



MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017
President Hotel Kyiv (Ukraine)
Sunday 26th February 2017

Participants:

Erik Sommer (ES)	IISHF President	no vote
Thomas Ortner (TO)	IISHF Vice President	no vote
Ingo Goerke (IG)	IISHF Financial Director	no vote

Felix Delinger (FD)	Austria	with vote (2 votes)
Claes Fréder (CF)	Denmark	no vote
Ronja Dam (RD)	Denmark	with vote (1 vote)
Carsten Arndt (CA)	Germany	with vote (3 votes)
Stefan Gehrig (SG)	Germany	no vote
Dee Dalton (DD)	Great Britain	with vote (1 vote)
Saskia van de Weijer (SW)	Netherlands	no vote
Brian Kasto (BC)	Netherlands	with vote (1 vote)
Igor Kolesov (IK)	Russia	with vote (1 vote)
Ueli Strueby (US)	Switzerland	no vote
Marco Eicher (ME)	Switzerland	with vote (3 votes)
Eli Abramovich (EA)	Israel	with vote (2 votes)
Pavel Levin (PL)	Israel	no vote
André Poddubny (AP)	Ukraine	with vote (1 vote)

1. WELCOME ADDRESS

ES opened the meeting 8.30 am and welcomed all of the delegates to the AGM in Kyiv (Ukraine) and thanked them all for coming. ES thanked the host for the very good organisation and the lovely evening. ES thanked all delegates for their great contribution at the working meeting the day before (Saturday).

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

=> All agreed (15 votes)

3. PROOF OF CORRECT ANNOUNCEMENT CONVENING THE GENERAL MEETING

IG confirmed that according to point 11.4 IISHF Constitution the announcement convening the General Meeting has been sent out on time.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

IG confirmed that no application for a new member has been received.

5. ESTABLISHMENT OF VOTING RIGHTS AND OF THE QUORUM

IG confirmed that according to point 11.8 IISHF Constitution a quorum for the General Meeting shall consist of no less than one third of the Council of Members (NMAs) which is definitely given. No present NMA was suspended and all present NMAs have fulfilled their payments regulations incl. membership fees 2017. According to point 11.11 IISHF Constitution the Members were entitled to vote as follows:

Felix Delinger (FD)	Austria	with vote (2 votes)
Ronja Dam (RD)	Denmark	with vote (1 vote)
Carsten Arndt (CA)	Germany	with vote (3 votes)
Dee Dalton (DD)	Great Britain	with vote (1vote)
Brian Kasto (BC)	Netherlands	with vote (1 vote)
Igor Kolesov (IK)	Russia	with vote (1 vote)
Marco Eicher (ME)	Switzerland	with vote (3 votes)
Eli Abramovich (EA)	Israel	with vote (2 votes)
André Poddubny (AP)	Ukraine	with vote (1 vote)

Total number of votes is 15.

6. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETINGS 2016

All delegates had received the minutes from the previous AGM 2016 (Zagreb). According to point 11.17 IISHF Constitution no objections to the minutes have been sent to the IISHF within two weeks of receipt.

=> **All agreed (15 votes)**

7. WRITTEN REPORT 2016 FROM THE PRESIDUM

All delegates have received the written Presidium Report 2016 by IISHF Communication Letter. There were no questions or comments.

8. FINANCE DIRECTOR'S WRITTEN REPORT 2016 AND AUDITED ACCOUNTS

IG confirmed that all delegates received the Accounts and written Financial Report by IISHF Communication Letter. IG verbally gave some additional comments and explanations of the Accounts.

9. REPORT 2016 FROM THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

This year the Audit Committee consisted of André Poddubny (AP) and Stefan Gehrig (SG). On behalf of the Audit Committee AP gave the Audit Report and thanked IG for his good work. AP asked the Council of Members meeting to approve the Financial Report 2016.

10. APPROVAL OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PRESIDUM

The members were asked to approve the activities of the Presidium.

=> **All agreed (15 votes)**

11. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE REPORT

All delegates have received the written Disciplinary Committee Report 2016 by IISHF Communication Letter. The Disciplinary Officer Laurin Rauter and the Vice-Disciplinary Officer Stefan Gehrig have both announced that they would resign. The IISHF Presidium will seek new members for the Disciplinary Committee.

12. APPEALS COMMITTEE REPORT 2016

All delegates have received the written Appeals Committee Report 2016 by IISHF Communication Letter. It was confirmed that the Appeals Committee consists of 5 members and that the fifth member is Marco Eicher from Switzerland and that he should be formally appointed by the AGM (see point 18).

13. MOTIONS TO CHANGE THE CONSTITUTION

IG led this section of the meeting. The votes on the IISHF Constitution were made on basis of the draft of 12.02.2017. SW requested single votes.

