



## FIB Executive Committee meeting

22 November 2023  
Online

### MINUTES

**1. Opening of the Meeting**

**Stein Pedersen** opened the meeting and welcomed members.

**2. Roll Call**

EC members present:

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

Apologies:

Per-Anders Gustafsson	First Vice President
Vadim Grishpun	Vice President
Zhu Zhiqiang	Vice President

Also present:

Par Gustafsson	General Secretary SBF (for Agenda item 3.)
Reka Foldesi	Operations Manager

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

**3. 2025 FIB World Championships**

**Par Gustafsson**, General Secretary of the Swedish Bandy Federation (SBF) presented as candidate for hosting the 2025 FIB World Championships. He mentioned that they have two good candidates (Clubs) who are open to organize the competition.

Their plan is, if they receive the approval from the FIB EC, within 2 weeks they would pick the final city and Club, then within 3 weeks they will present the financial plan. As the final step they will present the final proposal including all details to the FIB leadership.

Their idea is to find a long-term solution which would be suitable and sustainable for all parties including the Member Associations, the Club and FIB as well. He added that after the cancellation of the 2024 FIB World Championships, it is crucial that the selection process of

2025 FIB World Championships host is swiftly made and communicated to the bandy community.

Their bid includes both Male and Female World Championships, which would be organized at the same time and same place.

**Magnus Skold** asked who the two candidates are. **Par Gustafsson** answered that they can not disclose this information until it has been decided by the SBF.

**Magnus Skold** questioned whether Sweden could have two teams at the World Championships as Russia won't have a team, in order to have a higher level of competition which could drive the interest of TV coverage. **Par Gustafsson** mentioned that this question has to be decided by the FIB EC. He also added that Swedish TV expressed interest in the coverage of the World Championships.

**Attila Adamfi** asked whether the potential cities are close to flight hubs, whether the host would organize both A and B Groups and how facilities/arenas are planned to be used during the event. **Par Gustafsson** answered that both cities are close to main airports of Sweden, the Groups will be discussed with the potential Clubs and the number of arenas they are planning to use is one but there is another arena close, in a nearby city as well which could be used as additional venue.

**Attila Adamfi** asked the potential date of the competition. **Par Gustafsson** said they are thinking in end of March beginning April.

**Attila Adamfi** added whether there are any limits to the number of teams which they could accommodate during the Championships. **Par Gustafsson** mentioned that this is something they haven't decided yet and they would require the approval of the FIB EC first to discuss the options with the Clubs. **Attila Adamfi** requested from SBF to communicate towards the potential hosts that there shouldn't be a limit on the number of teams.

**Par Gustafsson** added that both Clubs are up ready to organize the competition therefore if one of them receive the hosting right for 2025 the other could be ready to organize the 2026 FIB World Championships. In case FIB allocates the hosting rights in advance there is sufficient time to inform the stakeholders as well as organize the competition in a sustainable way for all parties and this could be a good long-term solution.

**Stein Pedersen** and **Arne Anderstedt** discussed the number of teams and mentioned that in case of 8 or more teams there must be more pools.

After the presentation of SBF, **Par Gustafsson** left the meeting and **Stein Pedersen** opened the floor for discussion between the members and mentioned that the EC should only make a principal decision as the first step. **Evgeniy Epifanov** mentioned he agrees with this approach, the EC cannot vote if the conditions are unknown. The important step is to start the negotiation with SBF as they are the only candidate for organizing the Championships.

**Evgeniy Epifanov** asked whether Kazakhstan is still active, **Attila Adamfi** said they haven't received any information from them after the deadline extension. **Attila Adamfi** added that a decision has to be made as soon as possible for 2025 and FIB cannot risk losing SBF as candidate.

After the discussion between the members **Attila Adamfi** concluded that the FIB EC should vote on the following: **FIB EC shall decide to start a targeted discussion with the Swedish Bandy Federation to organize the 2025 FIB World Championships.**

The communication of the decision will be handled by **Attila Adamfi** in coordination with the SBF. Regarding the technical details, **Arne Anderstedt**, **Stein Pedersen** and **Attila Adamfi** will be in contact with SBF and then report back to the FIB EC.

