sets up an Ad-Hoc-Commission to review the current Ball Criteria to be finally approved at the IFA 2019 Congress.

The Ad-hoc-Commission should develop measurable criteria (valid 01.04.2020). Further der Ad-hoc-Commission should find an affordable testing company to be contracted for the future testing. Furthermore, the Ad-hoc-Commission should make a proposal whether all Fistball should be produced of synthetic leather.

Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.

15. Olympic Day on 23 June 2019 and International Day of Sport for Development and Peace on 6 April 2019

The first Olympic Day was celebrated on 23 June 1948 celebrating the foundation of the International Olympic Committee at the Sorbonne, Paris, on 23 June 1894, where Pierre de Coubertin obtained the revival of the Olympic Games.

Olympic Day is much more than just a sports event, it is a day for the world to get active, learn about Olympic values and discover new sports. Based on the three pillars move, learn and discover, International Sports Federations and NOCs are organising sports, cultural and educational activities throughout the world.

At the UN headquarters in New York, on 23 August 2013, the UN General Assembly declared 6 April as the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSDP) – a decision that represented a historic step in recognizing the transformative power of sport and its great potential in advancing positive social change.

This day is commemorated globally each year by international, regional, national sport and development organizations to honor the role that sport plays in society, whether by encouraging healthier lifestyles, making sport more widely accessible or using it as a vehicle for development in areas made vulnerable by conflict, poverty and inequality.

Since 2014 the Peace and Sport Foundation developed the #WhiteCard Campaign as a sign of your commitment to peace efforts worldwide. On the platform www.peace-sport.org over the last 4 years 2.110 registered projects from more than 180 countries showed their participation. The digital campaign on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram is supported by the Champions for Peace and many other personalities.

Proposal:

IFA approves Gastao Englert as IFA Olympic Education Director to promote the Olympic Day each year on 23 June as well as the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSDP) on 6 April.

IFA asks all member federations to develop activities on both international days and to report about them.

Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.

16. Reporting / Berichte

a) Report by the President / Bericht des Präsidenten

- IOC Olympism in Action Forum 5 – 6 October 2018 in Buenos Aires (ARG)

IFA was present with Karl Weiss, Jörn Verleger, Christoph Oberlehner and Gastao Englert. The participation was free of charge.

- AIMS Council Meeting dated 7 October 2018 and Youth Olympic Games 6 – 16 October 2018 in Buenos Aires (ARG)

IFA was present with Karl Weiss, Jörn Verleger and Christoph Oberlehner. This presence was well recognized.

Within the AIMS Council meeting the current standing of the IOC Recognition Process was discussed as recently the International Icestock Federation was recognized by the IOC.

- Memorial for Patrick Baumann 14 October 2018 in Buenos Aires

It is with the greatest shock that the IFA has learned of the death of Patrick Baumann, President of GAISF, the umbrella organisation of all international sports federations, in Buenos Aires. We lose a likeable sports leader and friend, who was also a friend of fistball and the future of all sports. Patrick Baumann was elected as President of the Global Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF) in 2016; and as President of SportAccord in 2017.

- CSIT Congress 25 – 26 October 2018 in Tortosa (ESP)

President Karl Weiss was invited to present Fistball to the CSIT Family. The aim was to establish and guarantee the planned CSIT IFA 2019 Fistball Amateurs World Cup 2 – 7 July / Tortosa (ESP).

- SportAccord 2018 in Bangkok (THA) 15 – 20 April and 2019 in Gold Coast (AUS) 5 – 10 May

The SportAccord meeting in Bangkok was dated 15 - 20 April 2018. IFA was represented by President Karl Weiss, Secretary General Jörn Verleger and Administrative Director Christoph Oberlehner as well as Ines Mayer for the Sports Festival and a very well recognized report about this project within the AIMS General Assembly dated 17 April 2018.

Next SportAccord meeting will be 5 – 10 May 2019 in Australia. IFA will try to continue its effort within the foreseen Sports Festival. Oberlehner will use his trip to the 2018 Asia-Pacific Fistball Championships to discuss details with AIMS in Gold Coast. Three delegates are free of charge.

- IF Forum 5 – 7 November 2018 in Lausanne (SUI)

IFA will be present with Karl Weiss, Jörn Verleger and Christoph Oberlehner. Two delegates are free of charge.

Proposal:

IFA will cover the 500 SFR registration fee for Christoph Oberlehner.

Voting:

b) Report by the Vice-President / Bericht des Vizepräsidenten

c) Report by the Treasurer / Bericht des Finanzreferenten

d) Report by the Chair of the Sports Commission / Bericht des Vorsitzenden der Sportkommission

e) Report by / Bericht von Roger Willen

Roger Willen has taken over the duty as IFA Development Director from Alwin Oberkersch. Next step is to run a communication tool for a better follow up of the communication with new stakeholders.

Proposal:

The Board confirms Roger Willen as IFA Development Director.

Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.

- f) Report by / Bericht von Alwin Oberkersch

- g) Report by the Chairwomen of the IFA Medical and Anti-Doping Commission / Bericht der Vorsitzenden der Medizinische und Anti-Doping Kommission

- h) Report by the Chairwomen of the IFA Athletes´ Commission / Bericht der Vorsitzenden der IFA Athletenkommission

Election male representatives IFA Athletes´ Commission within the IFA 2019 Fistball Men´s World Championship.

Proposal:

The elections will be conducted from 11 to 13 August. The elected candidates will be announced within the IFA 2019 Congress dated 14 August.

