

MINUTES

Event: IPC Ice Sledge Hockey Technical Committee Sport Forum Meeting

Date: 31 March 2008

Place: Marlborough, Boston MA - USA

Participants	Name	Position	(Initials)
	Greg Lagace	Chairperson	GL
	Tom Goodings	Vice-Chairperson	TG
	Keith Blase	Head of Technical Control & Officiating	KB
	Michael Pettersson	Head of Classification	MP
	Thor Erik Kleppe	Head Competition	TK
	Eric Angstadt	IPC Winter Sports Manager	EA

Purpose of the Meeting	Sport Forum. Update on IPC ISH Status and review of the season and current Rules and Regulations
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Executive Summary/ Main Outcomes	Document attached with Recommendations for Rule Changes to the Governing Board plus Motions Resolution.
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AGENDA

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1. Opening

Welcome
Roll Call
Adoption of Agenda

FIT AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Roll call
3. Adoption of agenda
4. Adoption of minutes 2004 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey Sports Assembly - Örnsköldsvik, Sweden
5. IPC Ice Sledge Hockey Report
6. IPC Ice Sledge Hockey STC Structure
7. Rules and Regulations
7. Motions from NPCs or IOSDs
8. Business Plan
9. Other relevant business
10. Closing



SUMMARY

1. WELCOME

1.1 Welcome

Greg Lagace welcomed the NPCs representatives. GL explained the purpose of the Sport Forum, where NPCs have the chance to express their concerns and actively participate in the development of rules and rule changes for IPC Ice Sledge Hockey. For the NPCs this is a great opportunity to provide input as well as proposals through the motions submitted.

GL explained where the sport stood before and since Torino 2006 PWG, the evolution and growth it has experimented in the last 2 years.

GL pointed out that one of the major achievements has been to manage having a certified pool of technical officials at this point in time.

GL proceeded to present the IPC Ice Sledge Hockey Sport Technical Committee members at the table and the IPC Winter Sports Manager.

1.2 STC Members / IPC Management Members

<i>STC Members</i>	
Greg Lagace	(CAN) Chairperson
Tom Goodings	(CAN) Vice-Chairperson
Keith Blasé	(USA) Head of Technical Control & Officiating
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Michael Pettersson	(SWE) Head of Classification
Thor Erik Kleppe	(NOR) Head Competition
<i>IPC Management</i>	
Eric Angstadt	(ESP) IPC Winter Sports Manager
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2. ROLL CALL

Attending NPCs: (in alphabetical order)

Canada	CAN
Czech Republic	CZE
Estonia	EST
Germany	GER
Japan	JPN
Italy	ITA
Korea	KOR
Norway	NOR
Sweden	SWE
United States of America	USA

(Not present):

Poland	POL
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Present delegates with voting rights: 10

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

<i>Discussion</i>	Report of the Chairperson and adoption of the agenda.
<i>Decision(s)</i>	GL offers to include any items at this point in time that are not included in the agenda. Agenda is accepted.
<i>Action(s)</i>	

4. ADOPTION MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

<i>Discussion</i>	GL proposed to adopt the minutes from Sweden 2004
<i>Decision(s)</i>	Motion to adopt Minutes from Örnsköldsvik, Sweden 2004 Motion by SWE Seconded by NOR Votes in favour: 10 - Against: 0 Motion passed
<i>Action(s)</i>	



5. IPC REPORT

<i>Discussion</i>	<p>EA presented a report from IPC Management to the present nations. Overview of the changes that have occurred since 2006 with the IPC Management "Initiative" and the current structure around each IPC Sport. The interaction between the IPC Governing Board, the Sport Technical Committee and IPC management was the main topic of the presentation. An explanation about the appointment of the STC throughout the spring of 2007 was given and what the main goals are for the future.</p> <p>GL mentioned that as per one of the motions that passed at the 2007 IPC General Assembly in Seoul, each IPC sport is aiming for self-governance and self-sustainability in mid term being 2016 the estimated date for this to be a fact. The main guidelines and directives for this process are being put together in the IPC Ice Sledge Hockey Business Plan.</p>
<i>Decision(s)</i>	
<i>Action(s)</i>	<p>Main figures around the overall budget will be put together after the Boston 2008 IPC ISH WCH activities, as it is the main event in the year for ISH.</p>

