



FIB Ordinary Congress

17 January 2026, 10:00 EET
Pori, FIN

MINUTES

1. Opening of the Congress

Henrik Nilsson, Chair welcomed the representatives of the members to the historical Pori Townhouse and opened the 2026 FIB Congress. He expressed the FIB's appreciation to the LOC hosting a great event.

One (1) minute of silence was offered to former FIB Presidents, Staffan Soderlund and Boris Skrynnik departed since the last Congress.

Newly elected officials were welcomed:

Claes Thunberg, President and Daniel Andersson, General Secretary – Swedish Bandy Federation,

Oleg Deripaska, President and Evgeny Ivanushkin, First Vice President – Russian Bandy Federation.

2. Roll Call, approval of Members with right to vote

Attila Adamfi informed the members that out of twenty one (21) members with voting right, sixteen (16) are present at the Congress in-person or online with voting right and one (1) without voting right.

With sixteen (16) countries (with voting right) at the Congress, the quorum was formed.

Member Associations (full members) present (list of delegates: Annex 1):

- Belarus* (online)
- China
- Czechia (online)
- Estonia
- Finland
- Germany
- Great Britain (online)
- Hungary
- India (online)

- Italy (online)
- Netherlands
- Norway (online)
- Russia (online)
- Slovakia
- Sweden
- Switzerland (online)
- United States of America

* Without voting right

In addition to the delegates, also in attendance are:

- Stein Pedersen, First Vice President
- Antti Parviainen, Vice President, LOC Chair
- Arne Anderstedt, Chair, Competition Committee
- Magnus Skold, Chair, FIB Hall of Fame Board of Trustees
- Michael Berner, member, Hall of Fame Board of Trustees
- Stig Bertilsson, Election Committee member
- Leo Segerman, former FIB Vice President
- Chris Middlebrook, ABA
- Kjell Anderstedt – Information Manager

3. Approval of the due call

The Congress unanimously approved the due call.

4. Approval of the Agenda

The Congress unanimously approved the Agenda.

5. Election of the 3 Tellers

The following delegates were proposed for Tellers:

- **Stein Pedersen, NOR**
- **Mikhail Entaltsev, GER**
- **Tobias Karlsson, FIN**

The Congress unanimously approved the above Tellers.

6. Election of the delegate to verify the Minutes

Frank Peters was proposed to verify the Minutes of the Congress.

The Congress unanimously approved Frank Peters to verify the Minutes.

7. Report of the Executive Committee

On behalf of the Executive Committee, **Henrik Nilsson** gave a verbal report. More details to be discussed during the strategic discussions.

The Congress unanimously approved the Report of the Executive Committee.

8. Report of the General Secretary (Annex 2)

Attila Adamfi gave a Report, highlighting the main achievements, although respecting transparency, most of the content was already published during the year. Appreciations were offered to FIB partners: Profixio, KOSA and Medal Technologies.

The Congress unanimously approved the Report of the General Secretary.

9. Auditor's Report 2024/2025, Annual Report 2024/2025 (Annex 3 & 4)

Attila Adamfi highlighted that the Auditor's Report confirmed that the annual accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting act and the Auditor recommends to discharge the EC from liability.

Henrik Nilsson explained the key figures of the Annual Report and its challenges. Reducing the operational costs while increasing the services provided to members is the key focus.

The Congress unanimously approved the Auditor's Report 2024/2025 and Annual Report 2024/2025.

10. Decision whether to discharge the Executive Committee from liability for 2024/2025

According to the Auditor's Report, it is proposed to discharge the Executive Committee from liability for 2024/2025.

The Congress unanimously approved to discharge the Executive Committee from liability for 2024/2025.

11. Report of Committees

Attila Adamfi informed the delegates that the reports from the below Committees were sent to the members before the Congress and delegates were offered to raise questions:

- Athletes Committee (Annex 5)
- Anti-Doping Committee (Annex 6)
- Education and Development Committee (Annex 7)
- Olympic Task Force (Annex 8)
- Technical Committee (Annex 9)

The Congress unanimously approved all reports as one package.

