



## FIB Extraordinary Congress

26 September 2023  
Online

### MINUTES

#### 1. Opening of the Congress

**Stein Pedersen**, President welcomed delegates and opened the Extraordinary Congress. He mentioned to the members that there will be an ordinary congress during World Championship or at a different date this season in case there is no World Championships and added that main focus of the Extraordinary Congress is the FIB Statutes.

#### 2. Roll call, approval of members with right to vote

Canada (CAN)	Costa Cholakis
Estonia (EST)	Ants Jürman
Finland (FIN)	Antti Parviainen, Tobias Karlsson
Germany (GER)	Mikhail Entaltsev
Great Britain (GBR)	Lyn Gibb-de Swarte
Hungary (HUN)	Kristian Marosi
India (IND)	Ravi Sunder
Netherlands (NED)	Frank Peters
Norway (NOR)	Tor Audun Sorensen
Russia (RUS)	Yury Molotkov
Slovakia (SVK)	Lukas Vepý
Sweden (SWE)	Gisela Stockhaus, Par Gustafsson
Switzerland (SUI)	Thierry Page, Martin Carlsson
United States of America (USA)	Andrew Knutson, Magnus Skold

**14 countries in attendance at the Extraordinary Congress.**

Also present:

Stein Pedersen	FIB President
Attila Adamfi	FIB Vice President, Acting General Secretary
Arne Anderstedt	FIB Vice President
Reka Foldesi	Operations Manager
Kjell Anderstedt	Communication Manager
Krister Malmsten	Legal Advisor

**Attila Adamfi** announced that the Online Congress is recorded that the delegates noted.

**3. Approval of due call**  
All documents were sent out in due time.

**Due Call was unanimously approved.**

**4. Approval of the Agenda**  
Agenda was sent out in due time.

**Agenda was unanimously approved.**

**5. Election of the 3 Tellers**  
As it is an online Extraordinary Congress, **Stein Pedersen** mentioned that no tellers will be needed as it is online and recorded.

**It was unanimously approved.**

**6. Election of the delegate to verify the Minutes**  
Proposal:

- Frank Peters (NED)

**Delegate was unanimously approved.**

**7. Report of the President**  
During the summer there have been three Executive Committee meetings. All the meeting minutes and decisions can be found on the FIB website.

During the last Executive Committee meeting there have been some decisions which haven't been published yet:

- 2024 FIB World Championships: deadline extension, there is a discussion with 3 Clubs and more time is needed to decide who is able to organize the event
- 2025 FIB World Championships: deadline extension, there has been no official formal offer yet, new letter will be sent to Member Associations with the deadline of end of October 2023
- 2023/2024 Events → all participating federation will have to pay their own costs in case of each event

**Ravi Sunder (IND)** asked when the deadline for the 2024 FIB World Championships allocation is, and **Stein Pedersen** emphasized that end of October is the last deadline.

**8. Report of the General Secretary**  
**Attila Adamfi** mentioned that this is only an interim report as there will be an Ordinary Congress held this season.

**Staff update**

- The employment contract of Zinaida Belonoshko has ended.

- New employee: Ms Reka Foldesi, in charge of anti-doping, social media and general administration

#### **Working Group in Charge of Gender Equity, Women and Girls bandy appointed**

- Ida Buure (FIN)
- Kelsey Kennedy (USA)

#### **2025 Winter Asian Games, Harbin (CHN)**

- Bandy is not on the programme
- Letter sent to Chinese Bandy Association
- Meeting with Jinqiang Zhou, Deputy Sports Minister of China
- Meeting with Hong Zhang, IOC member (from Harbin, CHN)
- The goal is to put bandy on the programme however as there are not many teams in Asia it is not an easy process

#### **2030 Winter Olympic Games**

- Stockholm, Sweden potential host of the Games
- Continuous dialogue with Swedish Bandy Federation
- Correspondence started with the Swedish Olympic Committee initiating dialogue and meeting
- Decision will be made in 2024
- Working Group has been created

#### **IOC relations**

- 2023 Development fund received
- Olympic Day: FIB Participated with a video on Instagram with the help of a US Athlete (video shown to the Congress)
- Participation at Athletes' Commission Workshop
- Meeting with Emma Terho, IOC Executive Board member, Athletes Commission Chair
- Meeting with Ivo Ferriani, IOC Executive Board Member, President of AIOWF
- IOC Athletes' Forum – Athlete registered in cooperation with Swiss Bandy Federation

#### **World Anti-Doping Agency**

- WADA Code Compliance Questionnaire – finishing the last outstanding High Priority and General issues

#### **International Fair Play Committee**

- MoU has been signed between FIB and the International Fair Play Committee

## **10. Amendment of the Statutes**

**Attila Adamfi** highlighted that the Statutes are the core documents of the FIB organization. The main goal of the changes is to update and reform the governance of FIB, but this is only the first step in the process.

The MAs received the working documents beforehand (Annex 10.1, 10.2 and 10.3).

**Attila Adamfi** emphasized that after the approval of the Statutes, the conditions, guidelines will be reviewed, and terms of references established. In regard to good governance, term and age limit was introduced, gender balance and athlete representation were included, while regarding modernization the size of the Executive Committee was reduced, and regular structure was introduced for elected members including the President, Vice Presidents and Executive Committee Members.

In addition, the number of Standing Committees were also reduced, and only relevant Committees were included in the Statutes, however the EC may establish Commissions if needed for specific purposes.

Member Association can nominate candidates to the EC who are the citizen of that specific country or has a resident's permit issued by that country.

Quorum for the Congress was also introduced as it was not included before in the Statutes.

Moreover, some formal amendments were made such as typos have been corrected and paragraphs were harmonized.