6. IPC SPORT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

<i>Discussion</i>	<p>GL explained the composition of the STC and the roles and responsibilities of each member. The term of the membership is until the Vancouver 2010 PWG are completed. A review from the Governing Board will take place after this period to evaluate the term.</p> <p>The STC is regulated by the Bylaws that are approved for all STCs in the IPC Handbook.</p> <p>GL explained that as Chairperson, his role is to liaise with the IPC Governing Board and IPC Management.</p> <p>TG is in charge of substituting GL in the event he can not be present at a given time and to maintain, review and update Results and Rankings related to IPC Ice Sledge Hockey. Actively taken part in the</p>
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Rules review for the new Rulebook.

MP is in charge of Classification, and Classification Seminars. There is also ongoing activity regarding the creation of a pool of classifiers in each continent that will facilitate this activity across the world.

KB is the Head of Technical Control and Officiating. Has arranged the Seminar for the Technical Officials, and has put together with the help of Scott McDonald the DVD for the Referees and Officials. Actively taken part in the Rules review for the new Rulebook.

TK is the Head of Competition and responsible for all TDs, and in charge of developing the TD Manual.

It is very critical at this point in time to have the presence of the STC at major competitions.

GL explained to the present NPCs the process by which the STC was formed, and the bylaws by which it is regulated (IPC Handbook, Section 1- Chapter 2.7). Referring to one of the motions at the General Assembly, CAN asked about the Athlete's Representation in the STC. GL gave the floor to Lilo Ljubisic, IPC Governing Board Member and Chairperson for the Athlete's Council:

As a general idea, the GB has been interested in putting athletes in key roles in the different committees as this provides an advantage by allowing athletes to be heard at a lower level and from the basic technical aspects.

The motion in Seoul stated the intention for each IPC Standing Committee, to adopt an athlete representative, who has competed at the PG or PWG within the last 8 years. This would provide relevant and recent experience to the sport. This athlete representative should meet the eligibility criteria at the time of appointment or election.

GL mentioned that the next step is to have an athlete's voice at the STC and stated that all ideas as to how to make this happen are welcomed as suggestions. The STC is showing interest in making this happen in a near future.



USA asked how soon this could be a reality.

GL clarified that the technical and advisory body to the sport is precisely the STC. Whether it occurs as elections versus a formal appointment is for the GB to decide, as there are many aspects regarding accountability, the period of duty, etc that would need to be defined. Maybe it will occur with a similar mechanism as members of the STC.

GL suggested that this Athlete Representative should be member of a working group of the ISH STC, coordinated by KB to provide close up follow up regarding rules and regulations of the sport.

The proposed short term solution is to co-opt and athlete and make the formal recommendation to the Governing Board.

Lilo Ljubisic mentioned that there is already an athlete that meets these requirements on the Athlete's Council, and that could be co-opted by the STC if the NPCs agree and this person would accept.

USA suggested communicating to all NPCs the conditions, commitments, for this athlete's representative, as this has been very fruitful in the past. USA also asked if there was any existing list of coaches and terms of reference.

GL reiterated that the STC is willing to have the voice of an athlete for current affaires.

KOR asked if English would be required or what are the potential language barriers for this person?

GL responded that having English would be a good asset but maybe not an absolute requirement.

NOR said that they already have an athlete on the Athlete's Council that could potentially be part of the STC.

GL clarified that this person was elected at the Torino 2006 PWG and that his co-option would be subject to his acceptance.

MOTION

NOR presented a Motion to co-opt the existing Norwegian athlete for the STC until 2010 who is already on the Athlete's Council provided he accepts.



	<p>Seconded by CZE Voting: 5 in favour; 5 against CAN requested for the Motion to be explained again USA asked if this Norwegian is a current athlete KOR asked if he was present CAN asked if there was any other recommendation to have another voice as representative The person is Eskil Hagen (NOR) GL: Suggested this person could be part of a Sub-Committee of the STC.</p> <p>GER clarified that this appointment is more a friendly appointment amongst the sports. Second Voting: 8 In favour, 2 against. Motion passed (subject to the athlete's acceptance) GL asked NOR for the athlete to provide his acceptance. KOR asked if this athlete accepts, how will it be possible to communicate with him? GER suggested his email address should be circulated and made available to all ISH community.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>USA requested to have someone worldwide dedicated to development of equipment in the STC as this would be very helpful to make the entire process more effective. GL explained that KB is the existing person for this in the STC and to address to him any relevant requests on this topic.</p>
<i>Decision(s)</i>	Eskil Hagen (NOR) was co-opted by the IPC ISH STC as Athlete Representative as he accepted the nomination at the Sport Forum.
<i>Action(s)</i>	EA to submit Motion info to the GB

