



FIB Ordinary Congress

**8 June 2024, 09:00 CET
Stockholm (Arlanda), SWE**

MINUTES

1. Opening of the Congress

Attila Adamfi welcomed the members and gave the word to FIB President, **Stein Pedersen**, who officially opened the Congress.

2. Election of Chairman

Stein Pedersen informed the members that according to Article 15.1 of the FIB Statutes the Chair of the Congress is the President.

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

Stein Pedersen informed the members that out of 20 countries who have voting right, 12 are present at the Congress in-person and Italy who is a provisional member is also present. Altogether 16 delegates are present from 13 countries. He added that further countries are following the Congress online, however they do not have a voting right.

With twelve (12) countries (with voting right) in the room, the quorum was formed.

Member Associations (full members) present:

- China
- Finland
- Germany
- Hungary
- India
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Russia
- Slovakia
- Sweden
- Ukraine
- United States of America

Member Association (provisional member) present:

- Italy

In addition to the delegates, also in attendance are:

- Krister Malmsten – Legal Advisor
- Kjell Anderstedt – Information Manager
- Reka Foldesi – Operations Manager

4. Approval of the due call

The Congress unanimously approved the due call.

5. Approval of the Agenda

Stein Pedersen mentioned that the Agenda of the Congress was sent to members in time before the Congress.

The Congress unanimously approved the Agenda of the Congress.

6. Election of the 3 Tellers

Stein Pedersen proposed the following delegates for Tellers:

- Arne Anderstedt
- Tobias Karlsson
- Ravi Sunder

The Congress unanimously approved the Tellers.

7. Election of the delegate to verify the Minutes

Stein Pedersen proposed Evgeniy Epifanov to verify the Minutes of the Congress.

The Congress unanimously approved Evgeniy Epifanov to verify the Minutes of the Congress.

8. Consideration and taking of decision on membership

8.1 Suspensions

Stein Pedersen gave the floor to **Attila Adamfi** to summarize the situation regarding the reason behind the provisional suspension of three (3) member association. He mentioned that the documents were sent to the members in time before the Congress.

Attila Adamfi reported that the proposal of the FIB Executive Committee is to temporarily suspend the following Member Associations due to no activity and having outstanding Membership Fee debt:

- Afghanistan
- Colombia
- Somalia

Attila Adamfi added that in case they pay the outstanding amounts and there is proof of activity within these federations, the Congress can lift the temporary suspension.

The Congress unanimously approved the suspension of Afghanistan, Colombia and Somalia.

8.2 Italy (Annex 8.2 and 8.3)

Attila Adamfi informed the members that FIB granted provisional membership status to Italy back in September 2023. Since then, Italy paid the membership fee and there is also activity in the Federation. Therefore, the proposal of the FIB EC to the Congress is to grant Italy the full membership status.

The Congress unanimously approved the full membership status for Italy.

With granting full membership status to Italy, now there are 13 Member Associations with voting right at the Congress.

9. Report of the Executive Committee (Annex 9)

Stein Pedersen informed the delegates that the report of the Executive Committee was sent in time before the Congress.

The Congress unanimously approved the Report of the Executive Committee.

10. Report of the General Secretary (Annex 10)

Attila Adamfi gave a short summary on the Report of the General Secretary, which report was sent to the members before the Congress.

He highlighted the following topics from his report:

- Increasing of transparency within the federation;
- Development of partnerships including IOC, WADA.

After his report, he gave the floor to Reka Foldesi and Kjell Anderstedt to report on the following topics:

- Anti-Doping
- Communication

Anti-Doping (Agenda point 15.), (Annex 15)

Reka Foldesi gave a short report on the Anti-Doping related activities of FIB. The main topics covered were the following:

- Testing
- Result Management
- Education

The biggest accomplishment of 2023 was that the FIB concluded the WADA Code Compliance Procedures and kept its Code Compliant status.

Testing

She reported that in 2023 FIB collected 50 samples altogether which met the initial plan for 2023. She added that the full sample collection report can be found on the FIB website. In 2024, FIB collected 20 samples so far. During the off-season FIB will continue its testing plan.

Result Management

In 2023, FIB reported 2 Adverse Analytical Finding (AAFs), from the 50 samples collected. In both cases the Result Management process was started in 2023. As of today, both cases are ongoing with one of them being closed soon. As soon as the cases are closed the decision will be published on the FIB website.