**Attila Adamfi** reminded the Congress that support by 2/3 of the Member Associations present at the Congress is needed to amend the Statutes.

**Sorensen Tor Audun (NOR)** questioned the removal of the Olympic Committee from the Statutes as it is very crucial for the reputation of the of the sport.

**Stein Pedersen** mentioned that the EC will go through all the Committees and Commissions might be prioritized and established.

**Attila Adamfi** responded that there are three ways to create a group dealing with any specific topic, a Committee can be added and included in the Statutes, the EC can appoint a Commission and a Working Group can be established.

**Krister Malmsten, FIB Legal Advisor** clarified that in accordance with Article 24 of the Statutes the EC has the authority to establish further Commissions and Working Groups can be established at any time. He added that Norway's proposal to establish the Olympic Task Force should be added to the Minutes.

**Sorensen Tor Audun (NOR)** emphasized that if there is no Standing Committee in the Statutes then the EC must decide quick to appoint the Commission to work on the Olympic issues. Moreover, the current members of the Olympic Task Force shall be notified if the Committee doesn't exist anymore.

**Attila Adamfi** reiterated that Committees are included in the Statutes and Congress must approve any amendments to the Committees, however the EC can establish a Commission with specific purposes without amending the Statutes.

**Stein Pedersen** asked the legal opinion of Krister Malmsten whether there has to be an election if the Olympic Task Force is added to the Statutes.

**Krister Malmsten** confirmed that hypothesis of the President, therefore it was mentioned before that best option is to the approve the Statutes as it is now and appoint a Commission/Task Force later on by the EC.

The proposal is to approve the Statues as proposed with the note of Norway to establish a Commission/Task Force by the EC to deal with the Olympic issues.

**The Congress unanimously approved the amended FIB Statutes.**

## 11. **Membership Status/Suspension**

**Attila Adamfi** updated the Congress on the EC's decisions regarding outstanding payments and suspensions (Annex 11). According to that the Member Associations of Belarus, Latvia, Lithuania and Mongolia are suspended with immediate effect until the outstanding debt is paid or payment Agreement is

made. The EC proposal is to continue the suspension of the MAs according to the EC's decision.

### **The Congress unanimously approved the EC proposal.**

In addition, **Attila Adamfi** informed the Congress that Italy applied to FIB as a possible new member. After reviewing the submitted documents by Italy, the EC granted a provisional membership status to them. As the next step, the Congress has the right to decide on full membership in the next 4 years.

**Martin Carlsson (SUI)** asked whether they already have a team or only an interest to form a team later on. **Attila Adamfi** answered that there is a clear interest to build a team in Northern Italy and moreover a strategic plan was submitted to FIB by Italy.

## **12. 2024 & 2025 FIB World Championships**

**Stein Pedersen** mentioned that this point was dealt under the President report, but it was emphasized that there is still dialogue with the Swedish Clubs regarding 2024 FIB World Championships and regarding the 2025 FIB World Championships, a new letter will be sent to the Member Associations with the new application deadline and flexible conditions.

**Martin Carlsson (SUI)** asked about the proposed date of the World Championships. **Stein Pedersen** answered that as it will be held most probably in Sweden the proposed date for the Championships will be end of March beginning of April 2024.

**Attila Adamfi** added that there might a possibility that the 'Group B' events will be organized earlier than the proposed date for 'Group A'. **Frank Peters (NED)** mentioned that in that case, FIB must look at international windows.

## **13. Any other business**

**Frank Peters (NED)** asked what the requirements for sponsors on the team jerseys for World Championships and what amount will be required to be paid to FIB. **Stein Pedersen** and **Attila Adamfi** answered that the conditions (similar to last season) will be discussed by the EC as soon as possible and the decision will be published for the Member Associations.

**Frank Peters (NED)** asked **Kristian Marosi (HUN)** to give an update on Development Camp organized in November.

**Kristian Marosi (HUN)** summarized that so far there are 13 players registered:

- Almost gender equal
- Participating countries include Hungary, Switzerland, Germany, and the Netherlands
- Still looking for more players from different countries

**Mikhail Entaltsev (GER)** questioned whether a referee development camp is in the plans because they have an interest in the federation. **Attila Adamfi** answered that there is no plan at the moment, but the Rules and Referee and the Development Committee shall discuss this question jointly.

**Lukas Vepý (SVK)** advised that the World Championships for 'Group B' should be also at end of March because many athletes are also playing hockey and to have the best athletes at the World Championships it has to be organized at the end of the season. **Thierry Page (SUI)** agreed with this, they face the same situation in Switzerland. Many of the female athletes have hockey contracts in place. **Lyn Gibb-de Swarte (GBR)** added that hockey is also an influencing factor in their federation.

**Stein Pedersen** asked the members to send any proposals and suggestions to the General Secretary.

**Andrew Knutson (USA)** mentioned that in the US it is really difficult to motivate the athletes to train all winter and spend money to travel to the World Championships because they are in a Group which has only better teams. A possible solution to motivate the athletes could be to have a larger A pool in the World Championships and that way it would be more competitive with more teams. **Stein Pedersen** ensured him that this will be discussed.

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#### **Closing of the Congress**

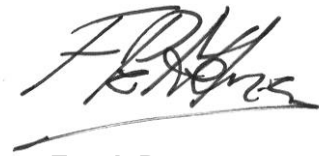
**Stein Pedersen, President** thanked the delegates the participation and closed the Extraordinary Congress.



**Stein Pedersen**  
Chair / President



**Attila Adamfi**  
A. General Secretary



**Frank Peters**  
Delegate to verify

#### Annexes:

- 10.1 FIB Statutes Introduction
- 10.2. FIB Statues 2023 Clean
- 10.3. Comparison Table
- 11. Memberships Status