



USA Floorball Board Meeting

USA Floorball Board Meeting Minutes February 23, 2020, 9.00 AM PST

Participants; David Nilsson, Calle Karlsson, Adam Troy, Anders Buvarp, Alyssa Zinsser Hall, Kenton Walker, 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.
- Kenton Walker got introduced.
 - He described his background as a parent, former GM U19M, and corporate lawyer. Kenton will focus his attention on legal matters.

Y16 National Team (Daniel Williamsson)

- Report from Daniel Williamsson:
 - We (me and Geoff Dugan) are actively working on a U19 trip to Sweden this summer to prepare for qualifiers in August. We had a call about it on Friday.
 - I am also working on Y16 and U19 going to Prague Games. We need to get participation by mid-March in order to make any of this happen.
 - Working on Youth Nationals in Utah.

U19 Women's National Team (Anders Buvarp)

- Report from Anders Buvarp:
 - We are looking for a Media person (7th staff member) to start working immediately promoting the team's efforts before and during the 2020 U19 WFC. This person will post on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter etc.
 - Roster has 20 players for Uppsala 2020 with a potential of 4 extra players.
 - Hotel is booked for 27 persons May 5-10
 - Motala Camp is booked for May 2-5
 - The practice schedule in Motala/Uppsala is set
 - Coaching staff is set (Alva, Patrick, Pekka, Brea, Kate)
 - Bus transport from Arlanda to Motala is booked (chartered bus)
 - Waiting on a quote from the Organizer for bus transportation to Uppsala from Norrkoping. We can take train to Norrkoping. The chartered bus is also an alternative for Motala -> Uppsala but the cost would be higher than train.
 - Lunch/Dinner will be via Organizer. A detailed schedule needs to be submitted ASAP. One lunch conflicts with our game. Breakfast will be at the hotel.
 - We will do a training camp in Laramie, Wyoming March 20-22 and possibly a goalie camp before that.
 - The Team Manager (Brae Irwin) has started gathering all the info needed for the IFF team list as well as potential TUEs and the uniform sizes from the players and making good progress.
 - Rodney Hiram is sending another 14 pairs of blue and 14 pairs of white socks to Ann Lovgren, as the first shipment only had 6 pairs each of the smaller size.
 - Still need a meeting room for team meetings 5/6 - 5/9.



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U19 Men's National Team (Calle Karlsson)

- Calle Karlsson described all the good work Brian Radichel and team are doing. He will ask Brian Radichel to create a summary U19M post for future board meetings.

Women's National Team (Alyssa Zinsser Hall)

- Report from Alyssa Zinsser Hall:
We have put out a call for applicants to fill current and new positions on the Women's side. There is one new role that will oversee the development and organization of both Women's and U19 Women's teams.

So far we have received interest from these current staff members regarding maintaining their current positions as well as new applicants.

- Comments/discussions on report
 - On March 1 the application window will close. Calle Karlsson and Alyssa Zinsser Hall to rank applicants.
 - David Nilsson asked whether we do background checks. Kenton Walker described the legal concerns. Moving forward we would like position offers will be pending background checks. Concerns and questions on how to treat internationals, since they don't use the same criteria and methods.
 1. Sweden; Adam Troy said Belastningsregistret is available for free;
<https://polisen.se/tjanster-tillstand/belastningsregistret/skola-eller-forskola/>
 2. Other countries; we will continue to search the appropriate method.

Men's National Team (Adam Troy)

- Report from Adam Troy:

Men's team

Set up sign-up sheet for all interested in the Men's national team. Development camp opened up for all interested and not just U19.

General

Helped post for Youth Nationals and women's team wanted add.

Tournaments (2020)

- See <http://www.usafloorball.org/tournaments/>
- US Nationals – Aug 2020
Calle Karlsson is waiting for a quote on Nationals last week in August; schedule set for the week before Labor Day in Birmingham, AL. It will be played on GerFloor.
- Vince Faso and Calle Karlsson were at the Menlo Park tournament.
- Youth Nationals in Utah is being set up and progressing well.
- David Nilsson commented on the chicken-and-egg problem for local tournament organizers; the risk and cost to reserve a venue when not knowing how many teams will show up and therefore being unable to set a date; versus teams who can't commit until they know the date. Calle Karlsson said it's easier for established tournaments like Golden Gate Cup to announce dates and have team commit.
- Texas Open coming up, see web site.
- The World Games (TWG) 2021



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Calle Karlsson reported that the Nationals 2020 will be the dress-rehearsal for the TWG. Things are moving along nicely.

Referees (Vince Faso)

- Report from Vince Faso:
 - Planning a Referee Clinic at Texas Open in March (potentially beginning AND advanced depending on interest) - \$25 fee.
 - Brian Radichel also requested that his eSportsdesk Admin login be reactivated so he can prepare for Nationals.
 - Created an application for referees to fill out if they want to ref in the Texas Open.
 - Working with the Utah folks on the Youth Nationals in June.
 - Sean Edin and I have several tournaments lined up to ref together: Texas Open in March, Canada Cup in May, and Czech Open in early August (hopefully), and Nationals in late August.

Any Other Business.

- **SafeSport – Athlete Safety**
 - Anders Buvarp tried to sign up with SafeSport and then got referred to athletesafety.org. In both cases, the form you have to fill out is almost identical. Safe Sport is for USOC organizations and athletesafety.org is for non-recognized.
 - Vince Faso has taken a class at SafeSport and will provide his material so that we can compare what paths are available to us.
- **TUE and HIIPA**
 - Anders Buvarp said the IFF require him as GM U19W to collect medical information from players seeking TUEs (Therapeutic Use Exemptions); he was concerned about HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) conflicts.
- **Board Insurance**
 - Kenton Walker has done some research on board insurance. Could be pricey.
- **USOC RSO**
 - David Nilsson said that a lot our current issues (international background checks, TUE, SafeSport, Insurance, etc) could be more easily solved if we could get USOC RSO acceptance; since these are not unique items; they have been solved elsewhere, we just need to find the resource. We will continue the RSO application effort.
- **Team Rankings**
 - Calle Karlsson said Brian Radichel had developed a team ranking formula. He will post for comments.

Schedule next meeting.

- Sunday Mar 29, 2019, at 9.00 AM PST
- Sunday Apr 26, 2020, at 9.00 AM PST

Close meeting

- David Nilsson adjourned the meeting.