



**MINUTES OF WORKING MEETING 2017**  
**President Hotel Kyiv (Ukraine)**  
**Saturday 25th 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
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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)	The Netherlands	no vote
Brian Kasto (BC)	The 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 FROM PRESIDENT**

ES opened the meeting at 10.30 am and welcomed all of the delegates to the Working Meeting in Kyiv (Ukraine) and thanked them all for coming. ES thanked Ukraine for hosting the meetings (WM+AGM) on the weekend.

**2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA / ESTABLISHING OF VOTING RIGHTS**

IG confirmed that no present National Member Association (NMA) is currently suspended and that all present NMAs fulfilled their payments regulations incl. membership fees 2017. According to point 11.11 IISHF Constitution the Members were entitled to vote as follows – total number of votes is 15 :

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)

Confirmation of the agenda

=>All agreed (15 votes)

### **3. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE WORKING MEETING 2016**

All delegates received the minutes from the previous Working Meeting (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)

### **4. FLASH BACK 2016 / VIEW 2017**

ES showed a relevant presentation.

### **5. MOTIONS TO CHANGE THE CONSTITUTION**

IG led this section of the meeting. Proposals on time have only been delivered by IISHF Presidium and have been inserted and sent out with draft of 12.02.2017. Motions to change the Constitution cannot be changed/adapted on the AGM.

- § 7.3                      Withdrawn by IISHF Presidium
- § 11.7                      SG showed a presentation about Technical Committee and spoke about the changes which had been done by Technical Committee. There was a mutual discussion among the delegates about the procedure of Technical Committee.
- § 11.9 b)-e)              No discussion
- § 11.9 v)                      SW stated that the wording is incorrect and thus cannot be voted upon. It should be correctly "Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman of Technical Committee". This should then at least be corrected at the next AGM 2018. SW also stated that points as quorum and internal vote procedures are missing and thus from her point of view this point cannot be accepted this year. There was a discussion among the delegates about this.
- § 11.10 b)-h)              No discussion
- § 11.11                      No discussion
- § 11.12                      No discussion
- § 11.14                      No discussion
- § 15.5 behind              see § 11.7

### **6. MOTIONS TO CHANGE THE REGULATIONS**

IG led this section of the meeting. Proposals on time have only been delivered by IISHF Presidium and have been inserted and sent out with draft of 12.02.2017. These proposals can be altered by the applicant at a General meeting before being voted upon unless withdrawn by the applicant. During a General Meeting 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.

IISHF also received proposals from Great Britain, Austria and Denmark but these proposals have been sent too late – thus they will be discussed under any other business.

- § 3.4 o) ES explained the background/need for this modification and there was discussion among the delegates about the need.
- § 3.6 e) Only clarification
- § 3.10 Improvement for the teams
- § 8.2 IG explained the background
- § 8.3 IG explained the background
- § 15.1.a)14 Only clarification
- § 15.1.c)5 ES explained the background
- § 15.1.c)10 ES explained the background and the modified wording was discussed.
- § 15.1.c)15 ES explained the background
- § 15.1.c)17 IG explained the background
- § 15.1.e)2 Improvement for the teams
- § 15.1.e)9 ES explained the background

## **7. MOTIONS TO CHANGE THE IISHF RULE BOOK**

SG led this section of the meeting and explained the work of the Technical Committee and gave a report on the activities of the committee in the last year. SG presented both the draft of the Official Rule Book 2016/2017 (2017 mid-term update) and the Official Rule Book 2018/2019 (2018 initial release) as distributed on 7th January 2017. These proposals can be altered by the applicant at a General meeting before being voted upon unless withdrawn by the applicant. During a General Meeting new proposals for Changes to the IISHF Rule Book be put to a vote if all National Member Associations being present at the General Meeting unanimously agree.

IISHF also received a proposal from Great Britain in regard to age limit but this proposal has been sent too late – thus it will be discussed under any other business.

Official Rule Book 2016/2017 (2017 mid-term update)

- Rule 7.13.2 No discussion

Official Rule Book 2018/2019 (2018 initial release)

- Rule 5.14.1 No discussion
- Rule 8.2.1 No discussion
- Rule 8.11.5 No Discussion
- Rule 8.11.7 No discussion
- Rule 8.24.11 No discussion

When reperting rule 5.14.1 some discussion emerged about the general topic of certified equipment. The Technical Committee will prepare an informational document that clarifies the various labels and markings on personal protective equipment for ice hockey. These are the labels and markings that are relevant for inline-skaterhockey as well.

The Technical Committee further proposed to remove the mandatory kit-check from all senior events (men, women and veterans) by adjusting the tournament rules for these events accordingly. For 2017 the TC proposed to keep the option of kit-checking goalkeepers' face-masks to make sure that they comply with rule 5.14.1 either at the managers meeting or before the first game of a team. In 2018 this check will become obsolete as well.

The Technical Committee also put forward a proposal from Denmark to try a new format to decide tied games that need a decision at the veteran's and women's European Cup in 2017. The new format includes a 5-minute overtime 3-on-3 before a penalty shoot-out might be required.

Great Britain filed a proposal to the IISHF presidium to change the age limits of the Veteran's age group. The Technical Committee was not aware of this proposal before the AGM as it was not passed through the Technical Committee, which would have been the correct way as stated by SG. All NGBs present were in favour of the proposal from Great Britain but discusses when such a change would come into effect. SG proposed to make no exceptions from the agreed procedures of the Technical Committee and include the change for the 2020 Official Rule Book which will be the next Official Rule Book to include rule changes.

