

## MINUTES

**Event: IPC Ice Sledge Hockey Sport Technical Committee Meeting**

**Date: 14-15 May 2011**

**Place: Prague, Czech Republic**

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<b>Participants</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>(Initials)</b>
	Keith Blase	Chairperson	KB
	Eskil Hagen	Vice-Chairperson	EH
	Scott MacDonald	Head of Technical Control & Officiating	SM
	Dave Newson	Head of Competition	DN
	Thomas Koester	Head of Development	TK
	Michael Pettersson	Head of Classification	MP
<b>IPC Management</b>	Eric Angstadt	IPC Winter Sports Manager	EA
	Jessica Korber	IPC ISH Manager	JK
<b>Invited</b>	Johan Balder	IPC ISH International Classifier	JB

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**Purpose of the Meeting** 2011 IPC Sport Technical Committee Meeting

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**Executive  
Summary/ Main  
Outcomes**

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## AGENDA

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- 09:30**      **1. Opening**
- 1.1 Welcome
  - 1.2 Roll Call
  - 1.3 Adoption of Agenda
- 2. Review and Approval**
- 2.1 Approval of the Minutes of the STC Meeting in Bonn 2010
  - 2.2 Updated Status of Action Item List
- 10:30**      Coffee Break
- 11:00**      **3. Business / Strategic Plan & General Discussion**
- 3.1 Budget Update
  - 3.2 Licensing Fee
  - 3.3 Regulations Review – Appeals Process
- 12:00**      Lunch Break
- 13:00**      **4. Competition**
- 4.1 Competition Cycle Format – Four Year Competition Plan
  - 4.2 Tournament Formats Review
  - 4.3 WCH Bid Process Update
  - 4.4 LOC Requirements & Manual
  - 4.5 WCH 2012 + 2013 Update
  - 4.6 Sochi 2014 Update
  - 4.7 Event Sanctioning
  - 4.8 Discussion on Roster Size & Length of Periods



- 4.9 Discussion on Timing, Scoring & Results Provider
- 4.10 Working Group - Recommendations

**14:30** Coffee Break

**15:00** **5. Officiating / Rules & Regulations**

- 5.1 Rulebook Review
- 5.2 On Ice & Off Ice Officials Manual Review
- 5.3 Plan for Regional Supervisors
- 5.4 Plan for System of Official Selection, Training, Evaluation and Assignments
- 5.5 Working Group

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**09:30** **6. Development**

- 6.1 Focus / Mission
- 6.2 Promotional Literature in Support of "Growing the Game"
- 6.3 Equipment Distribution
- 6.4 Development Seminars
- 6.5 Current Activities
- 6.6 Future Competition that promotes Development
- 6.7 Co-ordination with IIHF
- 6.8 Timelines for 2010-2011
- 6.9 Working Group

**11:15** **7. Classification**

**12:00** Lunch Break

**13:00** **8. Communication**

- 8.1 Establish Annual Event Calendar
- 8.2 Website Updates
- 8.3 Newsletter
- 8.4 Social Media – Facebook / Twitter / YouTube
- 8.5 Communication with Countries
- 8.6 Athlete Advisory Group

**14:00** Coffee Break



**14:30      9. Marketing & Merchandising**

- 9.1 Overview
- 9.2 Brand / Identity
- 9.3 General Discussion
- 9.4 Next Steps

**15:30      10. Other Business**

**11. Next Meeting**

**12. Closing**



## SUMMARY

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### 1. OPENING

#### 1.1 Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed all committee members and thanked the IPC staff for their efforts in organizing the meeting in Prague.

KB informed the STC that Scott Brinkman has resigned his position as Head of Technical Control & Officiating for personal reasons beginning of January 2011. However, he will still be involved in the Paralympic Movement as Officials Supervisor in future events. KB thanked SB for his dedication and commitment to the IPC and the sport of Ice Sledge Hockey in particular and welcomed Scott MacDonald who will take over the position of Head of Technical Control & Officiating.

KB informed that EA will leave the IPC mid June and thanked him for the outstanding job done within the committee and wished him good luck in his new job. At the same time he congratulated JK for her promotion to the new IPC Ice Sledge Hockey Manager position and wished her all the best.

