



USA Floorball Board Meeting

USA Floorball Board Meeting Minutes April 21, 2019, 9.00 AM PST

Participants; David Nilsson, Calle Karlsson, Adam Troy, Anders Buvarp, Kim Aaltonen, Alyssa Zinsser Hall, Vince Faso.

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:
 - One of the hostels that we were looking at for the 2020 WFC seems to have some poor reviews, hence we may have to look elsewhere for lodging.
 - The other hostel that we are looking at may be sold out for the entire 2020. We will know more in the Fall.
 - We'd like to have a WU19 team at the 2019 Nationals but we don't know if we should be in the Elite or the Intermediate division.
 - Next step for WU19 would be to develop a budget for the 2020 WFC and start recruiting players.
 - We are planning to add another coach to complement the coaching staff.

U19 Men's National Team (Anders Buvarp)

- Preparation for the WFC continues according to plan.

Women's National Team (Alyssa Zinsser Hall)

- Report from Alyssa Zinsser Hall:
 - Team staff is deciding upon training and prep schedule for WFC.
 - Chuck Hausman reached out to me regarding a potential sponsor for the women's team and in preparation for the conversation I spoke with our Ryan Connor on corporate sponsorship packages. I've just reached out to the gentleman and hoping to hear good news.

Men's National Team (Adam Troy)

- Report from Adam Troy:
 - Not much to report. Posted the pre US Nationals camp and made Brian Radichel editor of the FB group so he can post MU19 stuff. Helped him post the MU19 roster announcement and made some edits to it.
 - We are considering an assistant to Joel. Let me know if anyone has any tips on qualified coaches of interest.

Tournaments (2019)

- See <http://www.usafloorball.org/tournaments/>
 - No further discussions.

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



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- Report from Kim Aaltonen:
 - Grass root floorball and awareness building is being developed through two parallel methods:
 1. Through the TWG Elementary School program, where several conference calls and email exchanges have happened over the past weeks. TWG and FloorballPlanet are now in a dialog on a sponsorship agreement and this is expected to materialize in the coming weeks. A training will happen, most likely in June.
 2. Through multiple other channels (YMCA, churches, etc.) through the Regional Director activities. In this area, a sponsorship is being developed with Accufli.
 - Competitive floorball is targeted to start in the fall 2020, with a school league or similar, under development
 - Major event: US Nationals to be scheduled in the fall of 2020Here

Sponsorship (Calle Karlsson)

- Report from Calle Karlsson:
 - Here

Web Site/Facebook (Zack Geiser)

- Report from Zack Geiser:
 - Adam Troy has created a LinkedIn page. Calle Karlsson, Zack Geiser, Brian Radichel, and I will be admin for now. I will try to keep an eye on it; but Brian Radichel has committed to updating monthly or so. I made the decision to run with it and see how it goes.

Referees (Vince Faso)

- Report from Vince Faso:
 - The trio of Sean Edin, Peter Gustafsson, and Vince Faso were successful in Menlo Park in February.
 - Peter Gustafsson and Vince Faso reffed a tournament in Dallas a few weeks later.
 - I will be officially resigning my coaching position with the national team later this week. Statement forthcoming. It's for the good of advancing my own refereeing "career," and also for the good of referees in the States.

Regional Updates (Kim Aaltonen and Anders Buvarp)

- Report from Kim Aaltonen and Anders Buvarp
 - See Appendix A for full report.
 - Andreas Johansson is resigning as the regional director for South East and proposes Daniel Williamson as his replacement. Daniel Williamson is willing to do the job. We propose we make Daniel Williamson as the Regional Director. Daniel Williamson has been developing floorball in Orlando for years.
- Daniel Williamson was unanimously voted as the new regional director for the South East region.
- Anders Buvarp was very happy about the activities in Arizona including a Four Corners tournament.



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Any Other Business.

- **Wheelchair National Team**

- Anders Buvarp was approached by Piotr Józef Pasik about creating a USA Floorball Wheelchair National Team.
- David Nilsson invited him to join the meeting, but he had previous commitments. Instead he sent the following letter:

Hello Anders,

Thank you for your e-mail and my apologies for the delay in my response. We are in the process of applying for a significant grant (due 4/22) to expand our MSU Wheelchair Sports program. Attached please find the development plan for Team USA Wheelchair Floorball. Unfortunately, I will not be able to join your meeting, as my family and I will be celebrating Easter, but please let me know what the USA Floorball Association Board decides regarding our membership in the organization and whether we can represent Team USA in our upcoming international tournament in the Netherlands. Thank you also for all of the connections you provided. We are leaving for the USTA Collegiate Wheelchair Tennis Nationals this coming week, but I will reply to all of the contacts you provided when we return on (4/29). please let me know if you have any questions about the development plan. Thank you for your help and for your time. I look forward to your decision regarding our membership and the ability to represent the USA in wheelchair Floorball,

Piotr Pasik

- Jukka Kotti is also connecting the Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) with Piotr Pasik. The board unanimously voted to create a fifth national team "Wheelchair Floorball National Team". Piotr Pasik will be the General Manager for the team.

