



FIB Executive Committee Meeting

07 June 2024
Stockholm, Sweden

MINUTES

1. Opening of the Meeting

Stein Pedersen opened the meeting and welcomed the members at the last EC meeting before the Congress.

2. Roll Call

EC members present:

Stein Pedersen	President
Arne Anderstedt	Vice President
Antti Parviainen	Vice President
Magnus Sköld	Vice President
Attila Adamfi	Vice President & A. General Secretary

Online

Evgeniy Epifanov	Vice President
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Apologies:

Per-Anders Gustafsson	First Vice President
Zhu Zhiquiang	Vice President

Also present:

Wu Dawei	On behalf of Zhu Zhiquiang
Reka Foldesi	Operations Manager
Kjell Anderstedt	Information Manager

Six (6) EC members present, the quorum was formed.

3. Congress Updates

Reka Foldesi updated the EC regarding the logistics of the Congress hotel and the meetings. She also mentioned that an information letter was sent out to the delegates including every detail.

Antti Parviainen asked how many members will be present at the Congress. **Attila Adamfi** answered that there will be 13 countries represented in-person.

4 2025 FIB World Championships

Stein Pedersen informed the members, that there is no further news since the last meeting, therefore the next step is to have meeting with SBF after the Congress, to discuss possible options. He added that the major problems are the dates for B group. Uppsala would be a great choice as host, due to its location and infrastructure, but they have to be open to organize it together with the SBF.

Magnus Skold asked whether the financial conditions could be modified. **Attila Adamfi** said that the basic conditions were decided and agreed on before according to 2023 World Championships, that is why it is surprising that now they want to change it.

Antti Parviainen mentioned that if there are higher costs for the teams, Finland might not be able to compete at the World Championships. **Magnus Skold** agreed with this point and added that the same problem would arise in the US as well.

Magnus Skold mentioned a possible option would be to have a multi-year contract with a specific Club, city and hotel and not the Member Association. The idea behind is to create a financially beneficial deal for all parties. **Attila Adamfi** added that the World Championships is the property of FIB, and the EC can decide to change the way events are organized. This should also be included in the FIB Strategic Plan in the future. The members all agreed that this direction would be the best for the future of the sport. **Magnus Skold** added that since the World Championships is the property of FIB, in the future the EC should be able to decide what percentage of the organization and revenue should be shared with a host. The creation of possible options for sponsorships should be also a main goal of FIB. He offered his help in this matter in the future, as he will not be part of the EC after the Congress.

The EC can also consider to not give the B group World Championships to Sweden but have a separate negotiation and agreement on that event. There should be a condition also for the B group nations to attend a World Championships, like: have a bandy team, have a league of set number of teams, etc. **Stein Pedersen** added that those members who only play on hockey ice could compete in a short or rink-bandy World Championships. For them FIB could organize a C Group World Championships.

Stein Pedersen added that in the future all A group nations could mentor a B Group nation. **Attila Adamfi** mentioned that the Education and Development Committee could play a great role in this discussion and ideas.

The EC agreed that in their discussion with SBF, one of the option would be that FIB organize the B group World Championships, and the maximum 200.000 SEK contribution to the costs of hosting would be provided to the host (not the SBF).

Stein Pedersen also mentioned that they can also separate the Men and Women World Championships as well.

5. Budget 2024/2025

Attila Adamfi summarized where are the differences between last year's and this year's budget.

Revenue side:

- There is a decrease in sanction fee

- Lower marketing revenue which is related to events. In the near future FIB needs more connections and resources and this is where a Marketing Committee could come into play. Potential members of the Committee could be Andrew Knutson and Evgeniy Epifanov
- Last year the IOC contribution included 2 years, while this year it is only 1 year

These are the reason revenue decreased significantly.

Expenditure side:

- Anti-Doping is something FIB cannot be compromised on regarding costs. **Attila Adamfi** mentioned that during Sportaccord, WADA asked FIB to share its experiences on how ADOs could collaborate with other organizations to save money and resources

In order to keep the standard of operations, FIB need to increase revenues with new sources, as the expenditures did not increase, there are little options to decrease expenses.

The EC has unanimously approved the Budget 2024/2025.

6. Athletes Committee

Attila Adamfi updated the EC about the nomination process of the interim Athletes Committee and the number of nominations received. Altogether 8 nominations were received from 6 countries, with 2 female and 6 male candidates.

Following the call from FIB, the below Athletes have been nominated to the Athletes Committee by the Member Associations:

	Female	Male
Finland		Ville Kristian AALTONEN
Hungary		Dr. Daniel Laszlo BATA
India		Om PATEL
Sweden	Sanna GUSTAFSSON	Christoffer EDLUND
Switzerland		Gian Luca Dario BEELER
USA	Rebecca Lynn DRAPER	Andrew KNUTSON

In order to meet the gender requirements (min. 2 from each gender), the SWE and USA women Athlete shall be appointed to the Committee. The Athlete from India is not eligible as India did not participate in FIB sanctioned event in the last 4 years.