7. RULES AND REGULATIONS

<i>Discussion</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competition Cycle Format Explanation <p>CZE suggested the possibility of also having WCH in year 1 (being year 0 the year where PWG are held).</p>
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This would give a frequent chance to exchange teams between Pools A and B, as currently only in year 3, the B pool winner gets rewarded to then join the A pool, but 3 years later (year 2) with the current approved cycle.

The STC had discussed the possibility of a WCH for the B Pool in year 1, but it was discarded due to financial constraints.

CZE asked what is the plan in the future after the B Pool has reached 8 teams. Could the A pool change to 10 teams then?

The STC will discuss further these possibilities in the Business Plan

- NOR brought up the regulation regarding the Warm Up period:

It seems like there was general consensus to increase from 15 min to 20 min.

The STC is to give further clarification on this based on the existing regulations and check if there is a typo in the Rulebook

- Rule for the Use of Hockey Gloves:
NOR suggests the use of non-specific Hockey Gloves to be allowed, as they have been using them forever with no problems.

- Rule 306: Picks to be acceptable as they were before and the actual number of picks to be at choice. STC accepted

Decision(s)

- STC to review the long term Competition Cycle Format into the Business Plan
- The STC to review the Warm Up time regulation
- The STC will consult with IPC Management and put forward a recommendation based on general consent
- STC to change text regarding Rule 306

Action(s)

Rulebook to be updated if required



8. MOTIONS FROM NPCS OR IOSDS

Discussion

MOTION 01 - GERMANY

"Minimum disability should no longer be defined with description of different handicaps; every handicap which makes ordinary skating impossible should be o.k."

GER explained the motion: it should refer to athletes that have lost part of their feet and can not skate normally. These athletes should be allowed to compete in order to allow the sport to grow and have more athletes from which we can choose.

MP (Head of Classification) reiterated the STC position in this regard, and how critical it is to determine "who is not able to skate". What are all the factors to determine this is not easy to define. A survey was sent from IPC to the NPCs and only GER replied.

MP suggested not to move the Motion

CZE Suggested to consult the NPCs to get a general idea of the feeling amongst the nations. Maybe a less amount of disability like in wheelchair basketball would be a possibility.

GL suggested to give MP and the ISH Classifiers more time to come back with a new proposal based on a more defined NPCs proposal.

GER agreed to this.

GL proposed the new text for the motion to be:

"The definition for minimum disability will be reviewed next year at the 2009 Sport Forum by the STC with the Classification Committee taking into consideration the feedback NPCs will provide back to the IPC."

Seconded by CAN

Voting: 10 in favour

Motion passed

MOTION 02 - GERMANY

225 Clock

"It should be allowed to simulate electronic clock by computer and use of a powerful beamer"



GL asked for a more detailed explanation of this rule. GER explained that in rinks where there might not be electronic clocks, there are ways to use a projector on a wall that can simulate a clock. This would enable the teams to have the time reference.

GL explained that obviously this would not be applicable to major IPC ISH Competitions such as PWG, WCH or European CH, as there are minimum technology requirements in place for the LOC to provide.

Seconded by NOR

Voting: 9 in favour, 1 abstention

Motion Passed

MOTION 03 - GERMANY

300 Sledge frames

a) it is useful allowing it to build the front curve of other material like e.g. PE to avoid damage of the frame (we made good experience in Germany)

b) the frame side rails should NOT have minimum width, because that doesn't make sense for e.g. double amputee

h) 10 cm in front of the seat isn't enough at all, if this rule will take place, it will not make any sense to have protections on the frames of other sledges

a) GER explained that they suggest allowing materials such as Polyethylene, which according to their experience is safe and resistant.

NOR asked if any tests had been conducted when this material is under the cold conditions like at a rink and at a game.

GER acknowledged this.

KOR asked if these are homologated tests

GER clarified that it neither is the same material as NOR is using in some of their sledges.

