



MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022
Online Meeting (ZOOM)
Sunday 27th February 2022

Participants:

Erik Sommer (ES)	IISHF President	no vote
Ingo Goerke (IG)	IISHF Financial Director	no vote

Claes Fréder (CF)	Denmark	no vote
Kim Rasmussen (KR)	Denmark	with voting right
Stefan Gehrig (SG)	Germany	no vote
Christian Keller (CK)	Germany	with voting right
George Wagerfield (GW)	Great Britain	with voting right
Arvindpreet Singh (AS)	India	with voting right
Eli Abramovich (EA)	Israel	with voting right
Liliya Gretsova (LG)	Russia	no vote *
Igor Kolesov (IK)	Russia	with voting right *
Daniel Bietry (DB)	Switzerland	no vote
Marco Eicher (ME)	Switzerland	with voting right

* It was stated by Russia that in case IK will not be present for a moment of vote, LG is entitled to take over the vote for Russia – all NMAs approved.

1. WELCOME ADDRESS

ES led this section of the meeting. ES opened the meeting at 9.00 and welcomed all delegates to the Online AGM and thanked all for joining. ES thanked all delegates for their good contribution at the working meeting the day before (Saturday).

IG stated that ES and IG are in permanent contact with André Poddubny (AP) who is still closed to the border Ukraine / Poland and already waiting for about 40 hours for departure and relevant entry to Poland (with subsequent travel to Berlin).

ES stated that IISHF received an email last night from Austria and will now display the contents of this email to all participants. After having read the NMAs gave the following statements to this:

- CF Bringing doubt to IISHF Presidium is not acceptable and is a shocking action.
- DB regards the non-participation at the AGM as disrespectful and the reasons for this as unacceptable.
- ME stated that already yesterday the Austrian Chairman left Tamas alone and thus Tamas has been yesterday a victim of his chairman. It is unacceptable and requires further investigation by IISHF to avoid cheating with IISHF voting rights in future.
- SG stated that he is very sad about action of Austria and requested IISHF to take the following statement into the minutes as the official statement of Germany on the current topic: *"We always chose compromise over direct confrontation and so did all other members. Instead, we are now seeing wedges being driven into the inevitable cracks and instead of trying to seek compromise and unite some chose the way to further divide use. Therefore, we will, and I can state this right now,*

unconditionally approve the activities of the IISHF presidium and we will vote for the re-election of the whole IISHF presidium. Even though we do not support and endorse all the IISHF presidium's actions and decisions in the last legislative period."

- CK fully shared the view of Stefan and added that nobody should try to divide the countries.
- IG stated that it is a sad and unprecedented moment and unjustified accusation to the democratic principles of the IISHF and freedom of opinion of the members. He will not further comment the contents of that email with the exception to clearly point out that it is unacceptable if a delegate does present conversation contents that do not exist and never take place and to accuse false statement.
- GW stated that he was not present the day before and thus cannot comment. In general specific topics could be given to working groups to clarify some issues before an AGM weekend.
- IK stated that big countries do not always think to small countries.
- EA stated that it is not the proper way to leave instead of talking.
- AS stated that he is very happy with IISHF and the work done.

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF VOTING RIGHTS AND OF THE QUORUM

IG led this section of the meeting and confirmed that according to point 11.8 IISHF Constitution a quorum for a General Meeting shall consist of no less than one third of the Council of Members (NMAs) – for AGM 2022 a quorum is given as 12 of 17 votes of the Council of Members are present. All NMAs participating at the AGM have fulfilled their payments regulations.

According to point 11.11 IISHF Constitution the Members were entitled to vote as follows:

Denmark	1 vote
Germany	3 votes
Great Britain	1 vote
India	1 vote
Israel	2 votes
Russia	1 vote
Switzerland	3 votes

Total maximum number of votes is 12. Thus in case of all votes given a simple majority is given with 7 votes and a 2/3 majority is given with 8 votes.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

IG led this section of the meeting.