**The EC unanimously approved to start targeted discussion with SBF to organize the 2025 FIB World Championships.**

#### **4. FIB Anti-Doping Privacy Policy**

**Attila Adamfi** and **Reka Foldesi** gave a short report regarding the conclusion of the WADA Code Compliance Procedures. They mentioned that this was only the first step, and the work shall be continued in order to complete the Plan which was approved by the WADA Code Compliance Department.

**Attila Adamfi** mentioned that the FIB Anti-Doping Privacy Policy which was circulated to the members before the meeting, is an obligatory document for all Signatories and the EC shall approve the document to finalize the process.

**The EC unanimously approved the FIB Anti-Doping Privacy Policy.**

#### **5. FIB Committees**

**Attila Adamfi** summarized that according to the Statutes which was recently approved by the Congress, the FIB Committees shall be reviewed. Letter and the conditions for nominations were sent to the Member Associations. He added that the EC shall vote on the members for each Committee.

The four (4) Committees which are open for nominations are the following:

- Anti-Doping Committee
- Disciplinary Committee
- Education and Development Committee
- Gender Equity Committee

The report included all the nominations received so far. For the Anti-Doping Committee, no nominations were received, but WADA can help FIB in finding suitable members for the Committee.

**Attila Adamfi** reminded the members that the EC shall decide on the following questions: number of members, gender balance and whether there could be further recommendation for each Committee. **Stein Pedersen** added that there should be a limit on the number of members and the gender balance shall be considered.

**Antti Parviainen** questioned whether the final decision could be postponed. **Attila Adamfi** informed the members that according to the Statutes there is no time limit, but the EC should appoint them as soon as possible.

**Antti Parviainen** asked whether EC members will be in the Committees and whether the Chairs will be from the EC. **Attila Adamfi** said that this decision is up to the EC to vote on.

**Stein Pedersen** mentioned that in his opinion the EC should take more time to see if there are more nominations and think about recommendations. In addition, an EC member should be in the Committees to swiftly communicate the work of the Committees toward the EC. **Attila Adamfi** agreed with this statement and added that this would of course not concern the Disciplinary and Anti-Doping Committees.

**EC unanimously decided to postpone the appointment of the Members.**

**6. IOC Relations and 2030 Winter Olympic Games**

**Stein Pedersen** updated the members regarding the meeting they had with IOC. At the meeting IOC was represented by Irina Gladkikh, Associate Director, Winter and Recognised Sport and IF Relations, and Tania Tchea, Head of Recognised Federations and Organisations.

They explained to the IOC that there is a new leadership and they had to have everything in order before they could sit down with them to discuss the current situation of the sport. Kit McConnell, IOC Sports Director also welcomed FIB at the meeting. **Attila Adamfi** added that he will circulate the full report of the meeting to the members.

The first part of the discussion with IOC included the FIB achievements of the last one year, which was really appreciated by the IOC. Second part of the meeting focused on the different options for the Olympic future of the sport. The main goal is to put Bandy on the program and there are two ways to accomplish that as it was mentioned at earlier meetings. The conclusion of the meeting was that FIB would follow the procedure, timeline, and clear requirements, therefore FIB asked IOC to forward this information and documents to FIB. After the meeting it can be concluded that they now know everything about bandy as a sport and now it will be a political decision on their side.

Decision regarding the host of the 2030 Winter Olympic Games will be around the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

**7. Any other business**

There was no additional business discussed by the members.

**Stein Pedersen** concluded that they would come back to the members regarding the date of the next meeting and the discussion with SBF regarding 2025 FIB World Championships.

**8. Closing of the meeting**

**Stein Pedersen** thanked the active participation and closed the meeting.



Stein Pedersen  
President



Attila Adamfi  
Acting General Secretary