



MINUTES OF WORKING MEETING (AGM) 2007

Hotel Mundial, Lisbon (Portugal)

24th February 2007

Present:

Piergiovanni Gionchetta	IISHF President	(PG)	
Ingo Goerke	IISHF Financial Director	(IG)	
Erik Sommer	IISHF Vice President	(ES)	
Jan Lebis	Austria	(JL)	with vote
Claes Fréder	Denmark	(CF)	with vote
Stefan Brütt	Germany	(SB)	with vote
Stefan Gehrig	Germany	(SG)	
Tony Downes	Great Britain	(TD)	with vote
Liz Jeffries	Great Britain	(LJ)	
Evgeni Mogilevski	Israel	(EM)	with vote
Vitali Mogilevski	Israel	(VM)	
Paul Crauwels	Netherlands	(PC)	with vote
Igor Kolesov	Russia	(IK)	with vote
Pierre Andre Meyrat	Switzerland	(PM)	with vote
Ueli Strueby	Switzerland	(US)	

1. WELCOME ADDRESS FROM PRESIDENT

PG opened the meeting on 9.00 am and welcomed all of the delegates to the AGM in Lisbon and thanked them all for coming. The delegates from the new IISHF members Israel and Russia have been especially welcomed. PG asked all persons to introduce themselves and give a short précis of their work and positions in their Associations.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

IG asked the members if they will agree and confirm the agenda.

⇒ All agreed

3. SITUATION OF IISHF

IG stated that last year was a difficult year after Sheila Downes has resigned. IISHF had to delegate all the different tasks. But it was also a very successful year and title events took place in 3 different countries (Germany, Switzerland and Denmark). For the future it is the hope to have all countries hosting events. In 2007 we will have title events in all categories.

The biggest priority of IISHF besides hosting title events is to get new members. This year Israel and Russia joined. There are currently contacts to Finland, Sweden, France and Czech.

The big obstacle is to get a working national organisation to organize the sport in the new countries.

CF proposed that IISHF make a small package for new member countries how they could organize them nationally (e.g. guidelines).

PG explained how Israel and Russia got into IISHF. They had contact to the Czech Republic and in that context it was handled by use of personal contact. PG also stressed that all countries organise themselves very differently.

PC asked to the situation with FIRS. PG stated that FIRS doesn't want skaterhockey to be an independent discipline and we are afraid that we would lose our identity. At the moment there is a contact to Gilbert Portier (representing CERS and FIRS). IG mentioned that it might be easier to get new members through FIRS. IG has spoken with George Pickard who is an inlinehockey man (FIRS Inlinehockey President). But FIRS will not promote Skaterhockey. Eg. all elections will be done in Inlinehockey since skaterhockey will just be a subcommittee.

PC wanted that IISHF would keep the contact to FIRS. The perspectives might change in the future.

LJ asked about how German and Denmark handle their federal organisation. CF explained how Denmark conduct under one federal organisation and IG explained the same for Germany. There are no problems in those two countries.

PC referred to the time schedule of title events and mentioned that there should be always an interval of two weeks between title events. PG stated that this year Men EC had to be put to another date because of hall problems.

PC asked about the status of Sheila Downes doing work for IISHF. IG had contacts with Sheila during the last weeks and had a very good cooperation with her and she was very active and helpful. In the past Sheila did all the work as TD including referee management. Now Claes Fréder has taken over the duty as IISHF referee manager.

4. MOTIONS TO CHANGE THE CONSTITUTION

IG led this section of the meeting and stated that the working group started in December 2006. That was delayed to all the work hosting title events. Special thanks go PC, SD and PM for all their work.

It was agreed to only discuss point 17.7 because there were two different proposals. PC stated that there should be no casting vote regarding the Constitution because this would not be correct according to traditional democratic principles. PG explained that if we don't change anything in case of a tied vote we will not go forward. IG asked if we could make a compromise and proposed the following wording:

"In the event of a tied vote to the Constitution, the proposal shall be rejected. In the event of a tied vote to the Regulations or to the Rules of the Game, the Presidium shall have the casting vote"

⇒ All agreed

5. MOTIONS TO CHANGE THE REGULATIONS

IG led this section of the meeting.

US asked about point 30 "Doping and Alcohol". IG informed that Austria will have doping test in Austria. IG wondered who would cover the cost if there are costs. JL will examine this point and inform the IISHF Presidium until 30.04.2007. PG mentioned that since we are not a member of FIRS or other organisations affiliated with WADA, we do not have to participate. CF mentioned that they have doping tests in Denmark.

There were no points of the New Regulations to be discussed.

6. MOTIONS TO CHANGE THE RULES OF THE GAME

CF led this section of the meeting and went through all of the points individually, and all points were discussed without taking a decision (vote will be done on the AGM):

§ 1.3.3 (by ISHD):

SG stated that for example the icehockeyrink in Essen normally has advertising behind the goals. The proposal was done to delete the whole relevant paragraph.

§ 1.4.4. (by IISHF):

Only to remove

§ 1.5.1+2 (by IISHF):

Only a modification

§ 3.3.4 (by ISHD):

SG stated that one colour for the referee helmets would be more professional and proposed black colour. LJ stated that it is better to wear a white helmet outside when it is warm. Most countries have only black helmets.

§ 3.4.1 (by IISHF):

CF stated that it should not be the responsibility of the kitcheck referee manager. It was noted to add it in the Tournament Rules.