- **Article 7.3**
Withdrawn by IISHF Presidium
- **Article 11.7**
Votes in Favour: 11
Votes Against: 2 (Netherlands, Great Britain)
Abstentions: 2 (Austria)
- **Article 11.9 b)-e)**
Votes in Favour: 15
Votes Against: 0
Abstentions: 0
- **Article 11.9 v)**
Votes in Favour: 11
Votes Against: 2 (Netherlands, Great Britain)
Abstentions: 2 (Austria)
It was mentioned to modify this article next time and to precise the election to chairman and vice chairman
- **Article 11.10 b)-h)**
Votes in Favour: 15
Votes Against: 0
Abstentions: 0
- **Article 11.11**
Votes in Favour: 15
Votes Against: 0
Abstentions: 0
- **Article 11.12**
Votes in Favour: 15
Votes Against: 0
Abstentions: 0
- **Article 11.14**
Votes in Favour: 15
Votes Against: 0
Abstentions: 0
- **Article 15.5 – new paragraph “Technical Committee”**
Votes in Favour: 11
Votes Against: 1 (Netherlands)
Abstentions: 3 (Austria, Great Britain)
It was mentioned to modify this article next time and to precise this article (e.g. quorum, deadlines for votes)

There was a discussion among the delegates at what time the changes will come into effect. In article 20.1 Constitution it is fixed that any changes or amendments to the IISHF Constitution shall come into effect from the date of any such resolution. It should be clarified with Swiss Law what it does exactly mean “from the date ...” – shall it mean immediately or at the end of the day?

The IISHF Presidium took a break and decided after an internal meeting that the changes would come into effect immediately.

14. MOTIONS TO CHANGE THE REGULATIONS

IG led this section of the meeting. All the votes on the IISHF Regulations were made on basis of the draft of 12.02.2017.

DD requested single votes for article 3.4, 8.2 and 8.3.

- **Article 3.4 o)**

Votes in Favour:	10	
Votes Against:	0	
Abstentions:	5	(Netherlands, Great Britain, Austria, Ukraine)

- **Article 8.2**

Votes in Favour:	13	
Votes Against:	1	(Great Britain)
Abstentions:	1	(Netherlands)

- **Article 8.3**

Votes in Favour:	13	
Votes Against:	1	(Great Britain)
Abstentions:	1	(Netherlands)

The followings votes were made as combined vote:

- **Article 3.6e), 3.10, 15.1a)14., 15.1c)5., 15.1c)10., 15.1c)15., 15.1c)17., 15.1.e)2., 15.1e)9.,**

Votes in Favour:	15	
Votes Against:	0	
Abstentions:	0	

ES presented proposals from Austria which have been not received in accordance to article 11.7 Constitution and thus cannot be voted upon. FD requested the Council of Members to vote on three points:

- Article 5.1 Change to 700 EUR
- Article 6.2 Change fees to 200 EUR and delete letter
- Article 6.10 Change fees to 200 EUR

According to article 11.7 Constitution new proposals for Changes to the IISHF Regulations can be put to a vote if all National Member Associations being present at the General Meeting unanimously agree. A vote has been done if on the three proposals can be voted on:

Votes in Favour:	15	
Votes Against:	0	
Abstentions:	0	

- **Article 5.1**

Votes in Favour:	14	
Votes Against:	1	(Denmark)
Abstentions:	0	

- **Article 6.2**

Votes in Favour:	4	
Votes Against:	10	(Switzerland, Denmark, Germany, Israel, Russia)
Abstentions:	1	(Ukraine)

- **Article 6.10**

Votes in Favour:	4	
Votes Against:	10	(Switzerland, Denmark, Germany, Israel, Russia)
Abstentions:	1	(Ukraine)

FD proposed to insert in future page numbers on IISHF Constitution and IISHF Regulations.

15. MOTIONS TO CHANGE THE RULES BOOK

SG led this section of the meeting. All the votes on the IISHF Rule Book were made on basis of the draft of 12.02.2017. DD requested single votes.

- **Rule 7.13.2**
Votes in Favour: 13
Votes Against: 0
Abstentions: 2 (Netherlands, Great Britain)
- **Rule 5.14.1**
Votes in Favour: 14
Votes Against: 0
Abstentions: 1 (Great Britain)
- **Rule 8.2.1**
Votes in Favour: 14
Votes Against: 0
Abstentions: 1 (Great Britain)
- **Rule 8.11.5**
Votes in Favour: 13
Votes Against: 0
Abstentions: 2 (Netherlands, Great Britain)
- **Rule 8.11.7**
Votes in Favour: 13
Votes Against: 0
Abstentions: 2 (Netherlands, Great Britain)
- **Rule 8.24.11**
Votes in Favour: 15
Votes Against: 0
Abstentions: 0

ES presented a proposal from Great Britain (Age limit veterans for 2018 onwards) which has not received in accordance to article 11.7 Constitution and thus cannot be voted upon. DD requested the Council of Members to vote on this proposal. A vote has been done if on this proposal can be voted on:

Votes in Favour: 15
Votes Against: 0
Abstentions: 0

PROPOSAL 1 (from Great Britain)

4.1.2 VETERANS (WOMEN/MEN) valid as per 2018.

Lower Limit: A player who on completion of the current calendar year is 35 years of age or older

Votes in favour 3 (Great Britain, Netherlands, Denmark)

PROPOSAL 2 (from Denmark)

4.1.2 VETERANS (WOMEN/MEN) valid as per 2018

Lower Limit: A player who on completion of the current calendar year is 33 years of age or older.

