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**Minutes / Protokoll**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Meeting Board of Directors on Sunday 2 February 2020 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**  
**4. Präsidiumssitzung am Sonntag 2. Februar 2020 13:30 – 15:00 (MET)**  
via Skype-conference

**members/Teilnehmer:** Jörn Verleger, Christoph Oberlehner, Katharina Lackinger, Roger Willen, Uwe Schneider, Valentin Weber, Winfried Kronsteiner, Blase Dowall, Vikki Buston, Kim Kruse

**excused/entschuldigt:** Franz Peter Iten, Eric Kindler, Rodrigo Böttger, Alwin Oberkersch, Wioleta Franczyk, Cristiane Suffert, Anke Baas, Steve Schmutzler, Franco Giori, Karl Weiß, Dr. Giana Hexsel

**Agenda**

1. Opening and approval of the agenda / Eröffnung und Beschlussfassung zur Tagesordnung
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- 14. Sports for Climate Action Framework – Letter of Commitment / Sport für Klimaschutz - Verpflichtungserklärung**
- 15. AIMS GA 2020 – Proposal / AIMS Mitgliederversammlung 2020 - Wahlvorschlag**
- 16. Miscellaneous / Verschiedenes**

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 on 23 November 2019. The minutes were sent out with the invitation to this meeting (appendix 01).

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

Die letzte Präsidiumssitzung fand am 23. November 2019 statt. Das Protokoll ist dieser Einladung als Anlage 1 beigelegt.

Gemäß der IFA Geschäftsordnung gilt das Protokoll als verabschiedet, wenn kein Präsidiumsmitglied innerhalb von 14 Tagen widerspricht.

3. Report of the President and the Secretary General / Bericht des Präsidenten und der Generalsekretärs

Enclosed you can find the IFA Report 12/2019 and the draft of IFA Report 1/2020 (appendix 02 & 02a).

4. Budget 2019 – Approval / Feststellung Jahresrechnung

The Treasurer is excused for the meeting. The provisional budget for 2019 shows a plus of 11.188.57 € / Der Finanzreferent musste sich für die Sitzung entschuldigen. Die vorläufige Jahresrechnung ergibt einen Jahresüberschuss von 11.188,57 €.

5. Report about the meeting of the IFA Women in Sport Commission on 30 January 2020 / Bericht über die Sitzung der IFA Frauenkommission am 30. Januar 2020

According to the current board decision there will be the women´s event at The World Games 2021, women´s world championships in 2022 and 2024 as well as a possible women´s event at The World Games 2025 in China.

Proposal:

IFA establishes a working group "Future WWC" composed by the President, the Secretary General, Winfried Kronsteiner, Vikki Buston and one representative from EFA to develop a proposal.

Voting:

The proposal is accepted unanimously.

Gemäß dem aktuellen Präsidiumsbeschluss wird es einen Frauenwettbewerb bei den World Games 2021, Frauen-Weltmeisterschaften 2022 und 2024 sowie einen möglichen Frauen-Wettbewerb bei den World Games 2025 geben.

Vorschlag:

Die IFA richtet eine Arbeitsgruppe „Zukunft der Frauen WM“ ein, der der Präsident, der Generalsekretär, Winfried Kronsteiner und Vikki Buston, sowie ein Vertreter der EFA angehören, um einen Vorschlag zu entwickeln.

6. IFA Commissions and Officers – appointment / IFA Kommissionen und Beauftragte - Ernennung

a. IFA Youth Commission / IFA Jugendkommission

Proposal:

The IFA Youth Commission is composed by chairman Uwe Schneider (GER), Cory Dahn (USA), Verena Hieslmaier (AUT) and a Under 18s representative. The Under18 representative as member of the IFA Youth Commission will be elected by the players participating in the IFA 2020 U18 Fistball World Championships in Grieskirchen.

Vorschlag:

Die IFA Jugendkommission setzt sich zusammen aus dem Vorsitzenden Uwe Schneider (GER), Cory Dahn (USA), Verena Hieslmaier (AUT) und einen U18-Vertreter. Der U18-Vertreter wird von den Teilnehmern der IFA U18 Faustball WM in Grieskirchen gewählt.

b. IFA Ethics Commission / IFA Ethikkommission

**Proposal:**

The IFA Ethics Commission is composed by Petra Huber (Secretary General of the Austrian NPC), Thomas Weikert (ITTF President) and Julia Govinden (CEO of United through Sports) as chairwomen.

**Vorschlag:**

Die IFA Ethikkommission setzt sich zusammen aus Petra Huber (Generalsekretärin des NPC Österreich), Thomas Weikert (Präsident ITTF) und Julia Govinden (Geschäftsführerin von United through Sports) als Vorsitzende.

