

International Deaf Basketball Association Interimistic Board

Minutes (01-07) kept at
meeting 2000-03-25
in Vilnius, Lithuania

Present board members:

Jussi Raisio, President
Aleksas Jasiunas, Vice President
Riina Kuusk
Christian Boklund

01. Opening of meeting

The President Jussi Raisio welcomed the present board members and opened the meeting.

02. Keeper of minutes

The IDBA Board decided

to assign Christian Boklund to keep the minutes of today's meeting

03. Previous minutes 2/99

The IDBA Board decided

to approve the minutes from meeting 2/99

04. Reports from board members

a/ Jussi Raisio

Letter to CISS-President (from minutes previous meeting)

The President Jussi Raisio informed that the CISS-President John M. Lovett in a letter to him has declined the invitation to meet him and/or the IDBA-Board during the year 2000 with reference to the decision in Davos saying that the CISS should not support International Deaf Sports Organizations for sports **already** on the DWG-program and therefore saw no reason to meet him. Mr. Raisio was sorry about this and pointed out that meeting an organization is very different from supporting it. It should be necessary to meeting to clarify some misunderstandings and questions regarding this issue, Mr. Raisio said.

Meeting with EDSO (from minutes previous meeting)

Mr. Raisio also informed the meeting that he in accordance with minutes decided in previous meeting in Tallinn in person had tried to contact with the EDSO-President Lennart Edwall and the EDSO General Secretary Werner H. Kliewer for talking about the IDBA but in vain. But he will still try further.

Mr. Raisio informed the meeting that he had received re-mailing from Brasilia indicating wrong address for mail sent to Brasilia Deaf Sports Organization last autumn regarding IDBA- statutes. He will find out the correct address later and then send it to them again.

He also informed that he has received thanks from the German basketball people for information he sent to them. It was Mr. Raisios impression that it seems as if the German National Deaf Sports Association have not informed the German basketball people about IDBA and its statutes but maybe he was wrong he said. Maybe so is also the case with some other National Deaf Sports Associations. It is a problem for the IDBA to reach all basketball people as we do not have all their names and addresses.

b/ Aleksas Jasiunas

The Vice President Aleksas Jasiunas had no news to report with the exception that he has been talking with a couple of other deaf basketball interested people who showed great interest in the IDBA activities but could not say whether they are positive or not regarding the IDBA activities

c/ Riina Kuusk

Mrs Riina Kuusk informed that she has met with the EDSO-EC member Sebastiano Manciangli who told her that the IDBA organization have received 30.000 dollars from the FIBA for development work. This statement puzzled the present IDBA-board very much. Christian Boklund answered that Mr. Manciangli must have confused it with the working of the CISS-TD Kjell Gunnå who recently received this amount from FIBA for development working within the frame of the CISS. More about this later in the report of Mr. Boklund.

d/ Christian Boklund

Mr. Christian Boklund informed the IDBA-Board about the CISS-TD Kjell Gunnås development plan within the frame of the CISS which was of great interest to the rest of the IDBA-Board. Mr. Boklund promised to copy the development plan to the Board.

Mr. Boklund took up the question of how to reply to all those people asking questions to the Board regarding the IDBA and its function and aims. All the Board agreed that the first objectives is to work for development of deaf basketball around the world by conducting seminars, clinics, instructions and so on as described in the statutes. It is not the primarily goal to arrange World Championships or other regional championships. It is also important to point out that membership in IDBA will **not** mean that the CISS and its Regional Confederations will lose members. So is stated in the IDBA-Statutes.

Mr. Boklund also took up the question of a logo for the IDBA. This was discussed in the last minutes from Tallinn but everybody in the Board had forgotten this and will now devote some attention to this until next meeting.

The IDBA Board decided

to approve the Board Members reports as described above.

05. Further IDBA-actions

a/ Addresses

Unfortunately the IDBA-Board have neither names nor addresses to all deaf basketball organizations in the world and it was discussed how to better reach them all. It was a strong feeling among the IDBA-Board members that some of the National Deaf Sports Organizations do not pass the IDBA information further to the basketball organizations in the country in question.

The IDBA Board decided

to agree that this will take time and must be done step by step.

b/ IDBA-Board minutes

It was discussed whether the IDBA-Board should work in the open or in the hidden with its meetings and how to make its work public.

The IDBA Board decided

to send all meeting minutes from the very beginning until now and in the future as long as it is needed to all Deaf Sports Organizations concerned just to show its serious working for Deaf Basketball in the world.

c/ European Deaf Basketball Organization

It was discussed whether the IDBA should establish an European Deaf Basketball Organization or Association now very soon or not, maybe during the European Championships in Patra in May. This should be preferably because if we already have Europe officially established as an organization it should be much more easier to establish the IDBA as an official international organization in Rome 2001 during the Deaf World Games.

The IDBA Board decided

to assign the President Jussi Raisio to call European Deaf Basketball people to discuss an establishment and foundation of European Deaf Basketball Association or Organization during the European Deaf Basketball Championships. A letter with explanation and suggestion of Statutes must be enclosed. Meetings in Patra should be conducted twice.

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No other questions arised.

07. Next meeting

The IDBA Board decided

to set the time for meeting in Patra, Greece in May during the European Championships. The President will decide the exact date for the meeting

Keeper of minutes:

President:

Christian Boklund

Jussi Raisio