Education

Reka Foldesi highlighted that as the importance of Education grows around the sporting community, FIB is planning to improve its Anti-Doping Education Plan as well. The goal is that by beginning of the season FIB could establish where its resources should be focused on. For this reason, continuous collaboration is needed between FIB, the Members Association and National Anti-Doping Agencies. In addition, she mentioned that Anti-Doping related content will be updated on the website. She mentioned that some of the countries and athletes are already receiving Anti-Doping Education nationally, therefore it is crucial to see where the available resources should be focused on.

Social Media and Website (Agenda point 16.1)

Reka Foldesi presented a short report on the developments of social media and introduced the first preview of the FIB new website.

Regarding social media the report detailed the review which has been done on the different existing platforms such as Facebook, Instagram and X.

She emphasised the importance of working together with Members Associations on collecting data and content which then can be shared on the FIB platforms.

In case of the new website, she mentioned that the goal of FIB is to launch a new website by beginning of the season. FIB already started working on putting together the framework of the new website, which is more user-friendly, relevant and up-to-date than the existing one. By concluding her presentation, she showed the first preview of the new website.

History Project (Agenda point 16.2)

Kjell Anderstedt introduced the FIB Event History Project of the sport of bandy and the federation. In his report he showed the delegates how the FIB website has been restructured to accommodate this important project. As of the Congress Day, all available information on FIB events since 1957 can be found on the FIB website under FIB Event History. He added that when creating the pages for each event, the idea was to create a cohesive way the events are presented in order to find all information easily.

In addition, he showed the new video archive platform of FIB called 'FIB TV'. He mentioned that in the future, FIB TV could function as a webcasting, broadcasting platform for all bandy events, and could work as a tool for sponsors.

The Congress unanimously approved the Report of the General Secretary including the different projects (Anti-Doping, Social Media, Website and History Project) the operational staff is currently working on.

11. Auditors' Report 2022/2023

Attila Adamfi summarized the Auditors' Report, including the recommendation to discharge the Executive Committee and the General Secretary from liability for 2022/2023. He added that the document was sent to the members before the Congress (Annex 11.1 and Annex 11.2).

12. Annual Report 2022/2023 and Budget 2024/2025

Attila Adamfi mentioned that the documents were sent to members before the Congress (Annex 12.1, 12.2 and 12.3) and the Annual Report was signed by EC members except one.

The Congress unanimously approved the Annual Report 2022/2023 and the Budget 2024/2025.

13. Decision whether to discharge the Executive Committee from liability for 2022/2023

Stein Pedersen informed the members regarding the proposal of the EC to discharge the Executive Committee from liability for 2022/2023.

The Congress unanimously approved to discharge the Executive Committee from liability for 2022/2023.

14. Report of Committees

Stein Pedersen informed the delegates that all the reports were sent to the members before the Congress.

14.1 Technical Committee (Annex 14.1)

14.2 Rules and Referees Committee (Annex 14.2)

14.3 Olympic Task Force (Annex 14.3)

14.4 Other Committees – Gender Equity Committee (Annex 14.4)

The Congress unanimously approved all reports as one package.

15. Report on Anti-Doping

The report was presented under Agenda point 10. Report of the General Secretary.

16. Report on Communications

16.1 Social Media

16.2 History of international bandy

The reports were presented under Agenda point 10. Report of the General Secretary.

17. FIB Strategic Plan

Attila Adamfi informed the members that according to the EC decision the next step is to create a FIB Strategic Plan. When considering the plan, the organization shall look at how they can improve the operations and generate new revenue sources for the organization. In addition, the goal is to ensure the sustainable future for the sport and the federation.

Regarding timeline, the Plan should be ready to be presented at the next Congress.

In order to create the Strategic Plan, a Working Group shall be established and an inclusive approach shall be applied by continuous consultation with Member Associations, Committees, Athletes, Sport Equipment producers, Media, etc.

When creating the plan, different methodology and business analysis tools will be used such as SWOT analysis, history of the Federation and Sport, Vision, Mission, etc.

The proposal of EC to receive the approval of the Congress for creating the FIB Strategic Plan to ensure the sustainable operation of FIB.

The Congress unanimously approved the creation of the FIB Strategic Plan.

18. Amendments of the FIB Statutes (Annex 18)

Stein Pedersen gave the floor to **Attila Adamfi** to introduce the amendments of the FIB Statutes. The document was sent before the Congress and the amendments are mainly clarifications. **Krister Malmsten** added that the Statutes are a living document, and it is normal for every sport organization to have modifications to its Statutes from time to time.