**c. IFA Sustainability Working Group / IFA Arbeitsgruppe Nachhaltigkeit**

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.

In 2015 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. Furthermore, IFA announced two Sustainability Ambassadors.

Next step could be to establish a Sustainability Working Group. The Sustainability Working Group should ensure that future events and activities fall in line with global needs related to protecting the environment.

The Sustainability Working Group should bring together international experts to look at ways Fistball can help to find solutions, especially in the area of events, equipment and sporting materials.

**Proposal:**

IFA establishes a Sustainability Working Group and elects as members Dr. Jeanette Loos (Global ISPO Group Director), Michel Filliau (Senior Advisor FIBA), Dr. Christian Frenzel (GER), Jörn Verleger (IFA President) and Christoph Oberlehner (IFA SG) as well as the IFA Sustainability Ambassador Patrick Thomas. Furthermore, IFA is asking all member federations for further proposal. The Working Group is be chaired by Dr. Christian Frenzel.

**Voting:**

All proposals mentioned in topics 6a-c are accepted unanimously. / Die Vorschläge 6a bis c werden einstimmig angenommen.

Die Welt steht vor großen Herausforderungen in wirtschaftlichen, sozialen und ökologischen Fragen, die nicht ohne Einfluss auf die Sportorganisationen sind. Die Sportbewegung hat sowohl die Chance als auch die Pflicht, aktiv zur globalen Nachhaltigkeitsdebatte beizutragen.

Im Jahr 2015 hat die IFA eine Politik mit drei Zielen verfolgt: Identifizierung von Themen im Rahmen der Veranstaltungsvorbereitung, Etablierung von Nachhaltigkeit als Handlungsfeld bei der Veranstaltungsvorbereitung, z.B. in Organisationskomitees; Weitergabe von Informationen und bewährten Verfahren an die IFA-Mitgliedsverbände. Darüber ernannte die IFA zwei Nachhaltigkeitsbotschafter.

Der nächste Schritt könnte die Einrichtung einer Arbeitsgruppe für Nachhaltigkeit sein. Die AG Nachhaltigkeit sollte sicherstellen, dass zukünftige Ereignisse und Aktivitäten den globalen Erfordernissen im Zusammenhang mit dem Umweltschutz entsprechen.

Die AG Nachhaltigkeit sollte internationale Experten zusammenbringen, um zu untersuchen, wie Faustball helfen kann, Lösungen zu finden, insbesondere im Bereich von Veranstaltungen, Ausrüstung und Sportmaterialien.

**Vorschlag:**

Die IFA richtet eine AG Nachhaltigkeit ein und benennt als Mitglieder Dr. Jeanette Loos, Michel Filliau (Senior Advisor FIBA), Dr. Christian Frenzel (GER), Jörn Verleger (IFA Präsident) und Christoph Oberlehner (IFA Generalsekretär) sowie den IFA Nachhaltigkeitsbotschafter Patrick Thomas. Die IFA wird ihre Mitgliedsverbände für weitere Vorschläge abfragen. Die AG wird von Dr. Christian Frenzel geleitet.

**7. Approval of new member federations – decision / Anerkennung neuer Mitgliedsverbände – Entscheidung**

According § 17 of the IFA Statues the provisional membership is to be approved by the Board of Directors, and to be confirmed by the next Congress. An orally report will be given by Development Director Roger Willen.

**a. Malta Sport For All**

Marco Tomasini prepared the enclosed application (see appendices 03-03b).

**Proposal:**

The IFA Board of Directors provisional approves Malta Sport For All as 64<sup>th</sup> IFA member federation.

**Vorschlag:**

Das IFA Präsidium erkennt Malta Sports For All als 64. IFA Mitgliedsverband vorläufig an.

**b. Federacion Boliviana de Fistball FBF**

The Federacion Boliviana de Fistball has sent a membership application (see appendices 04-04b).

**Proposal:**

The IFA Board of Directors provisional approves Federacion Boliviana de Fistball as 65<sup>th</sup> IFA member federation.

**Vorschlag:**

Das IFA Präsidium erkennt die Federacion Boliviana de Fistball als 65. IFA Mitgliedsverband vorläufig an.

**c. Uganda Fistball Association (UFA)**

The Uganda Fistball Association has sent a membership application (see appendices 05-05a).

**Proposal:**

The IFA Board of Directors provisional approves the Uganda Fistball Association as 66<sup>th</sup> IFA member federation.

**Vorschlag:**

Das IFA Präsidium erkennt die Uganda Fistball Association als 66. IFA Mitgliedsverband vorläufig an.

**Voting:**

All proposals mentioned in Bulletpoints 7a-c are accepted unanimously. / Die Vorschläge 7a bis c werden einstimmig angenommen.