Schedule next meeting.

- Sunday May 19, 2019, at 9.00 AM PST
- Sunday Jun 23, 2019, at 9.00 AM PST

Close meeting

- David Nilsson adjourned the meeting.



Appendix A – Regional Reports (Jukka Kotti)

South-West Region - Zack Geiser

Not much new to report. The first AZ mini league ends tonight and the first Arizona Floorball league champion will be crowned.

Many new quality players have joined pickup since we started the mini league and there is much interest from them in joining the league next time.

Summers are tough due to travel (I'm gone for June/July, others travel too to beat the heat). Pickup will continue over summer but league will resume in August. Hoping to get 4-6 teams.

Speaking of June/July, I move to Flagstaff AZ for those months and have already set up a Meetup to see if I can get something started up there. TBD.

No word from New Mexico but I do see new players signing up on Meetup expressing interest. I think they are just trying to get the venue sorted.

My goal is to have a "Four Corners, Four on Four, Friendly Floorball Festival in Flagstaff" (lotsa F's) as soon as New Mexico gets something going. Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona.

South Region - Jiri Zouzal

Alabama

- Contacted Veli Halonen and seal the deal for 50 sticks and 60 balls (2 starter packs)
- Phillip from Montgomery joining us for Nationals in Virginia

Georgia

- Tried to contact Brandon Holt from Georgia tech to find out how many active players we have in Georgia, but never heard from him back

Others

- Get together with Daniel from Orlando Vikings and register us for elite category for Virginia Nationals, taking Phillip from Montgomery and Matt from Pensacola.
- Help find bigger and better place to play in Pensacola, our first day there will be on Saturday the 13th
- Basically waiting for my sticks and ball to start opening new places



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Northwest Region - Geoff Dugan

Washington, Oregon, Alaska

Washington

- David Crawford is actively building a floorball ecosystem in the Olympia area (south of Seattle and Tacoma). Offering camps for youth (8-14) and league for youth.
- Salvatore Ippolito has partnered with Floorball Plus and is actively pursuing schools in which to start youth floorball programs. He has been successful with the Edmonds School District, just north of Seattle. He anticipates a huge bump in stick sports (hockey, floorball) as the Seattle NHL franchise begins play in 2021. "If he doesn't do it, someone else will."
- I ran a floorball event for my son's Midget Level ice hockey team as off-ice practice in Tacoma, could barely get them off the court after 2 hours. Need to continue the momentum by providing a regular floorball outlet in the South Sound area (South Seattle/Tacoma). Interested players are out there – a facility and coordination is needed.
- Seattle Vikings, not playing now after losing court space 1.5 years ago, considering starting again but need to identify a facility.
- Thank you for the letters addressing the impact of playing floorball on the surface of basketball gym surfaces, which has been an impediment for renting space.

Oregon

- Current state of floorball is unknown

Alaska

- Action item: reach out to Ted Wu of Alaska Floorball Monkeys

Estimated Number of players:

Washington: unknown, but outreach in North Seattle and Olympia are growing the numbers of youth

Oregon: unknown

Alaska: 45

South Central - Jukka Kotti

Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana

Texas: Continuing to build DFW area locations. Started Meetup "DFW Floorball" to spread the word of our sport. Aake Kettunen hosted an awesome goalie camp on April 6-7. Mainly local goalies participated. Aake has offered his help to coach US national team coaches.

Hosted a great floorball event with Finnish Language School of North Texas. Set up floorball rink outside of Hickory Creek town hall to get exposure, a handful of new people showed up.

NTFA focus on Lynchburg, VA tournament. Spring league is still ongoing. Summer league will be played at Elzie Odom Athletic Center.

No activities with other states in the region.



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Mid-American - Alyssa Zinsser

I'm setting up a pick-up league at the YMCA Central Branch in Fort Wayne, Indiana on Tuesday nights 6:30pm-8:30pm starting April 30th. I've got all the equipment needed and ordered an additional goal. I'm also working with the YMCA to produce a flyer for the event.

I've gotten an interview with Fort Wayne's local paper, The Journal Gazette, regarding my play on the women's team including dates and times for the new pick up league. I'm also setting up a Fort Wayne Floorball Club FB page to support the weekly event.

Rocky Mountains – Kenton Walker

- The Colorado floorball group practices twice a week Wed+Fri.
- Richard Hedlind runs floorball for children on Wed+Fri nights.
- We are planning on participate in the 2019 Utah tournament on June 6th.
- Referee training to be conducted locally in late April or early May
- We are adding referees to our weekly practices.