



R E P O R T

2002 - 2003

Presented by

Mr. Jussi Raisio
President

Report from the Central Board

Short review of DIBF history

1998

The Deaf International Basketball Federation (DIBF) was provisionally founded in May 1998 in Turku, Finland under the name of International Deaf Basketball Association (IDBA) by representatives from five countries: Finland, Sweden, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

1998-2001

During the years up to 2001, the Provisional Board, consisting of President Mr. Jussi Raisio, Vice President Mr. Aleksas Jasiunas, Secretary Mr. Christian Boklund, Member-at-large Ms. Riina Kuusk and Board Advisor Mr. Kjell Gunnå, worked out Constitution and Statutes of the IDBA. The Board also informed all countries and other Deaf Sports Organisations about the Goals and Aims of the IDBA and that co-operation with the hearing International Basketball Federation (FIBA) had been established. During this time the IDBA and its actions were economically supported by the Finnish Deaf Sports Federation. The IDBA wishes to forward its deeply felt gratitude for their support.

2001

During Summer Deaflympics in Rome, Italy, 2001 a first meeting to officially establish IDBA as an organisation was convened. Unfortunately this meeting did not reach the necessary 2/3 support from countries from all over the world playing deaf basketball. However, it was decided that the Provisional Board should continue its work. Elected President was Mr. Jussi Raisio, Secretary Mr. Christian Boklund, Treasurer Mr. Rick Balk, Member-at-large Mr. Lyndon Borrow and Mr. Yaakov Keren and Board Advisor Mr. Kjell Gunnå

2002

At a foundation meeting during the first Deaf Basketball World Championships in Athens, Greece, in July 2002 the IDBA reached its goal of achieving more than 2/3 votes of deaf basketball countries and was thus officially founded. The name IDBA was momentarily changed to Deaf International Basketball Federation (DIBF) for more corporate translation. The first official DIBF Central Board:

President: Mr. Jussi Raisio, Vice President: Mr. Lyndon Borrow, Secretary General: Mr. Kjell Gunna, Treasurer: Mr. Rick Balk, Member-at-large Mr. Ioannis Stoufis. Two seats were reserved for women. The Central Board was elected with term to next Deaf Basketball World Championships 2007, location not determined yet.

2003

At the Congress of Comité International des Sports de Surds (CISS) during the Winter Deaflympics in Sundsvall, Sweden, in February 2003, the Congress officially decided to recognise the DIBF as the world governing body of deaf basketball. The DIBF now henceforth can operate independently by itself for the development of deaf basketball around the world. The DIBF will seek Associate Membership with the CISS and the hearing International Basketball Federation (FIBA).

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Central Board:

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Vice President	Mr. Lyndon Borrow
Secretary General	Mr. Kjell Gunnå
Treasurer	Mr. Rick Balk
Member-at-large	Mr. Ioannis Stoufis
Member-at-large	Vacant
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Main activities of the year

The DIBF Central Board continued its information work among deaf basketball countries calling for a founding meeting during the first Deaf Basketball World Championships in Athens, Greece. Official founding of the DIBF was reached with support by more than 2/3 of countries over the world regularly playing deaf basketball.

The DIBF Central Board convened its first official meeting at the Divanis Hotel in Athens, Greece. The DIBF Central Board wishes to forward its deeply felt gratitude to the Hellas Athletics Federation of the Deaf (HAFD) for their support to the Central Board during this time.

Specific activities

Beijing

In December the DIBF Central Board in different ways supported the CISS-TD in Basketball, Mr. Kjell Gunnå, at the first deaf basketball coaches clinic/development seminar arranged in Beijing, China. Assistant during the clinic/seminar was Mr. Christian Boklund. There was participation from six countries. The clinic/seminar was arranged under supervision of the CISS and in co-operation with the Asia-Pacific Deaf Sports Confederation, China Deaf Sports Federation and was economically supported by the FIBA.

Website

A website with address www.dibf.org and the DIBF logo was created by Mr. Lyndon Borrow. The website immediately became a great success causing many questions and enquiries about the DIBF and its work. The USA Deaf Basketball and Mr. Rick Balk did contribute economically to the maintenance of the website. Many thanks for their dedication to the DIBF.

