

REPORT



FIB Olympic Task Force

The FIB Executive Committee established the Olympic Task Force (OTF) on 6 October 2023 according to FIB Statutes, Article 35.

Members:

- Attila Adamfi, HUN, Chair
- Hans Elis Johansson, SWE
- Tor Audun Sorensen, NOR
- Knut Sorensen, NOR
- Chris Middlebrook, USA

The OTF had 2 online meetings, on 27 October 2023 and 10 May 2024. Meetings were attended by Stein Pedersen, FIB President as well.

Key items / targets

1) 2030 Winter Olympic Games

We had great hopes for Sweden for 2030 Winter Olympic Games, IOC decision to invite France for 2030 was a huge disappointment for FIB, Swedish Olympic Committee and Sweden Bandy Federation.

Swedish Bandy Federation, in particular Hans Elis Johansson made a great effort with the Swedish Olympic Committee to promote bandy and its inclusion on the Olympic Programme.

2) IOC Sport Department Relations

Within the Olympic Movement, the IOC administration, especially the Sport Department plays a key role. For this reason, the ongoing partnership, cooperation and dialogue is critical. Stein Pedersen and Attila Adamfi visited the IOC Sport Department in November 2023 and met Kit McConnel, Sports Director, Irina Gladkikh, Associate Director, Winter and Recognised Sports and IF Relations and other staff members.

3) IOC members

Since in principle FIB meets all known objective requirements – and those are published in a great project made by Knut Sorensen – we understand that increasing political support is the key for moving forward.

Olympic Programme Commission members, Athletes Commission members, IOC Executive Board members and IOC members from bandy nations are the key decision makers in the process.

4) Strategic Plan

The goal of putting bandy where it belongs, to the programme of the Winter Olympic Games shall be one of our key objectives, to be reflected in the FIB Strategic Plan.

Attila Adamfi
Chair, OTF