12. Approval of Short Bandy as official FIB discipline

Short Bandy – including more bandy identity – created from the bottom to the top organically by the members.

Due process was applied, the proposal went from Member Associations to the Rules and Referees Committee / Technical Committee, including consultation with the members. The Executive Committee supported and it is presented to the Congress.

Frank Peters, Chair of Technical Committee added: 5 members already play Short Bandy, especially those who does not have big field. Countries wished to have a form for Ice Hockey arena that is more similar to the traditional bandy than Rink Bandy.

Main differences are: bigger goals, offside, end lines, corners, 4+1 players for more space. Big opportunity to getting better in Bandy as Short Bandy much closer to Bandy than Rink Bandy. Also an opportunity for new countries and start and develop the sport, even on an Ice Hockey arena.

The Congress unanimously approved Short Bandy as a new FIB discipline, making the number of disciplines three (3): Bandy, Rink Bandy, Short Bandy.

13. Amendments of the FIB Statutes (Annex 10)

Attila Adamfi explained the proposed amendments that were sent to the members in advance and supported by the Executive Committee.

NED (Frank Peters) proposed to list the Committees in alphabetical order (that was the intention).

The Congress unanimously approved the proposed amendments to the FIB Statutes including the proposal of NED.

14. FIB Strategic Plan

Henrik Nilsson presented his strategic thoughts (Annex 11), not a firm document but a presentation to start thinking for the future, bases for discussions.

Following a consultation with the members, FIB shall host a ‘Bandy Parliament’ meeting between 28-30 August 2026.

On the question of **SWE (Hans Elis Johansson)** about the short term plans, **Henrik Nilsson** explained that FIB is an NGO so sanction fees are essential and increased marketing activity is expected.

Evgeniy Epifanov (Chair, Marketing Committee) added that the Marketing Committee started its activity to generate more revenue as the sanction fees does not guarantee sustainable financial operation.

SVK (Per-Erik Holmstrom) suggested to study FIFA and UEFA examples how they increased their wealth involving big companies.

Leo Segerman raised the importance of the presentation of the sport on TV.

FIN (Carla Bjorndahl) suggested to host World Championship in every second years to ensure to have the partners, sponsors, energy. Also right people (including women) to find is key.

Attila Adamfi responded that on a short term we already have a sponsor, new Media partner, FIB TV already generating revenue. FIB did improvements recently for women with Gender Equity Committee, both genders represented on Executive Committee, but there is always room to improve.

15. Hall of Fame

On behalf of **Magnus Skold** as Chair of the Board of Trustees **Chris Middlebrook** announced the inductees to the FIB Hall of Fame and their merits:

- **Leo Segerman** (FIN), official
- **Per Gunnar Loken** (NOR), official
- **Attila Adamfi** (HUN), athlete
- **Magnus Skold** (USA), official

16. Any other Business

Rebecca Draper, Chair of the Athletes Committee expressed her appreciation to the Pori LOC on behalf of all the athletes for the beautiful event. The feedback from Athletes' survey confirms it was one of the best tournament.

She expressed her personal gratitude to Magnus Skold who did so much for the sport and personally for her.

Hosting the 2027 FIB Women World Championships in the USA would be important for the Bandy family and the Olympic dreams.

RUS (Evgeny Ivanushkin) expressed its gratitude to be invited for the Congress.

New Executive Committee led by President Oleg Deripaska has been recently elected and he conveyed his gratitude to the Congress.

Russian Bandy Federation is open to a dialogue with FIB about the return of its teams, and to cooperate to achieve our dream to include bandy to the Olympic Games.

Congratulation was expressed to the Finnish hosts for the excellent World Championships tournament and he wished the best of luck for the athletes.

17. Closing of the Congress

Henrik Nilsson thanked the delegates for attending the Congress in person and online.

He asked them to do their homework before meeting in August 2026 and closed the 2026 FIB Congress.



Henrik Nilsson
Chair



Attila Adamfi
General Secretary



Frank Peters
Delegate to Verify