JPN was concerned if this refers to a matter of safety or weight.

GER mentioned that the intention is to have some material that is easier to replace when damaged.

EST asked if it is resistant.

TK and TG from the STC suggested this might be a step forward in the development of frames. After inspection they can confirm it is a hard material, very



solid and strong and provides a very good protection at the front.

KOR asked if this material is easy to bend.

TK answered that it is not easy to bend, as it is connected to the rest of the frame, but still relatively easy to take off and replace.

ITA asked if it is like rubber

TK answered that it is not soft.

KB suggested that this material is added to the existing approved materials.

CAN suggest that there should be standards for all existing approved materials.

KB agreed that this should be the long term objective and that the STC is working for compliance in this regard.

Seconded by CZE

Voting: 5 in Favor; 5 against

Chairperson voted in favor with the right of the deciding vote.

Motion passed.

b) Not seconded

h) Seconded by NOR

GER explained that this distance does not prove to be enough to ensure the safety of the athlete in the case of front collision, making the regulations for additional protections useless as they will not have purpose.

ITA suggests the possibility of a foot guard for the double amputees.

NOR requested the STC to give their perspective on this matter.

The STC agrees with the concern regarding safety. A solution needs to be found that represents a balance between safety and technical requirements.

TG stated that in Torino it was agreed that the length for the double amputees would be shortened. From being 1cm beyond it was extended to 10cm then.

JPN asked why it was decided to have 10cm then.

KB explained that the STC decided on the best solution at that time to provide safety. There is probably the need for more distance and the STC is



interested in pursuing to do some testing and then recommend a new distance based on evidence.

CAN request that this decision be tabled until further consideration regarding equipment can be done.

KB explained that before Torino 2006 PWG the rule referred to 1/3 of the total length of the frame, and maybe the rule should go back to that until the Working Group for Equipment does some more research.

GER would accept going back to the previous rule.
NOR would second this as a motion.

(Typo in Rulebook → should read 16cm in section 304 to be corrected)

KB gave a little background on the Rulebook: In 2004, the old SAEC began working on the Rulebook partially till Torino 2006 PWG. Many provisions and exceptions were made for the 2006 PWG based on feedback from the NPCs. The current Rulebook although it contains many modifications, could potentially be a sort of “mix” of that old rulebook and all the new provisions. The STC asks once again for everyone to review the rule and provide feedback.

CZE proposed to postpone the decision on this Motion 3 section h) till after lunch.
Agreed.

MOTION 04 - GERMANY

305 Sledge seat

*b) THIS RULE IS TOTALLY INACCEPTABLE. _
REASON: The higher the seat, the better the performance. If there is any reason to set limits to the height it should be done in the following way: the height of the shoulder of a player SITTING IN THE SLEDGE should be limited, means bigger players have to sit lower and smaller ones may sit higher. A maximum seat height of 20 to 25 cm is actually used by some players in Canada and Germany (with good experiences)”*

TK explained that for this WCH, the max height measured was 18,5cm of all sledges and minimum



12,5cm.

JPN stated that there are cushions inside that vary in sizes.

KB asked amongst the NPCs, where is the balance between Safety and Performance and where would be the right place to measure from. Suggestions were welcomed

JPN made a remark on the money and expenses they have incurred in before Boston in order to comply with the current regulations and would strongly disagree with changing these now, as they can not afford to be changing constantly.

GER mentioned that this would only affect seats, not frames.

CAN suggested the rule to only state that the player needs to be sitting on a sled, the rest wouldn't need to be controlled.

GL suggests to table MOTIONS 3, 4, 5 and 6 until 1 TUE and 3 THU April during the workshop of Equipment at 1pm.

Everyone in the room agreed to defer all Motions to Rule Changes for that Meeting.

MOTION 07 - GERMANY

a) 600 Timing of game

We would like to change the duration of the game to 3 times 20 minutes (as usual in nonhandicap-icehockey) and two breaks of 12 minutes

b) 604 Overtime period

..... the overtime should be played by 2 teams with 4 players and 1 goalkeeper each (as usual in non-handicap-ice hockey)

a) The STC is happy to move in this direction in the future, but has serious concerns of the gap that this change would create between the emerging NPCs and the developed ones.

GL stated that the STC is willing to include this in the Business Plan as well as the increase in the number of players, but that currently the status of the sport can not guarantee that this is the best solution for sustainability.



