



## USA Floorball Board Meeting

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

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

#### **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:
  - We played an exhibition game against MU19 3x15 minutes.
  - Our Lynchburg team got split on three other teams.
  - Working on a sign-up contract with payment to secure players for 2020 Uppsala.
  - We have reached out to TetraPak and others.
  - Wrote a news article about the U19 exhibition game.
  - We'll continue to practice in Wyoming.

#### **U19 Men's National Team**

- Recap of the event of the last number of weeks.
- A new MU19 GM needed to be appointed after Kenton Walker stepped down.
- A Selection Committee, led by Calle Karlsson, recommended Brian Radichel having reviewed applications and performed interviews.
- The board e-voted on the candidates to facilitate an announcement at the US Nationals.
- The board voted in favor of Brian Radichel as MU19 GM.

#### **Women's National Team (Alyssa Zinsser Hall)**

- Report from Alyssa Zinsser Hall:

The official Women's Team training camp will happen over Labor Day weekend in Motala, Sweden. Official decisions on the team roster will be made by the following week. 23 players signed up for the Motala camp. Final team decisions will be made after the camp. Ann and Tiff are helping with the WFC preparations.

#### **Men's National Team (Adam Troy)**

- Report from Adam Troy:

Development camp at the US Nationals was a success, must be a record number in attendance. The coaches did a great job juggling all the different ages and skill levels. Might need two courts in the future.

Iceland event in November all set, working on lodging and continuing the selection process.

Had some initial good discussion with Brian Radichel about channel players from the MU19 to the Men's team.



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### Tournaments (2019)

- See <http://www.usafloorball.org/tournaments/>
- US Nationals
  - Lessons learned discussed. Very successful tournament and partnership with the State Games.
- Golden Gate Cup
  - Calle Karlsson confirmed the dates for GGC; November 16 – 17, 2019. The venue will be decided in the next week; top contenders; UCSF and Silver Creek, SJ.

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

- Report from Kim Aaltonen:  
Update on recent activities:
  1. Grass root floorball and awareness building is being developed through two parallel methods:
    - a. Through the TWG Elementary School program, where TWG and FloorballPlanet are in a dialog on a sponsorship agreement and this is expected to materialize.  
  
The timing is firmed up so that the teacher development camp will be conducted on the 12th of November 2019, and the actual school program to happen in the spring semester 2020.
    - b. Through multiple other channels (YMCA, churches etc) through the Regional Director activities. In this area, a sponsorship is being developed.
  2. Competitive floorball is targeted to start in the fall 2020, with a school league or similar, under development
  3. Major event: US Nationals to be scheduled in the fall of 2020

### Web Site/Facebook (Zack Geiser)

- Adam Troy reported from the Nationals:
  - Did a number of interviews and pictures at the Nationals and posted in our channel. Finally have all the pics posted on my Flickr as well, where they can be downloaded in original quality.

### Referees (Vince Faso)

- Report from Vince Faso:
  - Nationals went really well. Added a few level 1 refs and one level 2 ref.
  - Sean Edin, Peter Gustafsson and I were the primary refs. Would have been more ideal to have one or two more non-playing refs, especially with two courts.
  - New and Improved Beginner Referee Guide is nearly done and will be made widely available soon.
  - Within the next 6 months I plan to try to make it out to Utah and Virginia for beginner Ref clinic and rules overview.



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### Regional Updates (Kim Aaltonen and Anders Buvarp)

- Report from Kim Aaltonen and Anders Buvarp
  - See Appendix A for full report.  
Katie Brown has strongly recommended that we replace her with Michelle Walton as the Regional Director for the Atlantic Region. For those that were in Lynchburg, Michelle was the Captain of the Southside Legend's Richmond team.
  - Kim Aaltonen and Anders Buvarp recommend that we replace Katie Brown with Michelle Walton as the Regional Director for the Atlantic Region.
  - The board voted in favor of Michelle Walton as the Regional Director for the Atlantic Region.
  - Kim Aaltonen and Anders Buvarp recommend that we create a New England region with John MacArthur as the regional director based on suggestions from Alyssa Zinsser Hall.
  - The board voted in favor of John MacArthur as the Regional Director for the New England Region.

### Any Other Business.

- **U16 now Y16**
  - David Nilsson expressed concerns about the multiple definitions of U16/U16W/U16M/Youth and that we define exactly the scope for the group.
  - Anders Buvarp proposed the name Y16 and called for a vote. The board voted in favor of calling the group Y16.
  - A vote on Daniel Williamsson as the GM for the group was previously done using e-vote. But since the scope and name were still pending, he was given an acting title to facilitate an announcement at the US Nationals. With the name and scope defined, the board voted on Daniel Williamsson as the GM for the Y16.
  - The board voted in favor of Daniel Williamsson as the Y16 GM.
- **Safe Sport**
  - Vince Faso suggested USA Floorball to take the SafeSport online course at <https://uscenterforsafesport.org/>.
  - David Nilsson asked Vince Faso to come up with a policy on USA Floorball Safe Sport. The policy will outline how and what we do. It should include, but not be limited to, who takes the class, how we verify it, whether we need a contract with SafeSport. How we screen coaches, GM, etc.
  - USA Floorball doesn't want to make the same mistakes USAGYM did. Lessons learned needs to be studied and incorporated as appropriate into our policy. USAGYM just updated theirs; <https://usagym.org/pages/education/safesport/>
- **USA Floorball Apparel** [submitted by Ryan Connor]
  - Item deferred to next meeting due to time constraints.

### Schedule next meeting.

- Sunday Sep 22, 2019, at 9.00 AM PST
- Sunday Oct 20, 2019, at 9.00 AM PST

### Close meeting

- David Nilsson adjourned the meeting.



## Appendix A – Regional Reports (Jukka Kotti)

<http://www.usafloorball.org/regional-directors/>

### **Florida, Daniel Williamsson**

1. Coming off of a Floorball filled summer with Nationals in Virginia, Star Camp and KFUM (YMCA) practice in Sweden. Will use those experiences and try to build on it.
2. Currently promoting Orlando Vikings Fall Season that runs 8/27-10/19. Attended Sunshine States Girls Hockey promotion event at RDV. Will have two more promotional events at RDV this week during the start of their house league season. 8/24 - Will have a try Floorball Free event to attract new players.
3. Working on next steps for U16 National team. Currently have 10 players signed up on the interest list. Will have a call with current team members next Sunday. Have conversations with people in Sweden and Singapore. Nothing set in stone yet.
4. Talking to a school in Deerfield Beach who wants to start Floorball in their school, possibly as a club with adults as well.
5. Still no commitments from Daytona and Lakeland. I keep working on it, but I am facing some resistance.
6. Tampa (Dave Beaudin) is trying to start a kids group, not much luck yet.
7. Jiri is trying to start a 15-99 group in Pensacola, which is in Florida. Maybe he has some updates on this call?

Estimated Number of players:  
Florida – 50 Currently Active