



## USA Floorball Board Meeting

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### USA Floorball Board Meeting Minutes September 22, 2019, 9.00 AM PST

Participants; David Nilsson, Calle Karlsson, Adam Troy, Anders Buvarp, 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:
  - The first Information Letter to the team has been completed, see link below:
  - <http://www.usafloorball.org/national-teams/wu19/uppsala2020/>
  - The team budget has been revised due to increased IFF fees and a payment schedule with three installments has been set; total \$950/player.
  - Lodging at Arenahotellet in Uppsala has been booked with the Organizer.
  - Practice schedule and scrimmages for training camp has been set and gyms reserved in Motala.
  - We've received the Welcome Letter from the WFC Organizer in Uppsala.
  - The 10th Women's U19 WFC will be held in Wellington, New Zealand.
  - RallyMe created:
  - [https://usafloorball.rallyme.com/rallies/16438/womens\\_u19](https://usafloorball.rallyme.com/rallies/16438/womens_u19)

#### **Youth 16 (Anders Buvarp – Daniel Williamsson)**

- David Nilsson asked about Gothia Cup 2020 Y16 and setting expectations on team status. Calle Karlsson added we should be careful with the national team label.

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

- Report from Alyssa Zinsser Hall:
  - Coaching staff has selected the first 17 players for the roster and all have accepted their spots on the team. The 3 remaining spots will be determined down the line by the health of several injured players.
  - Staff is collecting the necessary player info for jersey orders and IFF required forms.
  - Accommodations for the pre-WFC training camp and the WFC have been booked.
  - Training schedules have been requested through the IFF along with transportation needs.
  - Team staff has been solidified.
  - Ann Lövgren has created a flier to distribute to interested parties as we continue to look for sponsors. Our RallyMe fundraising campaign will be set up within the next couple of weeks.



**Join the ride**  
at World Championship of Floorball  
in Switzerland

**PLATINUM PLAYER – no playing, but:**

- Best spot on the Front of the jersey on both Home and Away Jersey at the World Cup
- Your own Game Jersey (chose Blue or white, Number and Name)
- 2 VIP tickets for the whole tournament
- Meet with the girls before and after a chosen game.
- A signed Thank you Card from the Players after World Cup
- Your logo on USA Floorball Women's page

**\$ 4000**

**GOLD PLAYER – no playing, but:**

- Your logo in the best spot on the jersey, the back on both Home and Away jersey at the World Cup (Underneath the numbers)
- Your own Game Jersey (choose blue or white, number and name)
- Two daily tickets for three days.
- A signed Thank you Card from the Players after World Cup

**\$ 2000**

**SILVER PLAYER – no playing, but:**

- Your logo on the jersey chest
- You will get your own game jersey, (choose Blue or White, Number and Name)
- Two tickets for one of our games
- A Thank You card from the players after World Cup

**\$ 1000**

**BRONZE PLAYER – no playing, but:**

- Front or back spot on the shorts on both home and away game jersey
- You will get your own game clothing (choose blue or white, number and name)
- Thank you card from the players after World Cup

**\$ 600/500**

Men's National Team (Adam Troy)



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- Report from Adam Troy:
  - Some interest in the equipment manager position but no decision at this time, will keep looking.
  - Making the final preparations for the Iceland camp. Looks like it will be a full player roster, still working with the staff positions and a lot of administration.
  - Got a suggestion to host a camp in Raleigh, NC for the men's national team. Keeping it in mind for future events.
  - Wrote an article on USWNT Kate MacBean which is available on our website; <http://www.usafloorball.org/an-american-in-sweden-for-floorball/>.

### Tournaments (2019)

- See <http://www.usafloorball.org/tournaments/>
- US Nationals – September 2019
  - Vince Faso provided a summary of the tournament in Appendix B.
- Golden Gate Cup – November
  - ESPN costs; Calle Karlsson to coordinate with David Nilsson.
  - Four Points by Sheraton at the airport will have a tournament rate.

### 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 with Accufli. 100 sticks agreed to be delivered, and delivery to Alabama is now confirmed. This is related to the decision in the August Board meeting to offer Accufli to become a USA Partner for one year until the Nationals 2020, by confirming the donation of 100 sticks + balls and goals for Alabama. Delivery is expected in the coming weeks.
  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.



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### **Referees (Vince Faso)**

- Report from Vince Faso:
  - Trying to see if there's a way to get a clinic at GGC but with it being in San Jose makes it tough.
  - Daniel Kölbörn (Head of Stockholm refs-he's the one who arranged my matches there last year) is coming to be Peter's primary partner.

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

- Report from Kim Aaltonen and Anders Buvarp
  - See Appendix A for full report by Jukka Kotti.

### **Schedule next meeting.**

- Sunday Jan 7, 2019, at 9.00 AM PST
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### **Close meeting**

- David Nilsson adjourned the meeting.



## Appendix A – Regional Reports (Jukka Kotti)

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

### **John MacArthur – New England (New)**

As I am new to the sports, I have found little organized floorball in New England. There are 3 organizations who have a web presence and I have contacted each of those organizations and am waiting on responses. (RI, Boston, MA south shore.)

My hope is to start networking to ice hockey and field hockey players to introduce the sport and the national playing opportunities. I've been emailing the U19 brochure along with a short YouTube clip to coaches throughout the area. NEGHL has about 250 girls ages 8 to 18. I've started to gather email addresses of coaches who deal with high school age players. High school players would number hundreds throughout the states.

Haven't been able to get rolling with field hockey player yet.

Any advice you'd like to lend or contacts you have would be most welcome.