CAN requested that the rule would state that the breaks of 12min change to 15min
USA added that this should encourage development amongst emerging countries.

Motion Seconded by USA
Voting: 6 in Favour; 3 against; 1 abstention.
Motion Passed

b) Motion removed as per new rules.

MOTION 08- GERMANY

- 700 Team composition and players uniform
... each team may comprise a maximum of 15 players and 2 Goalkeepers for a total of 17 eligible athletes

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This is very important, means that every team has 3 complete rows of players for the game

Seconded by CAN
NOR recommended that for the current status of ISH, if the goal is to maintain and grow the sport we should keep to the existing figures (total of 15 athletes including goalkeepers). If not they believe we will face a big gap in the future, and this change is too risky at thi point in time.

CAN also recommended having only 15 players.
SWE and EST agreed with NOR explanation
CAN suggested the possibility of having 17 players in the Roster but dressing only 15.
NOR mentioned that this suggestion has always been made by the same NPCs as in the past, those who have the capacity of a big field of athletes that make this suggestion.

EA added a comment regarding the impact that these figures could have regarding the planning for LOCs in terms of estimation of costs for Games Services.

The STC recommed to stick to the current status.
TK added that if there is not an increase in figures, it will be difficult to meet the minimum requirements, and there will be a bigger gap plus financial



implications with this change.

NOR stated that there was the demand from GER before the Euro 2007 but then the GER team arrived with less than 15 players.

CAN stated that it is not a good idea to limit the top level of the sport.

GER reminded about the convenience of having exchangeable players.

Voting: 3 in favour; 6 against; 1 abstention
Motion denied

MOTION 09 – JAPAN

If, any nation, failed to meet IPC's equipment regulations shall not compete in the World Championship or Paralympic Winter Games

STC clarified that the Rulebook might suffer some rule or regulations changes each season (rules through Sport Forums), and that teams should comply with these changes. The STC reinforces the current compliance as of 1 July 2008, since the new Rulebook was introduced in late 2007.

Regarding equipment, it is the manufacturer's responsibility to comply with these regulations.

Motion was removed.

MOTION 10 – SWEDEN

Sweden suggest a possibility for women to take part in the same team as men in ice sledge hockey championships as regional and world championships as well as paralympic games. We know there is some women training and playing but there is not enough to form a team just with women.

We want to allow women to play in the national teams, not as mixed teams, but as a player where it should be the coach decision if a woman is qualified or not.

The STC clarified that they will put forward a formal recommendation to the IPC Women in Sport Committee in order to allow provisionally (provisional exception) Women to compete at World Championships and PWG subject to the moment



when Women's Ice Sledge Hockey becomes a reality. The STC sees no reason why women should not be allowed to compete in IPC ISH Games.

GL added that it would not be considered "Mixed" but integrated and it would be up to coaches to decide line ups and so.

SWE added that they would be very happy to see this motion go through.

CAN & USA stated that they've already had demo games between women in Ice Sledge Hockey.

Seconded by NOR

Voting: 6 In favour; 0 against; 4 abstentions

Motion passed

(*) (CONTINUED on 1 APRIL - Tuesday & 3 APRIL Thursday)

MOTION 03 - GERMANY

a) accepted: Italy propose to write in the rule that it should be a minimum of 1.2cm (page 25)

MOTION 04 - GERMANY

Equipment was brought on the table by GER and JPN

KB put the question on the table regarding where the limit should be.

GER suggested the height of the seats to remain as it is. The concern is that the height of the seat is difficult to determine, as from which point does the measuring start?

KB suggested that it can become dangerous if it is too high?

POL agreed that yes, it becomes dangerous because of elbowing and other possible hits.

KB expressed that it would be better to refrain from measuring players as this enters a totally new perspective.

POL reiterated that there should be a limit.

Both CZE and POL suggested 20cm max height.

All NPCs from the B Pool (CZE, KOR, EST and POL) plus SWE that the back of the seat should remain as



it is in rule 305.
After Thursday review, unanimous consensus is to have 20cm plu max 5cm cushion for the total height of the seat.

MOTION 3 – h)

Regarding the length of the sledge, blade between 16 and 32 cm. Suggestion to apply the 1/3 formula for the length.

What is the maximum length from the back of the bucket to the front of the frame in order to provide safety and prevent heads from crashing?

