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Minutes / Protokoll
6th Meeting Board of Directors dated Sunday 1 OCTOBER 11:00 – 13:30 (MET)
6. Präsidiumssitzung am Sonntag 1. OKTOBER 2017 11:00 – 13:30 (MET)
via Skype-conference

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

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

The Secretary General opens the meeting as the President is excused. The proposed agenda is approved.

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

The last Board meeting was dated 17 June 2017. The minutes were sent out 30 August 2017. There are no comments.

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

3. Financial Report 2017 – current status / Finanzbericht 2017 – Aktueller Stand

The current status of the Financial Report 2017 is enclosed (see appendix 01). The Budget 2017 was approved by the Board on 17 June 2017 and corrected by the Executive Committee on 14 September 2017 in account 405 but without any substantial change.

Proposal:

The IFA Board of Directors takes note of the current status of the Financial Report 2017 and the Budget 2017 dated 14 September 2017 (see appendix 02).

Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.

4. Financial Budget 2018 – procedure / Budget 2018 – Verfahren

The Budget 2018 should be approved by the Board before the end of the year 2017. First idea was to send out to all members of the Board and the Chairs of the Commissions a model to be filled out by each with proposals for next year's budget.

Proposal:

To avoid unnecessary planning the Executive Board will discuss a first draft with each responsible chair of a commission. In a meeting dated on Thursday 9 November in Lausanne the final draft will be discussed by President, Treasurer, Secretary General and Administrative Director to be sent out for approval in a decision making process according point 3 IFA Standing Orders (*"A decision making process outside a meeting is possible. A proposal is considered as approved if no member of the Board disagrees within the 14 days after receiving the proposal."*)

Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.

5. Cooperation with TV-Canal Sport1 – Current Status / Zusammenarbeit mit TV-Sender Sport 1 – Aktueller Stand

On 29 September IFA Secretary General and IFA Administrative Director will have a meeting in Munich-Ismaning with the License department of TV-Channel Sport 1. The national associations of Germany, Austria and Switzerland agreed that IFA could negotiate about TV rights concerning a list of events (see appendix 03).

Enclosed you can find the basis documents discussed between IFA and Sport1 (see appendix 09 and 10).

Details were presented orally.

6. Ball rights 2018 and Amendment of Ball Criteria – Decision / Ballrechte 2018 und Änderung der “Regelung Ballkriterien” – Entscheidung

In 2016 IFA approved a new ball from the manufacturer Drohnn on basis of the IFA Regulations “Ball Criteria” valid 1 November 2014 (see appendix 04; only German).

In 2016 IFA furthermore accepted a new design of the approved Ludwig ball used at the IFA 2016 Fistball Women´s World Championships Brazil without any pre notification to the teams. In 2017 IFA accepted a new design of the approved Sportastic ball used at The World Games Fistball Tournament with a minor percentage of white color.

So far, the basis colour has to be white “RAL 9003, 9010, 9016” with a maximum of 20 % of the overall surface to be in black color for men´s balls and red colour for women´s balls.

Proposal:

To prepare the awarding of ball rights concerning the IFA events 2018 and to clear the process of ball approval amendments to the IFA Regulations “Ball Criteria” should be discussed including the feedback of the teams which played the above mentioned balls at the events.

The Board of Directors agrees to reduce the minimum of white color on the balls to 65 % of the overall surface. White color is defined as “RAL 9003, 9010, 9016”.

Additionally IFA will face Sportastic with the different qualities of their balls “WM Argentina”. There are quality problems with different charges of those balls concerning the height of the ball bumps.

Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.

7. IFA Sustainability Policy and Appointment IFA Sustainability Ambassador– Decision / IFA Nachhaltigkeitspolitik und Ernennung von IFA Nachhaltigkeitsbotschaftern – Entscheidung

The world faces important challenges across a wide spectrum of economic, social and environmental issues, and the sport community is not immune from their impacts. The Sports Movement has both an opportunity and a duty to actively contribute to the global sustainability debate.