IG stated that Netherlands terminated their IISHF membership as per 31.12.2021.

IG stated that Lebanon has not paid IISHF membership fees for 2021 and 2022 and explained the details. According to point 8.2 IISHF Constitution IISHF Presidium has suspended Lebanon in May 2021 from IISHF membership. According to point 8.4 IISHF Constitution the members have now to decide whether the suspension is lifted or prolonged or if Lebanon shall be expelled. Finally IISHF Presidium made the proposal to expel Lebanon from IISHF membership.

=> All confirmed (12 votes).

4. PROOF OF CORRECT ANNOUNCEMENT CONVENING THE GENERAL MEETING

IG led this section of the meeting.

IG confirmed that according to point 11.4 IISHF Constitution the announcement convening the General Meeting has been convened on time. The following points are relevant in regard to this:

- Annual General Meeting take place in February or March.
- AGM 2022 announced 4 months before (decided and fixed on AGM 2021)
- Agenda for AGM 2022 two weeks before (CL 2022-03 on 13.02.2022).

5. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

IG led this section of the meeting.

=> All confirmed (12 votes).

6. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETINGS 2021

IG led this section of the meeting.

All delegates received the minutes from the previous AGM 2021 with CL 2021-05 on 16.03.2021. According to point 11.17 IISHF Constitution no objections to the minutes have been sent to the IISHF within six weeks of receipt. But Austria requested IISHF with email of 13.02.2022 that under point 22.2 the correct vote should be listed with 10:4 instead 9:5.

=> All approved minutes of AGM 2021 incl. correction of point 22.2 (12 votes).

7. WRITTEN REPORT 2021 FROM THE PRESIDIUM

ES led this section of the meeting.

All delegates have received the written Presidium Report 2021 by CL 2022-03 on 13.02.2022. The contents were communicated yesterday in the flash back presentation by ES for 2021. There were no further questions or comments.

8. FINANCE DIRECTOR'S WRITTEN REPORT 2021 AND AUDITED ACCOUNTS

IG led this section of the meeting.

IG confirmed that all delegates received the Accounts and written IISHF Financial Report 2021 by CL 2022-03 on 13.02.2022. In addition to the Financial Report IG verbally gave additional comments and explanations of the Accounts and answered all questions. IG stressed that teams will be reimbursed 100% over a period of 3 years (2021 with 40%, 2022 with 30%, 2022 with 30%) and that each NMA has received a detailed information to this.

Several delegates thanked IG for his continuous good and transparent work on IISHF Finances.

9. REPORT 2021 FROM THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

IG led this section of the meeting. This year the Audit Committee consisted of Claes Fréder (DK) and Igor Kolesov (RUS). IG stated that a legally correct audit is not possible via Zoom. Due to again lack of a physical meeting IG requested that the Council Members approve that the audit for 2021 (together with audit 2020) will be done before the AGM 2023.

CF and IK confirmed that the Audit Committee will do a combined audit for 2020 and 2021 at the AGM in 2023 or if possible at the Men Challenge Cup 2022 in Essen where CF and IK will be both probably present.

The Council Members approved this proposal of a combined audit in 2023 for the years 2021 and 202.

=> All confirmed (12 votes).

10. APPROVAL OF THE ACTIVITIES 2021 OF THE PRESIDIUM

ES led this section of the meeting. The members were asked by ES to approve the activities of the Presidium in 2021 with the exception for the finances (see point 9).

=> All approved (12 votes).

11. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE REPORT 2021

IG led this section of the meeting and noted that all delegates have received the written Disciplinary Committee Report 2021 by CL 2022-03 on 13.02.2022. In 2021 there were no Disciplinary Cases.

12. APPEALS COMMITTEE REPORT 2021

IG led this section of the meeting and noted that all delegates have received the written Appeals Committee Report 2021 by CL 2022-03 on 13.02.2022. In 2021 there were no Appeal Cases.