In order to meet the criteria of one (1) per country, FIN, HUN, SUI shall be appointed from the Male candidates.

Attila Adamfi added that the mandate of the Committee will be until a next World Championships where Athletes shall elect the Athletes Committee members.

The EC has unanimously approved the following members to the interim FIB Athletes Committee:

Female members:

- Sanna GUSTAFSSON (SWE)
- Rebecca Lynn DRAPER (USA)

Male members:

- Ville Kristian AALTONEN (FIN)

- Dr. Daniel Laszlo BATA (HUN)
- Gian Luca Dario BEELER (SUI)

7. FIB Event Documents

Attila Adamfi mentioned that the new documents were sent to the EC before the meeting. He mentioned that last year he initiated the review of the existing event documents and started to create the missing ones in order to ensure that the whole 'life-circle' of FIB events is covered by clear, published regulations, forms, reports. As a result, the TC has reviewed the Conditions and Guidelines for World Championships and created the initial Conditions for World Cup (Youth). Together with **Kjell Anderstedt**, they established the Application Procedure for FIB World Championships and World Cups.

Attila Adamfi concluded that the Guidelines shall be published and implemented in the next season.

7.1 Application Procedure

EC has unanimously approved the Application Procedure.

7.2 Forms

EC has unanimously approved the Event Forms.

7.3 Conditions for World Championships

EC has unanimously approved the Conditions for the World Championships

7.4 Conditions for World Cup

EC has unanimously approved the Conditions for the World Cup (Youth)

7.5 Event Guidelines

EC has unanimously approved the Event Guidelines

7.6 Event Report

EC has unanimously approved the Event Report.

8. FIB Hall of Fame

Attila Adamfi sent the proposed Terms of Reference for the FIB Hall of Fame ahead of the EC meeting. According to the proposal there should be a Board of Trustees who manages the Hall of Fame. Composed of 5 Members, the Chair is to be appointed by the EC and have 4 further members nominated by the Member Federations. Hall of Fame should be awarded for the following 4 Groups: athletes, coaches, officials and referees.

The EC made some modifications to the guidelines to only take into consideration the senior World Championships for athletes and referees.

Antti Parviainen and **Attila Adamfi** proposed Magnus Skold as the Chair of the Board of Trustees.

The EC unanimously approved the Terms of Reference of the FIB Hall of Fame and Magnus Skold as the Chair of the Board of Trustees.

9. Media Partnership

FIB was approached by 2 media companies (offers sent in advance).

- Insidethegames
- Sportin

Attila Adamfi added that the insidethegames offer is quite expensive however both mediums would publish bandy news if FIB send it to them, even if the FIB EC does not accept their proposal.

Sportin offered 2 options of a yearly service for 20.000 or 30.000 EUR, with special discount based on his personal relationship with Sportin.

The EC has unanimously approved the Sportin offer for the year. Any further year shall be decided by the next Executive Committee.

10. Any other business

10.1 Colombia

Attila Adamfi informed the members that after the suspension, he talked with Per-Erik Holmström. He mentioned that COL has a new leadership, and the membership fee was paid. At minimum a letter shall be received from the new leadership of the Colombian Bandy Federation, so the FIB EC could decide on the reinstatement. **Attila Adamfi** concluded with proposing to keep the temporary suspension as of now and wait for further information from them.

10.2 Congress presentations

Anti-Doping

Reka Foldesi updated the EC about the improvements since the last AD report was given. There were 2 in-competition testing mission done, and all-in-all 20 samples were collected, and all of them are negative. The tested nations are the following: FIN, NOR, SWE, USA.

Regarding Result Management, one of the 2 cases was closed however we are still waiting for WADA whether they appeal the decision or not. She added that as soon as deadline is over, the sanction will be published on the FIB website.

During the summer the focus will be on finalizing the FIB Anti-Doping education Plan and informing the members of their requirements. In addition, the Anti-Doping related content on the FIB website will be updated.

Social Media and Website

Reka Foldesi emphasized the importance of focusing on digital marketing and social media. She summarized the changes and improvements made in the last year and mentioned that the FIB website will be renewed during the summer.

History Project

Kjell Anderstedt introduced the History Project of FIB. He mentioned that it is really important to collect and show the history of the sport and the organization. He summarized the project to the EC members and showed the updated made to the FIB website regarding the above. In addition to collecting all available data on FIB events and the organization, a Video Archive called 'FIB TV' will also be included in the project under Event history. FIB TV's future purpose is to become a webcasting and broadcasting platform for all future FIB events.

He showed the members the structure of the history project on the FIB website. He mentioned that the content will be live on the FIB website starting the day of the FIB Congress.

Attila Adamfi added that these are 2 different databases, one of them being the data on the FIB website and the second is the Staylive's platform which only includes videos. It is also important to highlight that these projects are developed with no extra costs to FIB.

11. Closing of the meeting

Stein Pedersen thanked the active participation and closed the meeting.



Stein Pedersen
President



Attila Adamfi
Acting General Secretary