



USA Floorball Board Meeting

USA Floorball Board Meeting Minutes February 17, 2019, 9.00 AM PST

Participants; David Nilsson, Calle Karlsson, Adam Troy, Anders Buvarp, Kim Aaltonen.

Approve meeting agenda and select note taker.

- Agenda approved and David Nilsson selected to lead the meeting and take notes. Quorum requirements were met.

U19 Women's National Team (Anders Buvarp)

- Report from Anders Buvarp:
 - Brian Radichel has invited a Women's team for Texas Open in three weeks. Since we are short of women being able to participate, I've invited the U19 girls to join. We have a girl coming from Orlando Vikings Floorball* Need players born 1/1/2001 to 5/5/2005 for 2020 WFC.
 - We intend to participate in the SGA in August.
 - Looking at hostels for 2020 WFC; Svartbäckens vandrarhem and Uppsala Vandrarhem.
 - Camp will be at "Mallboden Hostel" in Motala, Sweden starting 5/2/2020 and ending 5/5/2020.
 - WFC is 5/6/2020 to 5/10/2020.
 - No news from IFF regarding the 2020 WFC qualifications.
 - No news from IFF on the 2020 WFC roster/staff size.

U19 Men's National Team (Anders Buvarp)

- Report from Kenton Walker:
 - 6 players at Detroit camp
 - 15 field players committed for Halifax
 - 1 new field player to be added from Detroit
 - 1 goalie from Sweden who said this week that his passport will be issued this month (fingers crossed!)
 - Focus on fundraising and Halifax logistics now
 - Planning 100 stick sponsorship from Accufli and turning into \$\$ through selling raffle tickets
 - 6 Halifax roster players and other developmental players will play in Texas Open

Women's National Team (Alyssa Zinsser Hall)

- Calle Karlsson said he had discussions with John Liljelund of the IFF about the fact that the WFCQ only qualifies the USA or Canada. This makes it a difficult situation to grow a team since the WFC/Q are really the only real opportunities for the teams to compete. For the World Games, it would be desirable to have both Canada and USA participate.

Men's National Team (Adam Troy)

- Report from Adam Troy:
 - I think the camp went well. Would have liked more participants but under the circumstances I think it went well. Joel Olofsson will be exploring options for Men's national team games in Europe in September during the IFF weekend for international



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games. We also need to see what interest there is in general from previous players to work towards the World Games. Took lots of pics of the camp.

- Women's WFCQ
 - Did a number of interviews, game reviews, and plenty of pictures. Great to see them qualify. Also posted interviews to the IFF YouTube channel.
- Other
 - Took some pics and did an interview with the power wheelchair team that has got a lot of shares.
 - Great to see how easily hockey players et al take to floorball once they have sticks in hands.
 - Highlight to see the kids' session.
 - Great effort by Anders Buvarp to get the WFCQ done!!
 - Working at a development camp for all national team hopefuls as well as players who just want to develop their skills or warm up for the Nationals. Contacted Jukka Kotti and will be setting a schedule soon. Joel Olofsson is confirmed to lead the camp but also open to more coaches participating if interest gets high.

Tournaments (2019)

- See <http://www.usafloorball.org/tournaments/>

The World Games 2021, Birmingham, AL (Kim Aaltonen)

- Kim Aaltonen talked to John Liljelund (IFF) a lot at the WFCQ concerning the World Games (WG). Getting donations for grass roots equipment from a sponsor.

Referees (Vince Faso)

- Report from Vince Faso:
 - After a flurry of activity and info from IFF, it seems like a long shot for European organizers to fly a pair of referees from California (Sean Edin and Vince Faso). Will continue to work with the IFF on opportunities.
 - Refeing a bunch of games this week in Stockholm with Thomas and Arash. Sean and I will be refeing the tournament in Menlo Park next weekend. Peter Gustafsson from Menlo Park has a lot of refeing experience and will also be a primary ref.
 - I also plan to go to Dallas 8 March for their tournament and plan to host a ref clinic and do some Level 2 tests.

Regional Updates (Kim Aaltonen and Anders Buvarp)

- Report from Kim Aaltonen and Anders Buvarp
 - See Appendix A for full report.
 - Anders Buvarp and Kim Aaltonen are considering a chairman to run the meetings with Anders Buvarp and Kim Aaltonen being the connection to the board. It would provide a good balance with checks and balances between regional operations and board supervision.



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Any Other Business.

