

**International Deaf Basketball Association  
Interimistic Board**

Minutes (07-16) kept at  
meeting 1999 12 05  
in Tallinn

**Present:**

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

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**07. Opening of meeting**

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

**08. Keeper of minutes**

It was decided that Christian Boklund would keep the minutes of the meeting

**09. Previous minutes 1/99**

**The IDBA Board decided**

to approve the minutes from meeting 1/99

**10. Recent IDBA-activities**

**a/ Statutes**

The President Jussi Raisio informed the meeting that he has outlined a proposal of statutes for the IDBA and all present persons in the meeting confirmed receipt of these.

**The IDBA Board decided**

to approve the statutes in the present form and to work them out more in detail later.

**b/ Letter sent out**

The President Jussi Raisio informed the meeting that he, together with an explanation letter and minutes of IDBA-establishment meeting in Turku have sent out the above mentioned statutes to the CISS and its Confederations, all CISS member nations and national basketball organizations that he knows of. All parts concerned were encouraged to take contact in any form with the President regarding the letter and the IDBA.

**The IDBA Board decided**

to approve the actions taken by the President.

**c/ Reactions**

The President reported no reactions in writing so far

**The IDBA Board decided**

to await reactions during the coming spring 2000

## **11. Further IDBA-actions**

### **a/ Arguments for IDBA**

The meeting was unanimous in stressing that the most important objectives for the IDBA is the development of basketball for the deaf by conducting seminars, coaches clinics, promotion of deaf basketball and so on all over the world. It is of less importance to "take over" the World and Regional Championships though this is still included in the statutes and program of the IDBA.

Another argument is to broaden the capacity of deaf people to be included in different International Executive Committees or Boards. It is of outmost importance that deaf people from all of the world are given the chance to work in these International Committees or Boards of Basketball and to develop contacts with other organizations.

### **b/ Meeting with CISS**

A meeting with representatives of the CISS was discussed

#### **The IDBA Board decided**

to assign the President Jussi Raisio the task of asking for a meeting with CISS-President John M. Lovett and Secretary General Donald Ammons during spring-time 2000, most favourably in Europe if this can be done. Otherwise it will be too expensive for the members of the IDBA-Board to pay the travels by themselves.

### **c/ Meeting with EDSO**

A meeting with representatives of the EDSO was discussed

#### **The IDBA Board decided**

to assign the President Jussi Raisio the task of asking for a meeting with CISS-President Lennart Edwall and Secretary General Werner H. Kliewer during spring-time 2000.

## **12. Report from FIBA-meeting**

The meeting had received a report from CISS-TD i Basketball Kjell Gunnå of a meeting with the FIBA-Council for Basketball for people with a Disability. The report mentioned the foundation of the interimistic working IDBA. Obviously the FIBA Council is positive to the new organization and in case it wins official recognition the FIBA kan support the IDBA more effectively than the CISS organization.

#### **The IDBA Board decided**

to leave the report notified in todays minutes.

## **13. Individual reports**

### **a/ Jussi Raisio**

Jussi Raisio informed that he had been into contact with the Finnish National Basketball Federation and they seem to be positive to the IDBA and will support a Finnish Deaf Basketball organization. Jussi had heard nothing neither from CISS nor EDSO.

### **b/ Riina Kuusk**

Riina Kuusk reported that she privately had been talking with EDSO people and it seems as if some of EDSO officials maybe are turning more positive to the IDBA. Riina

Kuusik showed a telefax from one EDSO official who privately wished today's meeting being successful.

**c/ Aleksas Jasiunas**

Aleksas Jasiunas informed that Lithuanian Basketball Association obtains much support from the Lithuanian National Basketball Federation. He had heard nothing from neither the CISS nor EDSO about the foundation of the IDBA.

**d/ Christian Boklund**

Christian Boklund had nothing to report about the IDBA and people concerned with it.

**14. Miscellaneous**

**a/ IDBA logo**

Christian Boklund suggested that the new organization would have a logo and asked the IDBA Board to figure about this until next meeting.

**The IDBA Board decided**

to figure about a logo until next meeting. The issue will be brought up then.

**b/ Observer**

Christian Boklund suggested a representative from Latvia, Mr. Andris Bergmanis, to be included in the Board as an observer as the Board only is working interimistically.

**15. Date for next meeting**

Date for next meeting was discussed.

**The IDBA Board decided**

to set the next date for meeting to March 25, 2000 in Vilnius, Lithuania.

**16. Closure of meeting**

The President Jussi Raisio thanked the present Board for coming to this meeting and closed it.

Keeper of minutes:

President:

Christian Boklund

Jussi Raisio