



MINUTES FROM THE FIB TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (TC) MEETING

Date: 6 December 2022
Place: Online
Present: Arne Anderstedt (SWE) – chairman
Pär Gustafsson (SWE)
Yury Molotkov (RUS)
Frank Peters (NED) – secretary
Tor Audun Sørensen (NOR)
Also present: Attila Adamfi – secretary general FIB
Stein Pedersen – president FIB
Not present: Zinaida Belonoshko (SWE) – FIB
Anders Bergström (SWE)
Tobias Karlsson (FIN)

1 MEMBERS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (TC)

In addition to the minutes of the last meeting (where it was stated that Pär Gustafsson will represent Swedish Bandy Federation in the TC), Anders Bergström will leave the TC.

2 TIMETABLE

WCS Boys Y17 and Y19

Only three teams participating (Sweden, Norway, Finland). India is no option.

Dates of 20-22 January were already approved some time ago.

SBF propose to bring in an extra team (one for Y17 and one for Y19) to play a friendly match on (only) Sunday against the team that ends third (and does not qualify for the final).

This proposal is accepted by TC.

3 nations tournament Finland

Norway wants to know if this tournament in January is cancelled. It is not clear what happens with this tournament.

WCS Men/Women

There is no decision or agreement in TC about the proposal of Swedish Bandy Federation to organize a Men's and Women's World Championship this season in Växjö, Sweden. The members have different opinions, so a decision or proposal to EC cannot be made. To inform EC, underneath, the opinions of participants of this meeting will be written down.

Frank Peters (Netherlands):

WCS Men Group A is priority 1, WCS Men Group B is priority 2 and WCS Women is priority 3. Because of the expected limited number of participating teams in WCS A, probably is best to make a combined WCS Men with groups A+B. Maybe then, it will be 8 teams in total.

The no-cost option in the proposal (for the women team) if a country participates with a men and women team is not OK. This will create a gender imbalance. A better solution would then be to have all participating teams pay 50% of their costs.

For the WCS Women, depending on costs, also a few teams will participate. So, for both men and women, we must set up practical rules for promotion and degradation because of these special circumstances.

Regarding sanction fee, as far as Frank knows, the sanction fee for WCS Men Group A covers the costs of all other (including youth/women) tournaments in FIB. Therefore, this fee is needed in FIB.

Tor Audun Sørensen (Norway):

Norway has the same priorities 1 and 2 as Frank above. WCS Women is no priority for Norway.

We should look at next season, planned in 2024 is a WCS Women in Russia. Tor Audun does not expect that to happen, so there should be a solution for that.

Pär Gustafsson (Sweden):

Sweden prioritizes on the sport, to show that we can organize WCS even without our Russian friends. Priorities are WCS Men Group A + WCS Women. WCS Men Group B is an option.

Attila Adamfi (FIB Secretary-General):

WCS Men is an event on its own. WCS Women is an extra, but the offer from Sweden includes (financial) inequality because for example Hungary can only bring one team (men) and pay 100% of their costs and for example The Netherlands can bring men + women teams and get discount.

FIB EC allowed the new financial conditions as exemption.

Attila agrees with Frank about the fact that the sanction fee covers the costs for the other tournaments. He adds that FIB cannot do this for a long time without getting sanction fees for WCS Men Group A. This is just not sustainable for the future; FIB will be bankrupt in one or two years.

Arne Anderstedt (TC chairman):

It is a difficult question; we do not have the same opinion. There must be a discussion in a small group about this issue. Arne proposes Swedish Bandy Federation (Pär Gustafsson and president Gisela Stockhaus), FIB (Stein Pedersen and Attila Adamfi) and one other person for this group.

This proposal is accepted. This group will meet as soon as possible. Stein will check with Attila his availability and makes sure the group will meet soon.

From the attendees came the proposal that Arne Anderstedt could be this extra person in the group.

Yury Molotkov (Russia):

Russia wants the same conditions for all organizers and are ready to participate, but he knows that Russia can't participate now.

Frank Peters:

Maybe consider a 3-nation tournament as option instead of WCS Women.

Pär Gustafsson:

A decision about the WCS should be made soon. At the moment we say no to a sanction fee.

Stein Pedersen (FIB President):

Stein is here in this meeting for FIB. He informs that it is a lot of work! Delivering documents to IOC, WADA etc. etc. FIB does need the money, also to pay employees. He will make sure to set up the meeting with the Swedish Bandy Federation as soon as possible but mentions that a sanction fee is needed.

Pär Gustafsson:

States that Sweden is open for the discussion in the group.

Next online meeting: not decided, we wait for a decision from EC regarding WCS in Sweden.