## **8. TITLE EVENTS 2017 - 2019**

ES showed a relevant presentation.

## **9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **#1 Agenda for the evening**

AP explained the program for the evening.

### **#2 Proposals from Austria to change IISHF Regulations**

FD explained the background for the following points

- 1) § 5.1: The amount of the hearing fee in 5.1 and 6.3 is contradictive and should be clarified.
- 2) § 6.2: Appeals should be possible by mail.
- 3) § 6.10: The appeal fee should be reduced.

### **#3 Proposals from Great Britian**

- 1) BiSHA wanted to know if other NMAs would be interested to implement Youth European Championships. Several NMAs generally showed interest but pointed out the possible problem to find hosts.
- 2) In regard to unsanctioned tournaments IISHF Presidium stated they have no knowledge of unsanctioned tournaments and asked for evidence to being able to check
- 3) In regard to fines for teams IG stated that complaints of teams for fines will be checked by the IISHF Presidium and then be finally decided on basis of the provided evidence.
- 4) DD proposed an older age limit of veterans of 35 years instead of 32 years.

### **#4 Proposals from Denmark**

- 1) Denmark proposed that the Men European Championships from 2018 should be hosted every year (again). For small countries it's absolutely essential that the Men European Championship take place every year. The best Danish players need to play international games with the national team every year otherwise Denmark will very likely close our Men National Team. At the AGM 2018 Denmark wants to have a vote about this point.
- 2) Denmark will invite other countries to play a Nations Cup in Gentofte (Copenhagen) in Denmark. It will be planned in cooperation with those teams that are willing to come and play. Denmark also encourages Junior National Teams, Select teams or new countries to participate. The following response was given by the presents NMA's. Germany and Switzerland not able to take part in 2017 because their calendar is already fixed but they were positive about future participation. BiSHA had already supported the proposal and Austria, Netherlands and Ukraine would consider participating.

- 3) Denmark suggested that IISHF should use sudden death for all IISHF Title Events 2018 (If no winner then penalty shoot out with 1 goalie + 3 field players) which was already tested with success at the Women and Veterans European Cup 2017. CF told that the system has now been used for years in Denmark with good results. ME also told that Switzerland has been using sudden death for years.

#### **#5 Presentation Ukraine**

- 1) The presentation was done by AP.
- 2) AP recommended every NMA to work on a national development strategy in 2017 and to conduct a national competition analysis by 31.10.2017.
- 3) AP requested all NMAs to provide the IISHF Development Working Group with information regarding national requirement for state/municipal financing in their country.
- 4) AP recommended every NMA to conduct a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, threats and opportunities) analysis of inline skater hockey in their country by 31.09.2017 and share it with the IISHF Development Working Group and IISHF Presidium.
- 5) AP requested the IISHF Development Working Group to conduct a SWOT analysis by end of the year (considering the national swot analyses) and to share it with all NMAs in January 2018 in preparation of the AGM 2018.
- 6) AP requested the IISHF Development Working Group to work on a draft of an IISHF development strategy and to share the draft with all NMAs in January 2018 in preparation of the AGM 2018. The Strategy should include key performance indicators for Input, Activities, Output, Outcome and Impact (considering different time periods) for all objectives specified.
- 7) AP requested the IISHF Development Working Group to review the availability of European and other international financing instruments for IISHF development activities.
- 8) AP requested the IISHF Development Working Group to review options for skaterhockey to be included in international competitions not hosted by the IISHF (World Games, Olympic Games, Universiade, World Student Championships, etc.).
- 9) AP requested the IISHF Development Working Group to develop sponsor offers for Host, Teams, and Federations applicable at Title Events by the end of the year and to share it with all NMAs in January 2018 in preparation of the AGM 2018.
- 10) AP requested the IISHF Development Working Group to elaborate on ways to increase reach of the IISHF communication, including the live streaming.
- 11) AP requested the IISHF Presidium to develop solutions for a qualitative live streaming for Title Events.
- 12) AP Recommended every NMA and their clubs/teams to use the hashtag #skaterhockey in all their social media communication to help IISHF create significance in social media.
- 13) AP recommended every NMA to enhance their social media activities as well as their member clubs/teams
- 14) AP requested the IISHF Development Working Group to develop start-up packages for new federations.
- 15) AP told that Ukraine planned to host international tournaments in the future both Title Events and Non-Title Events. Plans for Junior European Championships in 2018 and Men European Championships in 2020

#### **# 6 Short feedback of the Working Meeting**

Many delegates expressed that they were very glad that compared to previous general meetings more time has been provided to discuss and talk about other matters than Constitution, Regulations and Rules Book. IG stated it should be made up the mind among the NMAs if changes for constitution and regulations shall also be in future first discussed in working groups and not in detail at a Working Meeting or Annual General Meeting anymore. A proposal for change of the constitution could in the future be for example with a least 3 months notice. The time at such one annual weekend should be more used for the sport itself instead of modification of documents.

ES thanked all participants for their cooperative participation.

The IISHF Working Meeting was closed at 18.00.

Kiev, 25 February 2017

Signed by  
Erik Sommer  
IISHF President

Signed by  
Elena Hozhulian  
(Minutes Secretary)