

## Minutes of the EFA board meeting from the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of February 2017

Time: Friday/ Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> February. 18:00 – 20:00/9:00 – 16:00

Location: Hotel Belair 8304 Wallisellen/CH, Alte Winterthurerstrasse 16

Participants: Franco Giori (SUI), Ulrich Meiners (GER), Josef Andolfatto (SUI), Bernd Höckel (GER),

Jürgen Albrecht (GER), Gerhard Zeller (AUT); excuses: Petr Riedl (CZE), guests on Friday: Jörn Verleger (IFA), Christoph Oberlehner (IFA)

### Conference points

#### 1. Opening / Greeting

Franco Giori opens the 1<sup>st</sup> board meeting in 2017. He heartily welcomes the guests of the IFA-board.

The invitation for this meeting occurred regularly; the presented agenda is unanimously accepted - in small points changed.

1. 1 Minutes of the presidium meeting from 6<sup>th</sup> December (Skype board meeting) is presented. The minutes of the last meeting are accepted.

1. 2 The formerly circular decisions (change of the host nation Men's Champions Cup and Men's European Cup and takeover of the Women's Champions Cup by TSV Jona/Switzerland) are accepted.

#### 2. Reports

##### 2.1 IFA – EFA cooperation / themes of discussion

The IFA guests are stating their ideas.

Since 1st January 2017 Christoph Oberlehner is the first full-time employee of the IFA. He presents himself convincingly as "positively crazy fistballer"

In the following an intensive discussion about many themes took place:

- the service function of the IFA (tips and ideas for organizers and hosts...)
- our sport should be presented to the world – we want to make fistball attractive
- Christoph wants to help fistball by taking experiences from other sports into account.
- the cooperation between the IFA and the EFA is wished and necessary...!

##### other points:

- the search for organizers/hosts: it is necessary to explain the standards at an early stage...!

Help for future organizers:

- e.g. possible LED sponsoring at top events...
- equipment for top events as a help...
- an event "container" shall be build...
- a Facebook site, which can be used for future events ... the supports will be taken over...

- IOC recognition: There were evaluation interviews which showed that the current good position of the IFA has to be confirmed during the next four years

- at the World Games in Wroclaw
- at the Women's World Cup Championship in 2018
- at the Men's World Cup Championship in 2019 (number of participants)

The World Cup serie will be repositioned – eight participants; the field will be possibly filled with the help of a point system from established tournaments

- One-drive Digital archive – The previous documents of Sepp Andolfatto are to be archived at the IFA.
- the idea of a newsletter through the IFA to spread interesting and up-to-date information



- the EFA inquired about the new ball license for the Drohn Faustball concerning the admission and the test of the new ball. There are questions from member associations, because this new ball is not known and is not played with in any member association. The IFA wants to use the ball at least at one IFA competition. The IFA wishes that the EFA too uses the Drohn Faustball 2017 at least in one competition.

## **2.2 EFA Directory of addresses / member associations**

Jürgen Albrecht presents the updates.

The EFA address list is published on EFA HP.

Providing a web page at the EFA HP for the individual nations will be discussed. The possibilities should be explored. Jürgen Albrecht discusses this proposal among other things with the IFA (Christoph Oberlehner).

## **2.3 Skype Conference, Review**

Technical problems should be fixed at the next conference...!

## **2.4 EFA-board at the World Games**

The announcements must be taken over by the national associations.

## **3. EFA-competitions**

### **3.1 Hosted competitions 2016**

The reports are available. There are no additional remarks.

### **3.2 Competitions 2017**

The announcements for the club team competition are available.

EFA 2017 Fistball Women's Champions Cup Jona/Switzerland – 8 teams; Technical Delegate Franco Giori, Competition Manager Ulrich Meiners

EFA 2017 Fistball Men's Champions Cup Käferthal/Germany - 4 teams; TD Bernd Höckel, CM Ulrich Meiners

EFA 2017 Fistball European Cup Diepoldsau/Switzerland – 10 teams; TD Sepp Andolfatto, CM Ulrich Meiners

The draw record will be sent to the local organizers within the next days. The draw will take place until 1<sup>st</sup> April, until 15<sup>th</sup> April the schedule will be drawn up.

EFA 2017 Fistball U18 Championship Kleindöttingen/Switzerland: TD Jürgen Albrecht/Sepp Andolfatto, CM Sepp Andolfatto – then international youth camp. (The EFA has created a logo for the youth camp)

EFA 2017 Fistball Women's and mU21 Championship ???/Germany: The organizer in Germany must be fixed till the end of February. TD Bernd Höckel/Sepp Andolfatto, CM Sepp Andolfatto.