The next meeting of the Athletes´ Commission will discuss a draft of the IFA Athletes´ Commission Election Regulations.

Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.

- i) Report by the Secretary General and the IFA Administrative Director / Bericht des IFA Generalsekretärs und des IFA Geschäftsführer
 - Data Protection Officer

The IFA Secretary General has overtaken the responsibility as IFA Data Protection Officer. All IFA websites have been updated in timely manner on 25 May 2018.

Proposal:

The Board confirms Jörn Verleger as IFA Data Protection Officer.

Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.

- IPC Open Day dated 13 June in Bonn (GER), IPC Membership Gathering dated 7 - 9 September in Madrid and Meeting with IPC President Andrew Parson dated 25 August in Hamburg
- Joint WFDF, IFA, IPF, IFI und WMF Meeting Anti-Doping / CCQ dated 18 August 2018 in Grünwald (GER)

The IFs meet to coordinate their answers to the WADA Code Compliance Questionnaire and developed a proposal to cooperate and share knowledge and resources (See appendix 13).

Proposal:

The IFA Board agrees to cooperation with WFDF, IPF, IFI and WMF in a Joint Intelligence & Investigation Unit and a Joint Anti-Doping Control Panel.

The IFA Board approves the enclosed IFA Intelligence & Investigation Unit Regulations (see appendix 20, only English).

IFA nominates Nadine Hoffmann (GER) as Chairwomen of the Joint Intelligence & Investigation Unit.

IFA nominates Jörn Verleger as Chairman of a Joint Anti-Doping Control Panel.

The Board confirms the enclosed new IFA Standing Orders (see appendix 21, only English).

Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.

- Meeting with TAFISA Secretary General Dr. Wolfgang Baumann in Buenos Aires dated 8 October 2018

Weiss, Verleger and Oberlehner had a meeting with TAFISA Sec. Gen. Dr. Wolfgang Baumann to discuss advantages of a membership from IFA in TAFISA. TAFISA is recognized by the IOC and responsible for the development of Sports for All worldwide. The next TAFISA World Congress will take place in Tokyo dated 13 – 17 November 2019. The next TAFISA World Sport for All Games will be in 2020 in Portugal.

The membership fee for TAFISA is 400,- € per year. Baumann is also Special Advisor to the IFA Sports for All Commission.

Proposal:

The Board approves a membership application of IFA for TAFISA.

Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.

- Meeting with ITTF President Thomas Weikert and Sec. Gen. Raul Calin

Verleger and Oberlehner had a meeting with ITTF President Weikert and Sec. Gen. Raul Calin to discuss a transfer of knowledge concerning the establishing of new member federations. ITTF has 226 member federations worldwide. IFA was advised by the IOC to share knowledge with other IFs how to establish more federations.

A meeting with ITTF Foundation Director Leandro Olvech was agreed in Leipzig, where he is based.

- IOC Sustainability Working Group

Based on the 2017 IOC Case Study IFA was invited to join the ‘Sport and Biodiversity’ workshop organized by the IOC and IUCN dated 9 April 2018 in Glane and a “No-go” Working Group dated 3 September 2018 in Lausanne (see appendix 14).

- Meeting with IOC Sports Director dated 17 October 2018

IFA Secretary General had a meeting with IOC Sports Director Kit McConnell to discuss the current status of IFA within the IOC Recognition Process. A follow up meeting was dated for 7 November 2019 in Lausanne. IFA will provide a update on the IOC Questionnaire and the Organisation Chart (see appendix 15).

j) Report by IFA Commissions / Bericht der IFA Kommissionen

- COMCOM / Medien- und Marketingkommission

(see appendix 22)

- IFA Youth Commission / Jugendkommssion

(see appendix 23/23d)

- IFA Women in Sport Commission / Frauenkommission
- IFA Sport for All Commission / Breitensportkommission
- IFA Entourage Commission / Entourage-Kommission
- IFA Ethics Commission / Ethikkommission

k) Report by IFA regional associations/representatives / Bericht der IFA Regionalverbände

- EFA / Europe
- PANA / Panamerica
- Oceania/Asia
- Africa

17. Miscellaneous / Verschiedenes

- Next meetings

Enclosed you can find a proposal (appendix 16) for meetings dated 2018 (rest) and 2019. Each Board meeting should last 90 Minutes. The idea is to have more and fixed dates with changing days within the week. Than it might not be as important if someone misses one meeting as she/he still will be informed by the minutes an get the chance to participate at the next meeting.

To make the dating as simple as possible the proposal is 01.01., 02.02., 03.03. etc.

Proposal:

The next Board meetings are dated
Thursday 12 December 2018 / 1:30 PM and
Sunday 5 January 2019 / 1:30 PM

with the topics proposal for nominees for the election of the Board and proposal for amendments for the IFA Statues.

Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.

- Development of Powerball as new IFA disciplin

IFA is asked to develop an urban friendly discipline of Fistball if IFA wants to participate within the recently established Urban Games. The idea is to take the sport in the heart of the city, in a single location. To be a showcase sport at this even the sport has to fulfill the following criteria:

- Urban development plan (by IF)
- No reasonable interruption of the city traffic & operations
- Action / physical component predominant
- Contained competition cost, FOP size, number of athletes

All cost for travel of the athletes will be covered by GAISF/Host City. The first edition is planned for 2019 or 2020 in Budapest with 14 disciplines, 700 athletes and 300 officials. The advantages could be:

- unique opportunity for focused international promotion
- engagement with youth communities in new exciting ways
- extensive global media coverage

Best regards,



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