A minimum of 80cm is the recommendation after examining a double amputee sledge. However, teams would check with some players to see if this distance seems safe.

Thursday: 80cm is the final recommendation and the consensus amongst all teams

MOTION 05 - GERMANY

Rule 313 will remain as it is defined.

MOTION 06 – GERMANY

This motion was removed.

-----Rule 303: Foot Guard /Support-----

STC to revise the wording so it applies to all sledges and not only to athletes with legs. Minimum 1.2 to 3cm max.

If this doesn't relate, it will have to go in section 7

STC to review if this is related to rule 314 and Motion 6

Decision(s)

- Motion 01: A new letter will go from IPC to NPCs in order to survey the potential of new athletes coming into the sport depending on the level of disability.
- Motion 02: to be included in the Rules and Regulations.
- Motion 03: a) Material suggestion accepted
b) Not seconded



	<p>h) Determined at 80cm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motion 04 Max height of seat to 20cm and max cushion thickness to 5cm. - Motion 05: Rule remains as present - Motion 06: Removed - Motion 07: Warm Up period 15min. - Motion 07a: Intermission will be changed to 15 minutes - Motion 07b: Removed - Motion 08: Denied - Motion 09: Removed - Motion 10: Passed (See note below)
<i>Action(s)</i>	<p>STC to forward formal recommendation to the IPC Women in Sport Committee. EA to input all passed motions into separate document for GB approval</p>

9. BUSINESS PLAN

<i>Discussion</i>	<p>GL gave an explanation about the general aspects and topics that the Business Plan will deal with. GL reiterated the fact that NPCs can have input into this plan. Each IPC Sport with its own Bus.Plan fits into the overall IPC Sports Bus. Plan.</p> <p>Business Plan will be presented separately by the STC. Development, shared resources, coaching aspects will be included in the Bus.Plan. The STC will also review IIHF provisions, to determine to what degree they are applicable to ISH.</p> <p>KOR requested to know when a first version of the Business Plan will be available. GL stated that mid June is the goal. CZE asked if the goal of 2016 for IPC ISH to be self governed, potentially by the IIHF will be included in the Business Plan.</p>
<i>Decision(s)</i>	
<i>Action(s)</i>	<p>STC and IPC Management to develop the draft for the Business Plan by mid June</p>

10. OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS

<i>Discussion</i>	<p>GL made remarks on the achievements since the</p>
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STC was appointed, the presentation of the Rulebook, the Regulations, the Officials Seminar, the DVD for the Officials.

KB explained the purpose of the DVD, to help train IIHF Officials in becoming IPC ISH Officials and the DVD focuses precisely on the main differences between both sports. The use is intended to begin at National level.

- PRESENTATION from Solleftea Paralympic Winter World Cup (SWE).

Mrs. Elysabeth Bystrom from Solleftea, made a presentation to the NPCs for the event that will take place in Sweden the first week of February of 2009, where Ice Sledge Hockey will be part of the program. An invitational tournament of 4-6 teams will take place and teams will be invited by the LOC.

USA requested from Mrs. Bystrom to get Information on Organizational Structure.

- Mr. Milan Bartl from Karlovy Vary in CZE made a small presentation about their candidate city to host the 2009 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey World Championships A Tournament.

- In addition, the IPC Management would like to add that another meeting with another candidate city representative Mr. Bjorn Ruud from Hamar – NOR also took place during the WCH in Marlborough.

A formal process to determine the host city is taking place currently between the involved parties and IPC. Current negotiations are ongoing with NPC Netherlands for the Organization of the 2009 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey B World Championships.

- EA reminded all the present attendees that the main channel of communication for the sport is through the ipcicesledgehockey@paralympic.org email address at IPC Headquarters.

Decision(s)

Action(s)

- Bid Process for 2009 is taking place as these



minutes are released. Final decision will be communicated to all NPCs as soon as determined.

11. CLOSING

<i>Discussion</i>	The STC and IPC Management thanked all the present delegates for their assistance to the Sport Forum.
<i>Decision(s)</i>	
<i>Action(s)</i>	

12. NEXT MEETING

Sport Forum at the World Championships in 2009. How this will split if the location for A and B Tournaments is to be defined by IPC no later than 31 AUG.

13. ADJOURNMENT