#### 1.2 Roll Call

All members of the STC were present as mentioned on the participants list on page number 1. Eric Angstadt was only present at the second meeting day and Johan Balder was invited to participate in the STC meeting as listener only.

#### 1.3 Adoption of Agenda

<i>Discussion</i>	None
<i>Motion</i>	To adopt the agenda as presented Moved by KB Seconded by TK
<i>Decision</i>	The motion carried unanimously

## 2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL

### 2.1 Adoption of Minutes of previous Meeting

<i>Discussion</i>	None
<i>Motion</i>	To adopt the minutes of the STC meeting in Bonn 2010 as presented Moved by TK Seconded by DN
<i>Decision</i>	The motion carried unanimously



## 2.2 Updated Status of Action Item List

<i>Discussion</i>	STC members presented the status and progress of the action item list within their responsible areas.
<i>Decision(s)</i>	
<i>Action(s)</i>	

## 3. BUSINESS / STRATEGIC PLAN & GENERAL DISCUSSION

<i>Discussion</i>	<p><u><i>Budget</i></u> JK presented the revenue/expenditure account of the season 2010/2011 as of 30 April 2011. All STC members should start planning their activities for the new season and provide preliminary costs in order to include them in the budget planning's.</p> <p><u><i>Regulations</i></u> KB: will review the regulations together with the IPC Management and submit the updated documents to the STC for final discussion approval.</p> <p>EA presented the appeals process which was reviewed by the IPC Legal Counsel and the IPC Legal &amp; Ethics Committee and applies currently for some of the other IPC Sports. This document can be used as a guideline by reviewing and re-writing the new appeals process for ISH.</p> <p>The STC discussed about the current appeals process for ISH and agreed to have further discussions and considerations to adjust the process specifically for ISH.</p>
<i>Decision(s)</i>	<p>The new regulations for the season 2011/2012 will be published summer 2011</p> <p>STC to prepare plan of activities for season 2011/2012 and send feedback regarding budget components to JK and KB</p>
<i>Action(s)</i>	STC to review regulations with focus on the appeals process

## 4. COMPETITION

<i>Discussion</i>	<p><u><i>Competition Cycle Format</i></u> DN outlined the current competition cycle format for the</p>
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next 4 years and the qualification system for the WCHs & PWG as discussed at the last STC meeting.

- Year 1: Regional Championships (ECH)
  - No relegation or promotion
  
- Year 2: World Championships (seeded by most recent WCH prior to PWG)
  - Teams seeded #7-8 go down from A-Pool to B-Pool
  - Teams seeded #1-2 go up from B-Pool to A-Pool
  
- Year 3: World Championships (seeded by year 2 WCHs)
  - Teams seeded #1-5 from A-Pool: direct qualification for PWG
  - Teams seeded #6-7-8 from A-Pool and #1-2-3 from B-Pool: Paralympic Qualifier
  - Teams seeded #7-8 go down from A-Pool to B-Pool for next WCH
  - Teams seeded #1-2 go up from B-Pool to A-Pool for next WCH
  
- Year 4: Paralympic Qualifier & Paralympic Winter Games
  - Qualifier determines 2 or 3 remaining teams for PWG \*(depending on Host position)

JK presented the proposal to change the competition cycle format as follows:

- Year 1: WCH
- Year 2: ECH
- Year 3: WCH
- Year 4: PWG

The biggest issue at the moment is the lack of bid applications from nations which are willing to host a WCH despite numerous reminders. With the current cycle the teams only know approximately 1 year in advance in which pool they will play at the next WCH and only 12 months planning time is almost too late for hosting a WCH at a top level. Therefore it is quite difficult to find nations which are willing to host a WCH independent of their participation at a specific pool at an early stage. However, this cycle would not only give the nations more time for planning purposes but would also help the IPC Management in their work.

KB: This format could only be implemented for the new cycle after Sochi 2014 PWG. However, at this time we



might have already a competition cycle with a WCH every year.

JK: However, the sport can only go this way if it is ensured that at least 2 nations bidding every year for hosting the A-pool as well as the B-pool. And at the moment we are definitely not there yet.

TK: The STC also needs to incentivise the nations to host a WCH as currently they are not going to make money by holding such an event.