**8. IFA 2020 Fistball Women´s World Championship Chile – report / Bericht**

12 teams participate in the Women´s World Championship in Chile. This means the competition days changes new to 3-7 November (5 competition days). On 2 November the Welcome Dinner (Banquet) takes place.

**9. IFA 2020 Fistball U18 World Championship Austria – report / Bericht**

Registered teams are:

**U18m (10 teams): ARG, AUT, BRA, CHI, GER, ITA, IND, NZL, POL and SUI.**

**U18w (9 teams): ARG, AUT, BRA, CHI, CZE, GER, IND, POL and SUI.**

The event takes place from 23 to 26 July and the opening ceremony will be realized in the city center of Grieskirchen with all players and a small show program.

Together with the U18WC the U21 European Champs takes place with matchdays on 24 and 25 July (FR & SA) and 3 participating teams from AUT, GER and SUI.

**10. IFA 2020 Fistball World Tour Final – report / Bericht**

The World Tour final takes place in Birmingham, Alabama and will be a test event for the upcoming World Games 2021. We will test our Fistball event under the same circumstances as the World Games are planned so far. The World Tour Final are a perfect event with nearly the same amount of teams.

The qualified female teams of Calw and Laakirchen had to withdraw because of a lack of players and financial reasons.

SVD Diepoldsau-Schmitter and SPG Wolkersdorf/Neusiedl are their successors, so there's in the women's competition a starting field of 8 teams.

Christoph Oberlehner is going to Birmingham together with Eric Kindler from 18-20 February to plan the event with the local organizers and discuss open topics.

Men's competition	Women's competition
Clube Duque de Caxias (BRA, CC)	Clube Duque de Caxias (BRA, CC)
TSV Pfungstadt (GER, CC; CH)	TSV Dennach (GER, CC; CH)
Swim and Sports Club (USA, CC)	Union Nussbach (AUT, WT)
Tigers Vöcklabruck (AUT, WT)	SOGIPA - Sociedade Ginástica Porto Alegre (BRA, WT)
Sociedade Ginástica de Novo Hamburgo (BRA, WT)	Club Manquehue (CHI, WT)
SVD Diepoldsau (SUI, WT)	Sociedade Ginástica de Novo Hamburgo (BRA, WT)
DSG UKJ Froschberg (AUT, WT)	SVD Diepoldsau-Schmitter (SUI, WT)
TV Stammheim (GER, WT)	SPG Wolkersdorf/Neusiedl (AUT, WT)

Overall: clubs from 6 countries and 3 continents

Women: clubs from 5 countries and 2 continents - 3x BRA, 2x AUT, 1x GER, 1x SUI, 1x CHI

Men: clubs from 5 countries and 3 continents - 2x BRA, 2x GER, 2x AUT, 1x SUI, 1x USA

Women's and Men's division: Clube Duque de Caxias (BRA), SG Novo Hamburgo (BRA), SVD Diepoldsau-Schmitter (SUI)

**11. IFA 2020 World Tour – report / Bericht**

As we try to improve the World Tour step by step and year by year, we once again offer an adopted version to the Fistball community for 2020.

We learned from the 2019 edition that a modification in some details is reasonable.

The biggest modifications are:

- Reduction to 3 tournament categories: Major – IFA 500 – IFA 250
- Only the best 5 tournament results per team will find their way into the WT ranking
- No more downgrading – the category is fix for this season. Restrictions would affect the following year

The fourth season of the IFA Fistball World Tour starts with a total of 27 tournaments on five continents. A record number of 124 teams will fight for the club-fistball crown and the title of the best team in the world. The tournament kicks off on 1<sup>st</sup> February in Chile. A total of six new tournament organizers are on the tour calendar for the new season of the IFA Fistball World Tour.

## 12. IFA Masters event 2020 – discussion / Diskussion

### Future plans:

It is planned to hold the Masters event every two years in the Fistball core markets of Europe (GER, SUI, AUT) and South America (BRA, ARG, CHI). In the years in between the Masters event should take place within the framework of the CSIT World Sport Games.

2021: Masters in the framework of CSIT World Sport Games in Zagreb

2022: Masters in Europe

2023: Masters in the framework of CSIT World Sport Games in Rome

2024: Masters in South America

### 2020:

IFA plans to host a Masters event regularly in the future. We were looking for hosts for 2020 some months ago. Recently Jose Luis Eltz proposed Guatambu, Argentina as a potential host for a Masters tournament in 2020. Guatambu celebrates an anniversary in 2020

We are aware about the fact, there won't participate many teams from Europe. Nevertheless we think it would be good for our sport to start in Argentina this year. A Masters event should stand for celebrating Fistball together, have a good time with friends, and do some sport and meet good friends from many countries. The competition is more in the background.