Materials

Printing materials and business cards with DIBF logo were created by Mr. Lyndon Borrow and printed by Mr. Yaakov Keren free of charge. Special thanks to Mr. Keren for his dedication and support to the DIBF.

2003

Central Board

President:	Mr. Jussi Raisio
Vice President:	Mr. Lyndon Borrow
Secretary General:	Mr. Kjell Gunnå
Treasurer:	Mr. Rick Balk (resigned in July due to health reasons)
Member-at-large	Ms. Yue-Tong Zhu
Member-at-large	Ms. Iryna Chepchyna
Member-at-large	Mr. Ioannis Stoufis

Main activities of the year

In February during CISS Winter Deaflympics in Sundsvall, Sweden, the DIBF was officially recognised by the CISS-Congress as the governing body of deaf basketball around the world. The Central Board continued its work with information to the deaf basketball countries and to the Confederation Organisations. Mr. Jussi Raisio and Kjell Gunnå were the two DIBF-representatives at this occasion. Mr. Gunnå was invited to the CISS-Congress being the CISS-TD in Basketball.

Letters were sent out to potential deaf basketball member countries asking them supporting of the DIBF by paying membership-fees for 2004.

In November 28-30 in Stockholm, Sweden the DIBF Central Board convened its first official meeting since CISS-recognition.

Specific activities

FIBA

In February DIBF Secretary General Mr. Kjell Gunnå as the CISS-TD in Basketball attended a meeting for FIBA Counsel of Basketball for People with a Dysfunction. The Counsel is working for supporting and encouraging basketball organisations for people with a dysfunction. President of the Counsel is Mr. Jan Berteling.

FIBA website

For the first time in deaf sports history a hearing international sports organisation introduced a deaf sports organisation on its presentation pages and program. At www.fiba.com > The Game > Categories you will find deaf basketball introduced. Furthermore, deaf basketball news can be found on News > Latest news. For example: Report on Lagos coaches clinic/development seminar is archived at 17 December 2003. More will come.

Dublin

In March Mr. Kjell Gunnå and Mr. Christian Boklund as DIBF-representatives visited Dublin, Ireland, during a weekend to encourage and train Ireland deaf basketball women. The hosts covered accommodation and local transports while the DIBF-representatives covered flight-expenses by themselves.

Stockholm

In August Mr. Kjell Gunnå as a DIBF-representative attended a basketball coaches clinic conducted in Stockholm by the hearing Swedish National Basketball Federation in connection with arrangement of European Championships tournament.

Buenos Aires

In September Mr. Jussi Raisio and Mr. Kjell Gunnå as DIBF-representatives conducted a deaf basketball coaches clinic/development seminar in Buenos Aires, Argentina, with participation from six countries. The clinic/seminar was arranged by the DIBF in co-operation with the Pan-American Deaf Sports Confederation and the Argentinean Deaf Sports Federation and was sponsored economically by the FIBA.

Lagos

In November Mr. Lyndon Borrow and Mr. Kjell Gunnå as DIBF-representatives conducted a deaf basketball coaches clinic/development seminar in Lagos, Nigeria, with participation from Nigeria and Ghana. The clinic/seminar was arranged by the DIBF in co-operation with the Confederation of African Deaf Sports and the Nigerian Deaf Sports Federation and was sponsored economically by the FIBA.

(Reports and pictures from all coaches clinics/development seminars can be found at the DIBF website www.dibf.org)

Jussi Raisio
DIBF President

Deaf Basketball Countries: Paid memberships fee 2004 in bold letters per time of this report:

Argentina	Belarus	Chile	Estonia	Finland	Germany
Australia	Brazil	Chinese Taipei			Ghana
		China			Great Britain
		Cuba			Greece
		Cyprus			Guinea
Hong Kong	Ireland	Japan	Latvia	Mexico	New Zealand
	Israel		Lithuania		Nigeria
	Italy				
Philippines	Russia	Slovenia	Turkey	Ukraine	Venezuela
Poland		Sweden		Uruguay	
				USA	