



USA Floorball Board Meeting

USA Floorball Board Meeting Notes 12/3/17, 9.00 AM PST

Participants; David Nilsson, Adam Troy, Anders Buvarp, Vince Faso, Kim Aaltonen.

Reported conflict: Calle Karlsson, Zack Geiser, Erica Camp, Jonas Laeben

1. Approve meeting agenda and select note taker.

- Agenda approved and David Nilsson selected to lead the meeting and take notes. Quorum requirements were met. Kim Aaltonen was introduced as the new board member (South-West).
- David Nilsson discussed the process of publishing the board minutes. It was decided that the minutes will be posted internally for a 48 hr review before being published on the USA Floorball web site with notifications on social media.

2. U19 Womens (Anders Buvarp)

- Report from Anders Buvarp:

Working on Revision 2 of the team's Info Letter. (Rev. 1 was released in July/August prior to US Nationals.) Revision 2 is more or less ready to be shipped other than I'd like firmer numbers on the budget.

Working with Gary Schreiner in Switzerland trying to find a solution where we can stay, cook, laundry at a low cost. We are also trying to locate a place where we could do a pre-WFC camp at reasonable cost. Gary is a parent of one of the Swiss players. The organizer wants CHF300, excluding the gym rent, to transport the team to/from practice making it way too expensive. For now, I have made a reservation at Abtwil near Herisau for the dates May 1 - May 6. This facility is really low cost and allows us to cook. Obviously, the team needs to get together before May 1st, hence I am still exploring the alternatives.

Working with multiple contacts to find qualified players. I do have a list of people that I will continue can try and reach out to. That being said, I need some help promoting this effort.

Tiffany Gerber and Ann Lovgren will help after Bratislava with trying to find sponsors. The help from Tiffany Gerber and Ann Lövgren and others is greatly appreciated!

Because we have so many players citing cost being a problem, we've launched RallyMe with the goal of raising \$7,000. Please help in sharing this link:

<https://www.rallyme.com/rallies/10721/usau19>

- Comments/discussions on report
 - Anders expressed hardship getting qualified players. To find more candidates, an event in Dallas on 29-30 Dec has been proposed. Kim said there would be support from the local organization. Anders will work with Kim to make it happen. Anders will write a small write-up that Kim can use together with the other activities scheduled for Dec 29-30.

3. Women's Team (Erica Camp)

- Report from Erica Camp:
[Attending the WFC in Bratislava, Slovakia Dec 1-9]
- Comments/discussions on report
 - The team won their first two matches (against Japan and Thailand)!



4. Men's Team (Adam Troy)

- Report from Adam:

Mostly working on preparing the coming Men's WFCQ 2018 in Toronto, things are slowly falling into place. Have found a hostel but having the team manager take a look, should have a report shortly. Waiting for information on price for a smaller Klubbhuset order. Hope to have the budget settled soon.

Looking at different options for equipment manager for the WFCQ, another thing I hope to have settled soon.

Helped with some website updates.

Have given Tiffany Gerber and Kate Macbean access to social media channels so they can update during the WFC 2017, Tiffany already has website access.

- Comments/discussions on report

- No further discussions.

5. Tournaments (2017)

- Triangle Floorball Club, North Carolina, Sunday 10 Dec 2017

- Comments/discussions on report

- 29-30 Dec event in Dallas proposed with Ref clinic, U19W, and other activities.

6. Web Site/Facebook (Zack Geiser)

- Comments/discussions on report

- David Nilsson to discuss the board minute publication, as well as Vince and Kim access/processes with Zack Geiser.

7. Referees (Vince Faso)

- Report from Vince Faso:

Supporting Brian Radichel with the referee clinic in MN on 16 Dec.

I am flying out to Vermont next weekend to work with The VT Special Olympics folks (along with Jukka and Darryl). That's happening on the 10th. They're running a small beginners tournament. Working on creating exclusive USFbA referee Red-cards to give to officials.

I am excited that the interest in referee development has risen and am working on creating more simple and straightforward materials so more people can help train level 1 officials.

Will be helping Minnesota with their clinic and the Tomah tournament in the spring.

- Comments/discussions on report

- Vince Faso is helping Minnesota with their clinic. Also supporting the Tomah tournament since they have expressed the Nationals and the WFCQ.

8. Regional Updates

- **South-West Update (Kim Aaltonen)**

- ◆ Report from Kim Aaltonen:

Adult activities

In the DFW area, the adult fall league season ended on 20th November and post-season Awards meeting held on 27th November. The spring season is in the planning and will likely start on 15th January 2018 with a 4-on-4 league and shift to 5-on-5 in March, then end on 21st May. The spring league is planned to include payment to referees for the first time, new rules on uniforms, scorekeeping etc to make the league more professionally run.



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There is still also the plan to do a Texas Championships final tournament between DFW, Houston and Austin teams during 2018.

Youth activities

Youth demo weekend held at Fieldhouse USA on 3rd-5th November with promising interest. Ongoing discussions with Fieldhouse USA are not promising for Jan-Feb due to lack of suitable times available. Discussions continue, but a spring season can likely start only after basketball season ends in March.

Also, a floorball demo has been arranged with a local high school (Keller ISD) on January 12th

Development & other activities

The Development camp planned for 29th-30th December with focus on women's U19 national team has been postponed until the spring, new date to be set.

Tournament calendar for 2018 being fixed, with the initial plan to hold Texas Open in early March. Date likely to shift to avoid conflict with ice-hockey season finals in Midwest.

- ◆ Comments/discussions on report

- Kim Aaltonen and Anders Buvarp to discuss off-line youth coordination activities.

- **Mid-West Update (Anders Buvarp)**

- ◆ Report from Anders Buvarp:

- In our effort to grow floorball, we are planning to create two new regional directors for the Midwest and Rocky Mountain regions. Qualified candidates shall submit an application before Dec 31, 2017. The new directors will enable me to focus on the U19W.

Colorado

Participated in the 2017 Golden Gate Cup. Denver activities are down. We practice about once a week but it is hard to find players for pickup games. Matthew T'Challa Coleman-Foster is promoting floorball at the local air force bases.

Wisconsin

Michael Borg is developing floorball in Sparta.
Chuck Hausman is excited about hosting 2018 Nationals.

Minnesota

Ref clinic in Minneapolis on December 16. Possibly we could do GoGirls! event in conjunction.

Michigan

Patrick Jesue is excited about running Floorball at the Brownstown Sports Center.

- ◆ Comments/discussions on report

- No further discussions.

9. Any Other Business.

- No other business items were raised.

10. Schedule next meeting.

- Sunday Jan 7, 2017, at 9.00 AM PST

11. Close meeting

- David Nilsson adjourned the meeting.