13. MOTIONS TO CHANGE THE CONSTITUTION

IG led this section of the meeting and stated that according to point 11.6 IISHF Constitution changes to IISHF Constitution can only be done

- in each odd year any change
- in each even year only clarification and any error corrections

Thus on the AGM 2022 only clarification and error corrections could be applied for.

No Motions to change IISHF Constitution have been received for AGM 2022.

ME stated that as discussed on the Working Meeting the day before IISHF shall please create a proposal for AGM 2023 to clarify the teams reporting in order to make a sure a correct, uniform and verifiable handling of all NMAs reporting.

14. MOTIONS TO CHANGE THE REGULATIONS

IG led this section of the meeting and stated that all requested modifications (as per having provided with CL 2022-01 on 16.01.2022) have been pointed out the day before on the Working Meeting and if there are now any questions or comments – there were none.

IG explained that the amendment of Regulations requires a simple majority.

Thus IG asked for a combined vote for all motions to change to the Regulations.

=> All approved (12 votes).

Next IG asked for the vote on the motions to change the IISHF Regulations.

=> All approved (12 votes).

15. MOTIONS TO CHANGE THE RULES BOOK

First SG led this section of the meeting and stated that all requested modifications (as per having provided with CL 2022-01 on 16.01.2022) have been pointed out the day before on the Working Meeting and if there are now any questions or comments – there were none.

IG explained that the amendment of Regulations requires a simple majority.

Then in regarding to voting procedure IG took over the led of this section and asked for a combined vote for all motions to change to the Rules Book.

=> All approved (12 votes).

Next IG asked for the vote on the motions to change the IISHF Rule Book.

=> All approved (12 votes).

16. ELECTIONS OF THE OFFICERS OF THE PRESIDUM

IG led this section of the meeting and stated that the IISHF Presidium is up for election for the next two years. IG said that all 3 current IISHF Presidium Members would be willing for re-election and asked for a combined vote of all 3 IISHF Presidium Members. DB requested to make single votes for each Presidium position.

Vote for IISHF President:

- ES verbally confirmed his willingness for being re-elected.
- There was no other candidate.
- => The election of ES as IISHF President was confirmed with 12:0 votes.

Vote for IISHF Vice President:

- AP has confirmed in writing his willingness for being re-elected.
- There was no other candidate.

- => The election of AP as IISHF Vice President was confirmed with 8 votes (Germany, Great Britain, India, Israel, Russia) and with 4 abstentions (Denmark, Switzerland).

Vote for IISHF Finance Director:

- IG verbally confirmed his willingness for being re-elected.
- There was no other candidate.
- => The election of IG as IISHF Finance Director was confirmed with 12:0 votes.

17. ELECTION OF AUDIT COMMITTEE

IG led this section of the meeting. As discussed already under point 9 of the AGM the next election of Audit Committee shall take place at AGM 2023.

=> All approved (12 votes).

18. ELECTION OF THE APPEALS COMMITTEE

IG led this section of the meeting. The Appeals Committee was elected for two years in 2021 – thus the next election is to take place at AGM 2023.

19. ELECTION OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

IG led this section of the meeting. The Chairman and Vice Chairman of Technical Committee were elected for two years in 2021 – thus the next election is to take place at AGM 2023

SG asked if Patrick Zijlmans (PZ) who is so far representative of Dutch Federation can remain in IISHF Technical Committee although Netherland is no longer IISHF member? IG replied that according to IISHF Constitution the IISHF Technical Committee shall consist of Technical Delegates of all NMAs who have the voting rights for their NMA according to point 11.11-11.14 IISHF Constitution. Thus as per 01.01.2022 PZ is no member any more of IISHF Technical Committee. IG stated that IISHF Presidium will review the current IISHF Constitution to this point until AGM 2023.

20. PRESENTATION OF BUDGET FOR 2022

IG led this section of the meeting and confirmed that all delegates received the proposed IISHF budget 2022 by CL 2022-03 on 13.02.2022.