The Congress unanimously approved the amendments of the FIB Statutes.

19. Decision on nominations/elections

Stein Pedersen suggested that as per Article 15.1 the new Chair for the remaining part of the Congress shall be **Krister Malmsten**.

The Congress unanimously approved Krister Malmsten as the new Chair of the Congress.

20. Report of the Election Committee

Krister Malmsten summarized the Election Process and the Report of the Election Committee, which was published on the FIB website and sent to the members before the Congress (Annex 20.1, and 20.2).

21. Elections of FIB Executive Committee

Krister Malmsten informed the members that the By-Law on the Elections was approved by the FIB EC and was circulated to the Member Associations. As per the proposal of the Election Committee there is an option for block vote on the proposed members in the report.

Before the opening of the Election, **Krister Malmsten** gave word to **Henrik Nilsson** (candidate for the President position) to introduce himself to the delegates.

After the introduction of **Henrik Nilsson**, **Krister Malmsten** opened the election with the Electoral Committee Proposal, which was presented to the delegates.

As there was no question to the report and to the proposal of the Election Committee, the Congress unanimously approved the Election Committee proposal and elected the Executive Committee as follows:

President:

- **Henrik Nilsson, SWE**

First Vice President

- **Stein Pedersen, NOR**

Vice Presidents

- **Antti Parviainen, FIN**

- **Attila Adamfi, HUN**

Executive Committee Members

- **Chanel Gilomen, SUI**
- **Dawei Wu, CHN**
- **Mikhail Entaltsev, GER**
- **Andrew Knutson, USA**

22. Athletes Committee

Stein Pedersen summarized the process (Annex 22) and the EC decision on approving the members to the Athletes Committee. (Note: this agenda point was discussed before **Stein Pedersen** gave the Chair of the Congress to **Krister Malmsten**)

As per the EC approval, the EC appointed the following athletes to the Athletes Committee:

- Ville Kristian Aaltonen, FIN
- Daniel Laszlo Bata Dr, HUN
- Gian Luca Dario Beeler, SUI
- Rebecca Lynn Draper, USA
- Sanna Gustafsson, SWE

The Congress unanimously ratified the 5 members of the FIB Athletes Committee.

23. Election of Auditor

Krister Malmsten gave the floor to **Attila Adamfi** to introduce this agenda point. According to the FIB Statutes, it is the Congress' authority to appoint the auditors. Unfortunately both internal and external auditors informed FIB recently that they would like to retire. For this reason, there has to be new auditors appointed, however, today it is not possible to introduce new auditors to the Congress. He added that the process already started to find replacements with the help of the Swedish Bandy Federation.

The Congress was asked to authorize the FIB EC to look and appoint the auditors in order to meet the legal requirements of the organization and later the EC will come back to the Congress to approve the auditors.

The Congress unanimously approved to authorize the FIB EC to appoint the auditors, subject to later Congress approval.

24. Honouring members – FIB Hall of Fame

Stein Pedersen gave the floor to **Attila Adamfi** who informed the delegates that the FIB EC has approved the Terms of Reference and appointed the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the FIB Hall of Fame at their last EC meeting. The new Chair is **Magnus Skold** who expressed his gratitude, emphasizing the importance of honouring members of the bandy community. (Note: this agenda point was discussed before **Stein Pedersen** gave the Chair of the Congress to **Krister Malmsten**)

25. Any other business

Members of the Congress discussed possible options to develop and promote a format of bandy which could be played on a smaller field. **Ravi Sunder** mentioned rink-bandy as a possibility as

many countries have Ice hockey in their country. **Evgeniy Epifanov** thanked the Slovak Bandy Federation for organizing a Rink Bandy Championships and emphasized that the further support should come from other Member Associations as well.

Attila Adamfi added that while Hungary have big ice, Central European countries support short bandy that is more similar to traditional bandy. He mentioned that the FIB Rules and Referee Committee is currently looking into short bandy as a new discipline of bandy.

Lyn Gibb-de Swarte also expressed her support creating this new discipline and the idea of black ball.

Marco Tomasini, President of the Italian Member Association expressed his gratitude and mentioned that bandy is already recognised by the NOC of Italy.

26. Closing of the Congress


Henrik Nilsson as the new FIB President, thanked the members for their support and closed the 2024 FIB Congress and Election.



Stein Pedersen
Chair1



Krister Malmsten
Chair2



Attila Adamfi
General Secretary



Evgeniy Epifanov
Delegate to Verify