4.1.2 VETERANS (WOMEN/MEN) valid as per 2019

Lower Limit: A player who on completion of the current calendar year is 34 years of age or older.

4.1.2 VETERANS (WOMEN/MEN) valid as per 2020

Lower Limit: A player who on completion of the current calendar year is 35 years of age or older.

Votes in favour 2 (Austria)

PROPOSAL 3 (from Chairman Technical Committee)

4.1.2 VETERANS (WOMEN/MEN) valid as per 2020

Lower Limit: A player who on completion of the current calendar year is 35 years of age or older

Votes in favour 10 (Switzerland, Germany, Israel, Ukraine, Russia)

The IISHF Technical Committee will based on this outcome try to ensure that Rules Changes for the age limit for the Veterans will come into effect from 2020.

16. ELECTIONS OF THE OFFICERS OF THE PRESIDUM

The Presidium was elected for two years in 2016 and thus no election had to be done.

17. ELECTION OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

IG stated that the next turn of being member in the Audit Committee belongs to Switzerland. Marco Eicher was proposed to be elected.

=>All agreed (15 votes)

18. ELECTION OF THE APPEALS COMMITTEE

ES proposed to choose the new Member of the Appeals Committee. Marco Eicher (ME) was proposed as new candidate for the Appeals Committee. Furthermore Stefan Gehrig was proposed as replacement for Stefan Brütt.

=> All agreed (15 votes)

19. ELECTION OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The current members of the Technical Committee are Great Britain, Netherlands, Denmark, Switzerland and Germany.

CF proposed SG as chairman of the new Technical Committee. There was no other proposal.

Votes in Favour: 13

Votes Against: 0

Abstentions: 2 (Netherlands, Great Britain)

SG confirmed his election to become chairman of the Technical Committee.

CA proposed CF as vice chairman of the new Technical Committee. There was no other proposal.

Votes in Favour: 13

Votes Against: 0

Abstentions: 2 (Netherlands, Great Britain)

CF confirmed his election to become vice chairman of the Technical Committee.

20. PRESENTATION OF BUDGET FOR 2017

IG presented the budget for 2017 which has already been provided to all NMAs by IISHF Communication Letter.

=> All agreed (15 votes) and confirmed the budget.

1.000 € were decided as use for the Development Committee.

21. TITLE EVENTS 2017-2019

ES showed a detailed presentation.

22. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

As Austria left the AGM on 12:00, from this time on there were only 13 votes at the AGM.

#1 BISHA Payment of Membership Fees 2016

IG explained a case about the payment of BiSHA membership fees 2016 and the requested partial reimbursement. The NMAs were asked to vote if the payment made in 2016 remains unchanged:

Votes in Favour:	11	
Votes Against:	0	
Abstentions:	2	(Netherlands, Great Britain)

#2 Swiss Participation at the Cup Winners Cup 2017

ME informed that the Swiss Federation by mistake forgot to report correctly their second best team for the Cup Winners Cup (SHC Buix) and that this team would replace the third best Swiss team (IHC La Broye) which had previously been nominated for this Event. The IISHF Presidium has been informed and ES confirmed this change which will have no impact on other countries participation.

#3 Location AGM 2017

ES proposed to host the AGM 2018 on 24/25.02.2018 in Spain (if possible in Madrid). ES is waiting for the approval of the Spanish association. Netherlands (possible in Amsterdam) offered to become replacement if Spain shall not host.

#4 Market Analysis

IK proposed to do a Marketing Analysis.

#5 Social Media

DD presented the work done on behalf of BISHA by Jay Blackburn in regards to the initiatives that IISHF and NMA's could take in order to promote skaterhockey domestically and internationally.

AP gave a speech about social media. This resulted to a detailed discussion among all delegates about the development and future approach of social media.

IK stated to that we need to set time limits for the several subjects.

EA stated that we should pay attention to the important subjects as development and future instead of discussing too much about Constitution, Regulations and Rules Book.

CF stated that we must take more time for development and put the legal things into working groups or committees.

ES stated that is planned to host a meeting with interested people for social media 2017. Further details will shortly follow. Two target groups "Title Events" communicating our core business activity and "Strategic development" how to develop the sport in the NMA's.

ES stated that also a meeting with all NMAs is planned to discuss further strategy, development, – IISHF will try to take over the costs for such a meeting incl. travelling.

#6 Final feedback

The delegates were very glad that for the first time at a WM/AGM weekend there was time to discuss more under any other business. This must be the right way for the future to be more productive.

All the delegates unanimously said big thank you to Ukraine for hosting this great weekend.

IK thanked ES and IG to well lead both meetings.

IG thanked Elena for taking the minutes.

ES wished all NMAs a good season 2017 and a safe return trip to their countries.

The Annual General Meeting was closed on 14.00.

Kiev, 26 February 2017

Signed by
Erik Sommer
(IISHF President)

Signed by
Elena Hozhulian
(Minutes Secretary)