With this in mind, and in response to recommendation 5 of Olympic Agenda 2020 (“Include sustainability within the Olympic Movement’s daily operations”), IFA has developed a draft of an IFA Sustainability Policy.

IFA has carried out a policy with three objectives: identifying topics within the framework of event preparation, establishing sustainability as field of action within the event preparation e.g. the Organizing Committees; and sharing information and good practice among the IFA member federations.

IFA´s five sustainability focus areas are: infrastructure & natural sites; sourcing & resource management; mobility; workforce; and climate.

These focus areas are aligned with the United Nations’ (UN) framework of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This framework is pivotal for the Olympic Movement: in September 2015, the UN General Assembly confirmed the important role that sport can play in supporting the UN’s 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its SDGs.

“Sport is also an important enabler of sustainable development. We recognize the growing contribution of sport to the realization of development and peace in its promotion of tolerance and respect and the contributions it makes to the empowerment of women and of young people, individuals and communities

as well as to health, education and social inclusion objectives.”

Paragraph 37, UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

In 2015 the International Fistball Association (IFA) signed the AISTS Sustainable Sport and Event Toolkit (SSET) and integrated first tools within the framework of the IFA 2016 Fistball U18 World Championships in Nuremberg (Germany). The elements that were used to conduct a sustainable event, ranging from the governance and use of recyclable materials.

Proposal:

The IFA Board of Directors approves an IFA Sustainability Strategy (see appendix 05) and appoints Ines Mayer from Austria and Patrick Thomas from Germany as the first ever Sustainability Ambassadors to underline its sustainability goals and to build awareness within the member associations.

Ines, who also chairs the IFA Athletes´ Commission, holds a master degree in Sport Science, and will also be member of the Organizing Committee responsible for Sustainability of the IFA 2018 Fistball Women´s World Championships in Austria. Patrick is becoming an architect focused on environmental issues. Both players are members of their respective national teams and participated in several Fistball European and World Championships as well as The World Games.

Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.

8. Preparation of the IFA 2018 Fistball Women´s World Championship – Confirmation OC / Vorbereitung der IFA Faustball Frauen Weltmeisterschaft 2018 – Bestätigung OK

The Invitation / Official Zero Bulletin of IFA 2018 FISTBALL WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP AUSTRIA was sent out mid-June 2017.

So far 16 teams confirmed their participation orally or written. 12 teams confirmed by mail, 4 federations confirmed their participation orally until 30 September. The team registration deadline is dated 30 September 2017. The registration is a two-step-process: The first step is an informal mail, the second step is a payment of a deposit in the amount of 500 EUR.

On 28 August the first meeting of the Organizing Committee took place in Linz. Enclosed you can find detail information concerning the venue and the cooperation with different stakeholders (see appendix 06)

Proposal:

The IFA Board of Directors approves the Organizing Committee (see appendix 07).

Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.

9. IFA 2018 Fistball World Tour Final – Awarding / IFA Faustball World Tour Finale 2018 – Vergabe

The IFA Board of Directors sought bids from potential host organizers for the IFA 2018 Fistball World Tour Finals. According to the hosting information the IFA 2018 Fistball World Tour Final should be played:

- if hosted in Europe: Sunday 29 April 2018 to Tuesday 1 May 2018
- if hosted outside Europe: 29 March 2018 to 31 March 2018 or 23 March to 25 March 2018

Until the deadline dated 9 September 2017 IFA received one bid from Vaihingen/Enz (Germany).

The economic and technical conditions as laid down in the Regulations [“IFA 2018 Fistball World Tour Final”](#) and the [“IFA-Fistball-World-Tour – Stadium Regulations”](#) were discussed with the potential host.

Details will be presented oral by the Chair of the IFA Sports Commission.

Proposal:

The event is awarded to TV Vaihingen/Enz even if the host is not fulfilling all requirements according to IFA Regulations.

Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.

10. IFA Events 2017 – reports / Berichte

- a) The World Games 2017 Wroclaw/POL 20 – 25 Jul

The World Games 2017 have been very successful for Fistball, the International Fistball Association and its member federations.