- **USOC RSO Application**

- Ryan Connor reached out to the USOC and got a response that we would be eligible to apply as an RSO. This is a different and potential viable path, compared to when David Nilsson reached out and the response was that we don't qualify as a National Governing Board (NGB) since that require full IOC sports recognition.
- USOC Recognized Sport Organizations:
 - Underwater Society of America
 - USA Dance
 - USA Football
 - USA Ultimate
 - U.S. Orienteering Federation
 - U.S. Polo Association
- USA Floorball will start the application information collection process.

Schedule next meeting.

- Sunday Mar 17, 2019, at 9.00 AM PST
- Sunday Apr 21, 2019, at 9.00 AM PST

Close meeting

- David Nilsson adjourned the meeting.



Appendix A – Regional Reports

South Central – Jukka Kotti

Texas:

- Continuing to build and strengthen new and existing DFW area floorball locations. We have grown from 2 locations to 6 in last 3 months. One goal is to ramp up a city league between four (as of now) cities as soon as local teams are ready for it. Target to run first city league event is during 4H 2019.
- Floorball promotional demo on Feb 17, 2019 to support Richardson floorball club
- Activities ongoing to bring Houston floorball back online and start floorball in San Antonio ongoing.
- Texas Open tournament March 9-10
- Texas Special Olympics Training Camp March 9-10
- Floorball Goalie Camp April 6-7. Trainer: Aake Kettunen
- Youth Summer Camp July 9-12. Camp will be run by high level coaches from Finland. Both coaches have years of experience through long player and coaching careers.
- Very high focus on marketing campaigns to grow floorball divisions in Lynchburg, VA State Games of America.

Oklahoma:

- Three schools in Tulsa were introduced to floorball via Dallas Stars Fitness Stars program

Arkansas:

- Trying to reach out to old contact who used to run floorball in AR to get activity status.

Louisiana:

- Contacted (and follow up done) several organizations in Louisiana to spark interest – no success yet.

Mississippi:

- Contacted several organizations late 2018. Follow up needed.

Alabama:

- Added a new but very experienced member to the local team
- Alabama Special Olympics floorball training planned in July
- Focus to grow Pensacola and Mobile areas to get regional floorball cooperation established including local tournaments, events etc. Investigating for an opportunity to start annual Beach Floorball event in Alabama.
- Need for material support has been communicated to IFF, John Liljelund – follow up needed.

Additional activities: Michigan: Helped with Women's Floorball World Championship Qualifier. Illinois: Planning for a floorball training clinic with Chicago group to help with rapid growth. Virginia: Focus on growing grass roots floorball to support SGA.

Pacific North - Geoff Dugan

- Training session scheduled for March 3 near Tacoma, WA
- David Crawford will attend as coach/facilitator
- Leveraging an existing church group floorball session
- Adding Eli (MU19) and four new players: two prospective WU19, one prospective WNT, one prospective MU19
- Will invite Eli's Kent hockey team pending availability of sticks (will check with David Crawford)



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Pacific South - Zachary Costi

6 teams are preparing to go to the California state championship in Menlo Park next weekend. 2 teams from the Bay Area, Fresno, Sacramento, Reno, and So Cal are sending teams to participate. Fresno's annual California Cup has been pushed back to the beginning of April due to a scheduling issue and we will be releasing all the info right after Menlo's tournament. Detroit was a success for those who went from the California region. Kate Mcbean helped the girls qualify for the world championships and myself participated in the men's development camp helping the mostly u-19 boys in attendance get some good time in with the head coach Joel.

South-West - Zack Geiser

Not much new in Arizona. Our Tempe weekly pickup continues to gather new players and most are quality players with ice/roller background. Actively looking for new space. In talks with my sons school about renting gym after hours. Just started discussing kids and adult programs with city of Tempe but have low expectations as basketball and volleyball take up all usual time slots.

New Mexico now has a Meetup page and attracting players but the venue fell through so Chris is trying to sort that out. I have some goalie gear from Senon Chavez (Menlo Park) that I'm going to reorganize with my gear and try to send two full sets to New Mexico along with some nets so they can build some goals.

Rocky Mountain - Kenton Walker

Richard Hedlind has started a new youth floorball session and also added one additional day of practices. The children are making great progress in learning how to play.

Midwest - Patrick Jesue

Detroit Floorball Club in combination with USA Floorball successfully hosted the 2019 Women's WFC qualification event.

We are looking at hosting a 5-on-5 tournament in Minneapolis in June.