IG then explained the details of the Budget 2022 for each point of income and expenses and replied to all questions. IG pointed out that the reimbursement of Title Event Fees and Referee Fees for cancelled Title Events in 2020 and 2021 will influence IISHF finances until (including) 2023.

DB requested IISHF to split in future any expenses for IT and EDP to have full understanding for this point. Furthermore DB requested IISHF to establish an annual EDP report and to create/fix an IT roadmap and provide to NMAs (probably on a working meeting or alternatively in a relevant working group) prior to any fixing of additional budget for IT and ED.

DB asked IISHF to try best as possible to nominate local officials/referees in order to save travelling expenses. IG and CF confirmed to take care of this but CF also explained and asked for understanding that quality and political issues (having referees from several countries) have also to be taken into consideration.

AS asked if NMAs could assist India with referee equipment and invitation to referee courses. All NMAs should please discuss this in their country and give a feedback to IISHF until 31.03.2022.

Finally IG asked for the approval of proposed budget 2022.

=> All approved (12 votes).

21. TITLE EVENTS 2022-2023

ES led this section of the meeting and referred to his section on this matter the day before at the Working Meeting.

22. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

ES led this section of the meeting.

22.1 AGM in 2023

As known IISHF AGM should take place as presence meeting first in 2021 and then in 2022 in Israel, but due to COVID 19 it could not be hold as presence meeting and instead only as online meeting. For 2023 IG suggests to make a new attempt and to go to Tel Aviv (Israel) from 25.-26.02.2023 (last weekend in February).

=> All approved (12 votes).

22.2 Not following IISHF deadlines

ES explained that during the last months some countries did not follow IISHF requests and deadlines to publish relevant news/communication according to IISHF CL. We as IISHF Presidium do our utmost to bring the inline skaterhockey forward and regard it as self-evident that NMAs should provide essential cooperation. In the past we did not impose the fixed fines for not holding these relevant deadlines but in future we will impose deadlines if NMAs do not follow requests by CL.

22.3 Title Events 2022 and relevant Corona restrictions

ME stated that Swiss teams asked how the Corona regulations look like in the hosting countries and how this important point will be managed for 2022 title events.

During intensive discussion among all delegates it became obvious that urgent action to be followed up is required by IISHF. Thus the four NMAs hosting title events 2022 (SUI, GER, DK, GB) are requested to provide IISHF within 1 week current domestic Corona regulations/instructions. After receipt IISHF will send the summary to all NMAs which teams participating at title events 2022.

22.4 Final feedback from the participants for the whole weekend

ES asked all participants to provide feedback for the entire weekend (WM + AGM):

- ME regrets action of Austria and this is not fair towards other countries.
- DB stated that this was a well organized AGM but unfortunately bad action of Austria.
- IK stated that it was well organized.
- LG thanked for the experiences and good organization.
- EA is very glad with the AGM despite leaving of Austria.
- AS thanked IISHF for great work and exchange with other countries.
- GW thanked for the excellent organization of the AGM and good proceeding.
- CK expressed mixed feelings about the course of the working meeting. But he is happy about the idea brought up by Steven Dickinson to create working groups for specific topics like general development of certain age groups (woman, U16) and other important areas of activity like marketing or referee development.
- SG has also mixed feelings and action by Austria is not correct.
- KR supports sponsor strategy as stated on the Working Meeting.
- CF shared the mixed feelings and it is always a drama, but it was an interesting productive weekend.
- IG thanked the delegates for 1,5 days constructive cooperation and the open and worthwhile feedback received. IG also thanked ES for leading the meeting at these two days despite Corona infection just got two days before.
- ES appreciated the good constructive participation by the NMA.

The Annual General Meeting was closed on 12.15.

Signed by
Erik Sommer
IISHF President

Signed by
Ingo Goerke
IISHF Finance Director
(here Minutes Secretary)