The thrilling fistball final between Germany and Switzerland not only captivated the spectators in the stadium. The transmission of the final reached almost 300,000 spectators on the TV Channel SPORT1. The market share of SPORT1 was at a strong 3.0% in the SPORT1 core target group of men from 14 to 49 years (M14-49). This is the best figure during all days of the SPORT1 TV coverage of The World Games 2017.

Within the framework of the event and in written letters after the event IFA suggested an additional Women´s event at The World Games 2021 in Birmingham (Alabama).

b) IFA 2017 Fistball World Tour

The inaugural year of the IFA Fistball World Tour has been a great success in terms of participation of the teams. 21 tournaments on 5 continents participate in the IFA Fistball World Tour since March 2017.

2 more tournaments are scheduled until the end of this year´s World Tour:

- 27 October Australian Fistball Championships
- 4 November Campeonato de Clausura Manquehue in Santiago de Chile/CHL.

Here you can find the current standings of the IFA Fistball World Tour Ranking presented by Sportastic www.fistball-worldtour.com

c) IFA 2017 Fistball World Cup Curitiba/BRA

The event will be played 28 / 29 October 2017 in Curitiba/BRA. Participating teams are Clube Duque de Caxias (BRA) and TSV Dennach (GER) within the Women´s competition and Sogipa (BRA) and TSV Pfungstadt (GER) within the Men´s competition.

The schedule:

Thursday evening	Official Banquet
Saturday:	13:00 Opening Ceremony
	14:00 Dennach vs. Duque
	16:00 Sogipa vs. Pfungstadt
Sunday:	11:00 Sogipa vs. Pfungstadt
	14:00 Dennach vs. Duque

Proposal:

IFA will be represented by President Karl Weiss and Administrative Director Christoph Oberlehner as Competition Manager.

Voting: The proposal is accepted unanimously.

d) IFA 2018 Fistball Master´s World Cup

The event should take place within the framework of the IFA 2018 Fistball Women´s World Championships in Austria. Further details will be presented oral.

e) IFA 2018 Fistball U18 Men´s and Women´s World Championships New Jersey/USA

Date and place are confirmed and published within an IFA press release but the first Official Bulletin is still missing as information from the LOC are pending. The publication of the Invitation / Official Zero Bulletin is foreseen until 6 October latest.

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- Census 2017

Only 5 federations did the Census questionnaire until the end of July. Up to know 14 federations sent us their information. The Census is very important for fistball generally and IFA in particular for the next steps within the IOC recognition process.

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

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- IFA One Drive Data Server

- IFA 2019 Fistball Men´s World Championship Swiss – contract / Vertrag

The Men´s World Championship will start on Monday, 12 August 2019 and lasts until Saturday, 17 August 2019

- IFA Anti-Doping Program 2017

j) Report by IFA Commissions / Bericht der IFA Kommissionen

Every Chair of the respective IFA Commission was invited to give a written report if wanted. This process will also be used in the future to connect the Commissions as close as possible to the Board.

- COMCOM / Medien- und Marketingkommission

(see appendix 11)

- IFA Youth Commission / Jugendkommssion

(see appendix 12)

- IFA Women in Sport Commission / Frauenkommission

- IFA Sport for All Commission / Breitensportkommission

- IFA Entourage Commission / Entourage-Kommission

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

- EFA / Europe

The latest EFA Board meeting was dated 25 August 2017 (see appendix 08).

Franco Giori informed about the latest activities in Europe

- a. Collaboration and support for new European Federations and that they improved the information process through all those involved
- b. Schedule 2018-2020
- c. European Youth Cup 2017 in Linz

- Africa
- Oceania/Asia

Rolf Petersen informed about the founding of the Federation of Queensland in Australia, the status of the World Tour Event in Australia in the end of October and the current status of the organization of the Asia-Pacific Fistball Championships 2018 in Australia.

- PANA / Panamerica

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