### **Michelle Walton – Atlantic Region (New)**

It has been a busy few weeks! As of right now we have a friendly adult tournament scheduled for November 2 in Raleigh, NC. The triangle floorball folks are hosting this and we have a total of 6 teams ( 3 from Richmond and 3 from NC). We are excited and committed to alternate venues for 3-4 tournaments per year. In fact, Richmond will be hosting the next tournament in April 2020 and we have 2 courts nailed down so that we can accommodate more teams.

Youth- this is a big focus for me. Richmond is hosting a 7 week free clinic for anyone and we are targeting the youth. This will run from 9/25-11/3.

We also have a floorball clinic set for 7 weeks set from 10/19-12/7. We have invited some former NHL players to be guest instructors as well as AHL players.

We have also set up weekly open play/pickups beginning 10/19 running 7 weeks.

Camps- we have 2 weeks of floorball camps targeted for kiddos over the Christmas break from 12/16-1/3. These are all day camps and we hope to be able to form a league come 1st quarter of 2020.

We have reached out to several PTAs and had an opportunity to give an overview of floorball. We are currently working on creating short videos so we can post and use for marketing during our visits.

We have extended partnerships this fall with our local ice hockey club and hope to push more of the teams over to cross ice training.



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Ahead of us we are preparing for a road trip and going down to the Hurricanes arena to pass out flyers, marketing material regarding floorball (you tube videos) and local information for the youth as well as contacting the Capitals to do the same.

We have also committed to a kids sports expo where we will be able to showcase the sport and allow kids to pick up a stick and shoot a ball.

I am sure there is more that I am missing.

Thank you!

### **Jukka Kotti – South Central Region**

NTFA fall ELITE league is on its third week. Location Elzie Odom Athletic Center. Games on every Mondays.

NTFA Challenger league for beginner and intermediate level players will start on October 2nd. This league will run for 8 weeks, location Lewisville Herring Rec Center.

Grassroot floorball games are offered as following:

Tuesdays – Richardson Huffhines Rec center (Joe Cerquitella)

Wednesdays – Lewisville Herring Rec center (Jukka Kotti)

Thursdays – Fort Worth North Side Rec center (Dan Torretta)

Saturdays – Flower Mound Community Activity Center ( Nick VanPatten)

Training classes and tournament planed with Special Olympics organizations.

School trainings hosted by FBP team frequently



## Appendix B – 2019 US Nationals (Vince Faso)

Sixteen floorball teams from around the country converged on the town of Lynchburg, VA August 2-4 to compete for the National Championship.

Why Lynchburg? USA Floorball and the North Texas Floorball Association were honored to be able to stage their National Championship in conjunction with the 2019 State Games of America, an Olympic-style event featuring competition between State Games medal winners from across the nation.

The twelve elite teams were Orlando Vikings, Southside Legends, Colorado, North Texas, USA Men's U19 National Team, Richmond Rockets, Chicago Dogs, NYC, Triangle Floorball Club, Menlo Park, Utah Floorball, and a combined USA Women's and U19 National Team. The tournament also featured four youth teams: Dallas Crushers, Orlando Vikings [Youth], Utah Youth, and a Mixed Youth Team.

On Friday, August 1, before the tournament got underway, USA Men's National Team Head Coach Joel Olofsson lead a development camp attended by nearly 50 participants of all skill levels.

When Saturday morning came, the sixteen teams converged on two rinks at EC Glass high school, and right from the start the competition was fierce. The top-ranked elite teams made it clear that they were there to win, and Menlo Park (the defending champions), North Texas, Colorado, and NYC had commanding victories on the first day. Each team played three pool games on the opening day, and by the time the summer sun began to set, Menlo Park, North Texas, and Chicago each topped their group, undefeated heading into the playoffs.

The Youth tournament finished with a thrilling match between the Orlando Vikings Youth Team and the Dallas Fireballs, with the Fireballs coming out on top with a score 7-3. Will from the Orlando Vikings was named Youth Division MVP, and Ethan from the Dallas Fireballs was named the best goalie in the Youth Division.

Day one of Nationals finished with a special exhibition game between the US Men's U19 team and the US Women's U19 team. The game was played under IFF regulations and officiated by the United States' very own international referee pair, Sean Edin and Vince Faso. Despite incredible goaltending from Cassie Troy, the U19 Women were a little outmatched and the U19 Men won 10-1.

As the playoffs began Sunday morning, the games got more competitive. In the quarterfinals, Chicago earned a decisive 6-1 win over Colorado, and NYC squeaked by Utah 1-0. However, in the semifinals Chicago lost to Menlo Park 5-2 and NYC was bested by North Texas 5-1. The resulting bronze medal game between Chicago and NYC was a nailbiter that had to be decided in overtime where Chicago came out on top 2-1 on a goal by Ike Baldwin.



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The atmosphere was intense as one of the largest crowds to watch a floorball game on American soil witnessed the much-anticipated gold medal game between constant rivals North Texas and Menlo Park. The teams did not disappoint. The pace was quick and the game was physical from the start. While Menlo Park boasts several highly skilled offensive players (most notably the eventual scoring champion, Erik Haghjoo), North Texas goalie Cam Keener turned away everything that Menlo Park threw at him. When the final buzzer sounded, North Texas had dethroned Menlo Park 2-0. As the players from both teams lined up to thank each other and receive their medals, the mutual respect between the two teams was apparent and as they will no doubt face each other in future tournaments, this game is one that the players and spectators alike will not soon forget.

### Final Elite Rankings:

1. North Texas; 2. Menlo Park; 3. Chicago; 4. NYC; 5. Utah; 6. Colorado; 7. Triangle Floorball; 8. USMNT-U19; 9. Southside Legends; 10. USAMNT; 11. Orlando Vikings; 12. Richmond Rockets.