



USA Floorball Board Meeting

USA Floorball Board Meeting Notes 5/6/2018, 9.00 AM PST

Participants; David Nilsson, Calle Karlsson, Adam Troy, Zack Geiser, Kim Aaltonen.

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.

2. U19 Womens (Anders Buvarp)

- Report from Anders Buvarp:

Training camp in Abtwil, Switzerland went very well and the team got a chance to practice a lot of things before our first match. We did sightseeing on May 1 to Mount Saentis. We have played three matches total. First against Latvia, ranked #8 in the world. Second against Austria, which we more or less tied and third against Australia which we tied. The last two games were very even and the first very uneven.

The team had originally 21 players and due to recent resignations we have played with 19 players including two goalies. One person fell sick and have not been able to participate so far.

The uniform order was flawlessly executed by North Side Sports. Same with Tenaci and Nutramino.

The team is looking forward to participating in the 2020 WFC.

3. Women's Team (Alyssa Zinsser)

- Report from Alyssa Zinsser:

Been in contact with Canada's Women's Team rep with great help from Anders Buvarp. Canada is supporting the US to host women's qualifiers during the second weekend in February to avoid Super Bowl weekend. Anders Buvarp has been in communication with Venezuela's federation regarding participation in qualifiers but is still waiting to hear back.

Women's team is still looking for sponsors or other ways to fundraise.

4. Men's Team (Adam Troy)

- Report from Adam Troy:

Posted about Stefan Hedlund leaving the men's team. Will follow up with a long post with Stefan's memories from the national team at a later date.

Posted about GM search and have had some interest but will sum things up for the next meeting.

- Comments/discussions on report

- Adam Troy and Calle Karlsson have received proposals concerning the GM search. They were summarized and an initial discussion was held. No decisions were made.



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5. Tournaments (2018)

- See <http://www.usafloorball.org/tournaments/>
- California Cup – May 26 2016, Fresno, CA
- US Nationals – August 24 – 26, 2018 in Tomah, WI
 - Calle Karlsson says the registration will soon open.
- Golden Gate Cup – November 2018, San Fransisco, CA

6. The World Games 2021, Birmingham, AL

This is a summary of the key subjects John Liljelund and the IFF put forth to Calle Karlsson in an email:

1. Firstly I would like, on behalf of the IFF to thank you for the support you have provided to Birmingham. It is greatly appreciated. With Floorball being part of The World Games 2021 (TWG); more actions need to be taken, to make the participation in Birmingham a success.

John Liljelund thinks we have a number of tasks that USA Floorball needs to take care of:

- A. Start grassroot floorball development in the region
- B. Run education of coaches and referees in the region
- C. Build contacts to local organizations
- D. Nominate a person responsible in USFbA for the event in Birmingham, in order to have the needed number of volunteers for the TWG

2. IFF will lead the process, in coordination with the USFbA

3. I have also discussed with the BOC/Mr. Steve Mistrot and we have agreed to have a meeting in Birmingham to start the planning. We are looking to run at least one or maybe two events in Birmingham before 2021. One could be a WFCQ, which would be quite easy and then there is a discussion of arranging a EFT or similar tournament.

I think it would be very important that the USFbA would start working on the promotional part of the sport in the region.

4. IFF will in its Material Board prepare a joint project with the Floorball manufacturers for the preparation of the World Games for the years 2018-2021, which it will be decided upon in May 2018.

- Comments/discussions on report
 - Calle Karlsson summarized a long email from John Liljelund in the note above. Discussions followed on the big scheduling items; floor, boards, WFCQ, Nationals. We want to make sure we are represented at the meeting with the IFF/BOC. Calle Karlsson will set up a discussion group for further discussions.

7. Web Site/Facebook (Zack Geiser)

- Report from Zack Geiser:
Focused on growing the game in Arizona. Running two 1 day Floorball sessions in Scottsdale for 100 kids during summer. Trying to add second adult weekly pickup to same location for their adult members and another night for our regular crew. Venue is going to run weekly league for around 40 kids starting after summer. They bought sticks. We need another location for our



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regular weekly pickup in Tempe as we regularly have 20+ players and the gym is too small for 5 on 5. NAU (Flagstaff, AZ has added Floorball to their summer kids program). Arizona Floorball was featured on a sports TV segment and will get reruns throughout the year.

- Comments/discussions on report
 - Zack Geiser clarified that the collaboration was with the JCC (Jewish Community Center).

8. Referees (Vince Faso)

- Report from Vince Faso:
Planning on reffing the Fresno tournament and a possible ref clinic. Also planning on helping out in Dallas for the youth development camp they're planning. Leading an all-girls floorball elective at school and a few might be interested.

I've reached out to a former colleague you works with a boys and girls club in Alabama and that might be a good "in" to that region and will send them some more info.

9. Regional Updates

- **South-West Update (Kim Aaltonen)**
 - ◆ Report from Kim:
Competitive activities (leagues, tournaments etc)

The traditional SW US Championship tournament in Keene took place on 22nd of April

The formal NTFA Adult Spring league started on 19th March. League runs with 4 teams for 9 weeks + 2 weeks of playoff.

Administrative, development & other activities

NTFA membership renewed and the new annual membership starting 1/1/2018 is \$20 per player (adult and youth), with registration started 1/1/2018.

Discussion ongoing about setting up a summer youth league at FieldHouse USA, but not confirmed yet.

NTFA has purchased a set of boards to lower variable cost for running the league, and started selling sponsorships.

10. Insurance and Membership Update (Calle Karlsson, Zack Geiser)

- Calle Karlsson/Zack Geiser is working with Fresno to use USA Floorball's eSportDesk.
- Zack Geiser says Steve Wilbur will add some more depth to the system.

11. Schedule next meeting.

- Sunday June 3, 2017, at 9.00 AM PST

12. Close meeting

- David Nilsson adjourned the meeting.