

FIB Executive Committee meeting

13 December 2022 Online

MINUTES

1. Roll Call

EC members present:

Stein Pedersen President
Arne Anderstedt Vice President
Magnus Sköld Vice President
Evgeniy Epifanov Vice President
Zhu Zhiquiang Vice President
Antti Parviainen Vice President

Attila Adamfi Vice President & A. General Secretary

Apologies:

Per-Anders Gustafsson Vice President Vadim Grishpun Vice President

Also present:

Zinaida Belonoshkp Executive Assistant

7 EC members present, the quorum was formed.

2. Opening of the meeting

Stein Pedersen opens the meeting and reminds that EC members are here to represent FIB, not national federation.

3. 2023 FIB World Championships

Attila Adamfi gives a short summary of the latest situation.

In September Nordic countries give a proposal, that participants should cover their costs at WCh. 2023. SBF informed FIB that they do not intend to pay sanction fee for WCh. 2023.

Latest information: Ladies WCh. together with the Men WCh..

The offer to discount the participation fee for countries who take both women and men team to WCS, it is not clear how we can handle it.

Important to understand: WCh. is a property of FIB and FIB EC should decide the conditions.

We should have events, but all rights regarding WCh. is FIB's.

Important that any kind of decisions should be good for both FIB and SBF.

Reference was made to TC meeting Minutes and opinions highlighted (no decision). The offer from Sweden has inequality as in the proposal.

FIB EC allowed the new financial conditions as an exemption. Agrees with Frank Peters, concerning an importance of the fee for other tournaments. To allow WCh. A Group without sanction fee is not sustainable for the future.

Arne Anderstedt: Situation is complicated, so Attila Adamfi, Stein Pedersen and Arne Anderstedt shall sit and discuss about this. We should talk and understand each other and do the best. He hopes the conversation with SBF will be good.

Zhu Zhiquiang: For FIB the long-term task is to reach Olympic. The University games, Youth tournaments and for the future, we should develop B Group as well. So the sanction fee is needed, it should be at least 50% of the usual to cover development goals.

Magnus Sköld believes the world changes, so we should change. For FIB is important to hold WCh. when we have income. Today we do not know about advertising, TV, public, but still important to hold it now. If we do not accept proposal, we will not have WCh. in 2023, when we will have the next WCh.? Find the solution, only for this year, and combination with WCh. for women can bring money.

He proposes to authorize Stein Pedersen, Attila Adamfi to have discussion with SBF and Per-Anders Gustafsson.

Evgeny Epifanov fully agrees with Magnus Skold, Group A did not play for 3 years now, and agrees with Arne Anderstedt about discussion. We need some money, but we have now only one option, this season is special.

Stein Pedersen: many questions are not answered by SBF, we will talk to Per-Anders Gustafsson and we will try to negotiate with them.

EC will be informed as we have more news.

It is up to SBF to come with the documents we need.

Attila Adamfi: we will wait for answers from SBF, communication should be improved to allow us to go forward and we want to include Gisela Stockhaus if you agree. The authorities for SBF are Gisela Stockhaus and Per-Anders Gustafsson then.

SBF said that they are not going to pay sanction fee, but what is the proposal, we have no information about number of participating teams, TV, marketing, advertising, ticketing, those are the source of revenue. Remember, the event is the property of FIB.

Asking for proposals from EC members if they have some, eager to sit down with SBF and come to solution, the time is short.

Arne Anderstedt: maybe it could be good for us if we have both Men and Women now, (for TV), but Sweden must pay something.

Stein Pedersen: it is important to have the solution and find other places to play WCh. then Sweden and Russia, like USA.

Attila Adamfi: Arne Anderstedt mentions, that we got money when we played in Russia, but now we cannot, and should manage the sustainable solution without it. When Russia is ready to come back, we have the door open. We have to find the way with SBF, the win-win solution.

Arne Anderstedt: At the WCh. 2023 it should be free for FIB, FIB should have no costs: food, hotel for FIB, referees, Sweden should pay for this. They must take costs for FIB at WCh.

Stein Pedersen summarizes the proposals:

Attila Adamfi and Stein Pedersen are authorized to have discussions as FIB EC representatives with SBF, to make sure we have a World Championships in 2023.

Proposal unanimously approved.

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Closing of the meeting
Stein Pedersen: We had to negotiate with SBF and find a solution that is beneficial for all.

Thank you for meeting and Merry Christmas to all!

President

Acting General Secretary