§ 3.5.3 (by IISHF):

Only a modification

§ 4.2.1 (by IISHF):

This proposal should only be a clarification. PC noted that this could have serious impact for a team if they have not enough players for each game. IG stated that when you arrive at a tournament you need 8 players for the first game. In the following games you can start with 5 players. SG just remove sentence "these players must be kitted....".

The final modification should be that for the beginning of tournament 8 players must be there for the first game. After that, a minimum 5 players for each following game is sufficient. CF will finally modify this until the AGM.

§ 5.3.1 (by IISHF):

Only clarification to "integer".

§ 5.5.1 (by ISHD):

SG stated that only the word "padded" shall be deleted. You can't buy a padded product anymore. LJ discussed if there is any need for a neck and throat protector. PG explained that there have been incidents. CF doubted if the protector is efficient. The final conclusion was just to remove "padded".

§ 6.1.7 (by FSIH):

The proposal has been taken from icehockey in order to speed up the game. CF mentioned that in icehockey they have stoppage time anyway. CF stated that this opens up another discussion if we should have stoppage time for the placement games in skaterhockey tournaments. PG said that when we play continuous time then the players have to be quick. We would lose more time if we introduce this with continuous time. PG thinks that it helps when you have stoppage time.

§ 6.1.7 (by FSIH):

PM takes back the text with the violation of face off.

§ 7.1.7 (by ISHD):

Only to remove - the rule is a duplicate rule.

§ 7.3.1. (by BISHA):

Only a clarification of bench penalty

§ 7.9.4 (by IISHF)

Only a modification.

§ 7.10.7 (by ISHD):

Only a clarification.

§ 7.13.7 (by ISHD):

SG only stated that with this rule you can convert a free hit into a face off.

§ 7.13.8 (by FSIH):

SG stated that this would be a major change.

§ 8.6.3 (by ISHD):

Only a clarification.

§ 8.7.1 (by FSIH):

TD stated that with this new rule all players can drop their stick.

§ 8.15.7 (by IISHF):

Only a clarification

§ 8.21.14 (one proposal by BiSHA and one proposal by ISHD)

TD stated that for better understanding the modification in to a separate point would be good. The proposal of ISHDF was only for clarification.

§ 8.26.3 (by IISHF):

Only a clarification.

§ 8.27.2 (by IISHF):

IG proposed to modify the penalty shot out to the same 5 players. CF proposed just to remove the word "all". LJ proposed just to remove the last part of the sentence. CF will work out a final proposal until the AGM on Sunday. JL stated that it should be open if you want to continue with the same players.

7. TITLE EVENTS 2006 and 2007

IG gave summary of the events in 2006. Some reflection has been done about the European Championship in Lugano with only Junior age category that Netherland had to play two games in follow. IG proposed for the future minimum 1 hour break in between. PC stated that this happened due to the fact that Poland was allowed into the tournament at the last moment. PC said that another problem was the tight schedule due to the fact that the final was broadcasted by Swiss television. PC summarized that we all agreed but we should learn from the experiences. IG stated that in 2007 more time was scheduled for all tournament games and five out of seven tournaments were completed on time (only Essen and Lugano were delayed because of the reasons known).

PC pointed out that there was a misunderstanding about the tournament in Essen regarding stoppage of the game for Utrecht Disasters who thought that the playing conditions were dangerous. IG there must be always a deciding power and this is the TD who has to make the final decision.

IG said that for the first time of IISHF history, all title events will take place in all categories. For the first time a title event will take place in Austria. JL gave a recommendation about Steindorf which is located 300 km from Vienna and it is closed to the boarder to Slovenia. The nearest airport is Klagenfurt, alternative option is Lubjiana in Slovenia.

The Junior National Team of Israel would be interested to take part at the Junior European Championships 2007 in Lugano and will check this until end of April.

IG gave a detailed summary of teams of all title events in 2007.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

CF started to discuss how the teams are placed in the groups at the European Cup. There should be a general procedure which should be fixed in writing to avoid any complaint. PG answered that this has already been taken into planning for 2007. In the future IISHF will send the schedule first as a draft and not as a final version.

US stated that it is also important for the host to have the program in very good time before the event take place.

CF also asked about the maximum number of games per day and the time between games. This means a discussion of the number of tournament days especially for the Juniors. IG sees difficulties for a longer duration for juniors because taking students out of school.

CF mentioned the matter of continuous time. The introduction of effective time would be difficult for the tournament schedule, but perhaps it could be considered for the important games. JL stated that they play with stopped time in Austria and it can be managed. CF thinks that it is vital for the important games.

Israel asked if IISHF would enter into international federations it would make it easier to obtain national financial support. PG promised to check this matter.

IG stated that there is a referee course in Kaarst at the end of March conducted by CF. Please give input to topics to CF.

PC stated that it is a good development that there is now one person responsible for the referee management. It should also be the case of other tasks. It would be the best if the IISHF Presidium should not have to organize the tournament by themselves.

It was requested to put a detailed contact list on the IISHF website.

JL asked for a translation of the IISHF rule book into German (for Austria). IG answered that this has to been generally done by each NGB. PG stated that the legal version is only the English IISHF version. IG promised that Germany will help Austrian and provides them with a German translation.

Israel asked about tournaments for veterans (older 30-35). PM answered that there is an unofficial grandfather cup at Rams Cup in Düsseldorf (Germany) on the last weekend of May 2007.

The Working Meeting was closed on 1.15 pm.

La Heutte, 07.03.2007

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