Planned date: End of October 2020 or Middle of November (around Women's World Championship in Chile)

## 13. IFA U18 event New Zealand

As date it is planned to host the U18WC from 4-7 January 2023 (Wed-Sat) (!). We are still in a discussion to host the World Tour Finals also within the framework of the U18WC. So we a bigger amount of fistball enthusiasts and players would be in New Zealand and we could celebrate a fistball festival in Christchurch. The World Tour Finals are still in discussion.

## 14. Sports for Climate Action Framework – Letter of Commitment / Sport für Klimaschutz - Verpflichtungserklärung

The UN Climate Change invites sports organizations and their stakeholders to join a new climate action for sport movement (see appendix 06).

This initiative aims at supporting and guiding sports actors in achieving global climate change goals. UN Climate Change welcomes the leadership of the IOC in contributing to key areas of action within this movement, and invites other governing bodies, sport federations, leagues and clubs, to join and jointly develop the climate action agenda in sports, by leading and supporting specific working groups and by bringing

their expertise, tools and best practices into this framework.

In 2017 IFA approved its IFA Sustainability Strategy.

Proposal:

IFA signs the Sports for Climate Action Framework. The IFA Board of Directors approves the IFA 2019 Sustainability Report (appendix 07).

Der UN-Einheit für Klimawandel lädt Sportorganisationen und ihre Interessengruppen

ein, sich einer neuen Klimaschutzaktion für die Sportbewegung (siehe Anhang 06) anzuschließen. Diese Initiative zielt darauf ab, Sportakteure bei der Erreichung der globalen Klimaziele zu unterstützen und Vorbild zu sein. Die Vereinten Nationen begrüßt die Führungsrolle des IOC bei der Erschließung zentraler Aktionsbereiche innerhalb der Sportbewegung und fordert andere Leitungsgremien, Sportverbände, Ligen und Clubs auf, sich der Klimaschutzagenda im Sport anzuschließen und diese gemeinsam

zu entwickeln. Leiten und Unterstützen spezifischer Arbeitsgruppen und Einbringen ihrer Kenntnisse, Werkzeuge und bewährten Verfahren in diesen Rahmen.

2017 hat die IFA ihre IFA-Nachhaltigkeitsstrategie verabschiedet.

Vorschlag:

Die IFA unterzeichnet die Verpflichtungserklärung Sport für Klimaschutz. Das IFA Präsidium verabschiedet den IFA Nachhaltigkeitsreport 2019 (Anhang 07; nur Englisch).

Voting:

The proposal is accepted unanimously./Der Vorschlag wird einstimmig angenommen.

#### 15. AIMS GA 2020 – Proposal / AIMS Mitgliederversammlung 2020 - Wahlvorschlag

The Alliance of Independent recognised Members of Sport (AIMS) was found in 2009 by the non-IOC recognised members of GAISF. Currently, AIMS has 18 sporting international federations as full members. The AIMS President is the General Secretary of IFMA, Stephan Fox.. The AIMS Statutory Ordinary General Assembly will be held on Tuesday 21st April 2020 in Beijing and elect a new AIMS Council following the end of the current council's term. Currently IFA is represented in the Council by Karl Weiss as Council Member.

The positions that will stand for election are as follows;

a. The President

b. The Vice-President (Remark: a motion for changing the Statutes is in plan to establish 2 Vice Presidents)

c. The Secretary General

d. The Treasurer

e. Five (5) Council Members (Directors)

f. The Council retains the discretion to nominate two (2) Associated Council Members for designated responsibilities and positions.

Nominations must reach the AIMS Secretary General not later than 7th February 2020. All nominations shall include a resume of the candidate.

Proposal:

The IFA Board of Directors nominates IFA President Jörn Verleger as candidate for the position as AIMS Secretary General.

Vorschlag:

Das IFA Präsidium nominiert IFA Präsident Jörn Verleger als Kandidat für die Neuwahl des AIMS Generalsekretärs.

Voting:

The proposal is accepted unanimously./Der Vorschlag wird einstimmig angenommen.

#### 16. Miscellaneous / Verschiedenes

Next meeting dates 2020 / Sitzungstermine 2020

Saturday 4 April / 1:30 PM

Board of Directors Skype Meeting

Saturday 6 June / 1:30 PM

Board of Directors Skype Meeting

Wednesday 9 September / 1:30 PM

Board of Directors Skype Meeting

Saturday 10 October / 1:30 PM

Board of Directors Skype Meeting



Saturday 12 December / 1:30 PM

Board of Directors Skype Meeting

Best regards,



Jörn Verleger  
President