### **3.3 Term calendar and contests 2017 to 2019**

Sepp Andolfatto presents the updated date calendar. (See also EFA HP)

### **3.4 European Youth Cup (7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> October 2017)**

The organizing of this important event is discussed again. This event for the youth must become more important in future – also with the help of the EFA.

The date is included in the official event calendar.

In the long term it would be desirable to establish this European Youth Cup as an official EFA event.

The EFA will offer the foundation and the presentation of a prize cup by Jürgen Albrecht or an other EFA-Presidium member.



### **3.5 Resolution on the agreement EFA-DFBL "EFA 2018 Fistball Men's Championship Adelmansfelden / Germany"**

The agreement draft is adopted with minor amendments and signed by those responsible. In this context, the provision of a website "www.EFA-fistball-Euro.com" and a site on Facebook "EFA-fistball-EURO" will also be discussed and initiated for all future European Championships. The agreement is also to be signed by the DFBL and the local organizer within the framework of the Women's German Championship on 5<sup>th</sup> March in Stammheim.

### **3.6 Adoption of the revised Memorandum "EFA-International cap"**

(For download, see EFA HP). The announcements of international matches go to the Secretary General of the EFA. The final information sheet shall be sent to the IFA.

### **3.7 Men's European Championship in Italy in 2020?**

The EFA Bureau discusses this option. (The deadline is July 3-5<sup>th</sup>, 2020.) The Secretary-General will clarify with Italy.

### **3.8 Awards**

The EFA medals are put to the test. In particular, the color version of the bronze medal is to be optimized.

Furthermore, the purchase of remembrance medals for the European Championships will be aspired. (Sepp Andolfatto)

### **3.9 Guest gifts for organizers**

For European Championships (national team competitions) there should be individual gifts, for the club competitions rather standardized guest gifts. For the five competitions this year, Gerhard Zeller will invite appropriate offers for the pennants/glass awards.

## **4 Report by the Commissioner on Promoting Fistball in Europe**

Hartmut Maus presents the previous measures and the development in a brief activity report.

Further perspectives should be worked out with these nations.

On the EFA HP, an additional section will be set up. Further employees are very welcome in this area! The commissioner should submit his / her activities to the presidium in the form of a budget.

## **5 EFA Ball Rights**

Franco Giori has advertised the ball rights for the individual EFA competitions for the year 2017.

Offers of three different ball manufacturers are available.

After intensive discussion the rights will be awarded to the different manufacturers:

Ludwig-Ball: EFA 2017 Women`s Champions Cup Jona

Drohnn-Ball: EFA 2017 U21 Men`s European Championship und ggf. Youth Camp  
Maggingen/SUI

Sportastic-Ball: EFA 2017 Men`s Champions Cup Käfertal,  
EFA 2017 Men`s European Cup Diepoldsau,  
EFA 2017 U18 Women`and Men`s Championship Kleindöttingen,  
EFA 2017 Women`s European Championship Germany.

For the purpose of preparation for the competitions, the balls for the teams of the member associations must be able to be delivered by 1th April 2017!



## **6. Finances**

### **6.1 Provisional calculation 2016**

Bernd Höckel explains the extensive documentation. Improvement proposals are being developed.

### **6.2 Open questions: Invoicing EFA and ball fees**

This point is discussed in detail and arrived to a result.

### **6.3 EFA Competition Fees 2018**

The fees currently do not correspond to the incurred costs. The weighting of the competitions is also being discussed again.

The new contributions for the year 2018 are determined after controversial discussion.

The national game fee of € 50 remains unaffected. In this context it is important to observe the revised "Länderspiele" leaflet.

### **6.4 Requirements for the budget draft 2017**

The loan (2016) of the member associations of Switzerland, Austria and Germany to the EFA is extended by one year (2017). A written documentation follows.

The accommodation and travel expenses of the members of the Presidium for the EFA meetings still will be taken over by the associations of Switzerland, Austria and Germany in 2017.

## **7. Miscellaneous**

### **7.1 Supplementary equipment**

Sepp Andolfatto explains his now almost completed equipment concept for the public appearance of the representatives of the EFA, which also enhances the international competitions. Possible minor additions are being considered, which should be pursued further by Bernd Höckel.

Furthermore, the EFA orders Beachflaggs for arrangement of competitions.

### **7.2 Next Meeting**

Skype conference on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 19:00

Bureau meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> August, 13:00 within the framework of the Women's / Junior European Championship.

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Appendix:

Pflichtenheft Organisation von EFA-Wettbewerben, Anhang I

Übersicht EFA-Wettbewerbe 2018

Homepage: Event list 2017 – 2019 and new Address list

(Distribution of the protocol: presidium members, member's associations, commissioners, office IFA, Kassaprüfer)