

FIB Executive Committee Report

FIB Ordinary Congress Vaxjö, SWE, 28 March 2023

Reported period: 28 October 2022 – 20 March 2023

The **FIB Executive Committee** (EC) underwent a significant change at its leadership, having:

- new President, Stein Pedersen, NOR,
- new Vice President, Antti Parviainen, FIN, and
- new General Secretary, Attila Adamfi, HUN

The situation was far form ideal and the EC had to face several challenges, among others:

- no host of 2023 FIB World Championships
- challenging financial situation
- bad geopolitical situation with negative consequences on FIB

The EC worked actively to improve the situation after years of inactivity. In order to be effective by making quick decisions, the EC applied online meetings (2 times) and online decisions (7 times). These <u>online decisions</u> and the <u>EC meeting Minutes</u> are published on the FIB Website to provide greater transparency.

To highlight only one – probably the most important – decision, the FIB Events financial conditions for the season 2022/2023 had to be changed. We understand this puts an extra financial burden to all of you, but this was necessary to ensure that eventually a World Championships will be organised.

Despite the challenges, the following FIB competitions were held:

<u>2022 FIB World Cup Girls Y17, Vetlanda, SWE</u>
Gold: Hammarby IF (SWE), Silver: Villa Lidköping (SWE), Bronze:IFK Vanersborg (SWE)

 2023 FIB World Championships Boys Y17, Gothenburg, SWE Gold: Sweden, Silver: Finaland, Bronze: Norway The FIB President and General Secretary attended the event.

 2023 FIB World Championships Boys Y19, Gothenburg, SWE Gold: Sweden, Silver: Finland, Bronze:Norway The FIB President and General Secretary attended the event.

 2023 FIB World Championships Girls Y17, Oslo, NOR Gold: Sweden, Silver: Norway, Bronze: Finland The FIB President attended the event.

We thank SBF and NBF for successfully hosting these great events!

We are very grateful to the **Swedish Bandy Federation** for being our partner in hosting the FIB's flagship event with such a short notice.

2023 FIB World Championships will be the first time in the history when 11 men teams and 6 women teams will compete together for the medals after years of inactivity.

We all appreciate SBF's commitment to host this prestigious competition in such a short period of time.

The recent period was much more challenging than we assumed, the takeover has taken a lot of time, previous **Working Group** (WG) shall be extended to the whole EC instead of only a few persons. Also, the WG only received one single proposal and we prefer to have the active involvement of all members and stakeholders.

For this reason, an Extraordinary Congress (online) is proposed to be held later this year to provide enough time for inclusive coordination and comprehensive preparation to amend the Statutes and any Regulation.

It is important to highlight that Sweden is considering to host the **2030 Winter Olympic Games** that would be a great opportunity for bandy to be included in the Olympic Programme. The FIB has already started coordination with the SBF in order to ensure the dialogue with the key stakeholders.

While we have achieved some of our goals, the situation is still not perfect, and we still have challenges. However, together with you, we will continue to do our best for the sport and athletes.

Thank you very much for your continuous support!

Stein Pedersen, President

On behalf of the FIB EC