KB: Maybe a rotation system could be implemented that enforce the nations to host a WCH within a specific timeframe.

DN: However, with this system there will still be the uncertainty for the nations in which pool they will be.

KB: The SCT need to encourage more nations to bid and host World Championships as they need to get more actively involved in the growing of the sport and not only focus on their own teams. The nations need to be aware that only with their support in the different areas the development of the sport can be fostered.

STC discussed the possibility to have a combined A & B Pool World Championships in the future if the host can manage the field size.

STC agreed to have further discussions and considerations also with the nations at the Sport Forum regarding the competition cycle format as of 2015.

#### *ECH Format*

KB: Based on our experience at the ECH in Solleftea, Sweden this year, the STC needs to think about the possibility to change the competition format for this tournament. This year already 10 teams participated in the ECH and there are 2-3 more European teams which will take part in the future. Therefore the STC should consider creating 2 pools (divisions) similar to the WCH format which should be held at one location.

EH: With that format will we also have teams going up and down from the two pools similar to the WCH qualification process?

KB: Since there are 4 years between the European



Championships, the qualification process for the teams could base on the seeding from the WCHs.

STC agreed that they will have further discussion and consideration regarding the ECH format.

#### *Bid Process Update & LOC Guidelines*

DN: The STC and IPC need to encourage more competitive and higher quality hosting bids for future events. But it is also the duty of the countries to step up and make commitments to host Championships in order to support the growth of the sport.

However, in order to awake the interest from nations for sending bid applications, it is absolutely essential to identify the potential existing barriers which prevent countries at the moment of doing so.

Since the present standards of Championships are unfortunately not consistent, minimum standards must be enforced to make events more professional and valuable. Therefore, the STC and IPC management need to enhance the existing documentation provided to the LOCs outlining the requirements and including different checklists to facilitate the whole process.

#### *Competition Updates*

JK gave an update status on the recent and upcoming events:

##### ECH 2011

The tournament took place in Solleftea, Sweden from 10-20 February 2011. This was the biggest European Championships with having 10 European teams participating there with a total number of 128 athletes.

##### WCH 2012

A-Pool: Ongoing planning with Norway

- Co-ordination meeting in December 2010 with Norwegian Ice Hockey Association in Hamar
- Technical site visit planned from 18-20 May 2011 (Head of Competition Dave Newson)

B-Pool: No bid application received from the nations

- IPC co-ordination with city of Berlin, Germany to determine the complete implementation of the B-Pool tournament



### WCH 2013

- Sochi will host A- or B-Pool in 2013 as test event prior to the Paralympic Winter Games
- ITA, CZE and KOR have indicated interest to host A- or B-Pool depending on their seeding
- Bid process to be released

### Sochi 2014 Paralympic Winter Games

#### Athletes Quota:

The STC discussed the athlete's quota for the 2014 Paralympic Winter Games in Sochi particularly with regard to the re-inclusion of women.

TK: After allowing women to be included on the team roster for IPC Ice Sledge Hockey tournaments since 2010, excluding them now from participating in the 2014 Paralympic Winter Games would definitely mean a step backwards in the development process of the sport.

DN: From an Organizing Committee perspective there are certainly some logistical aspects which make it more difficult to have a mixed team tournament. However, if this is communicated to the Organizing Committee in a timely manner, there shouldn't be any difficulties in their planning process and preparations for that situation. Therefore there shouldn't be any obstacles to have women included for the Paralympic Winter Games this time again.

KB: To have a woman included with an additional spot in the team roster was a good solution and it would not help the growth of women hockey at all by taking this opportunity away for the future.

**Motion:** Present rule concerning eligibility for women competing in Ice Sledge Hockey remains as it is.

Moved by TK

Seconded by SM

The motion **carried** with 5 in favour and 1 absent.

#### Technical Delegate:

The STC discussed the official nomination of the Technical Delegate for the Sochi 2014 PWG.

**Motion:** To nominate Dave Newson (Head of Competition)



as Technical Delegate for the Sochi 2014 Paralympic Winter Games

Moved by EH

Seconded by MP

The motion **carried** unanimously

*Sanctioning/Approving of Events*

KB: As discussed already at the last STC meeting, there is a clear structured sanctioning process in place. However, there is no co-operation from the countries to get their events approved during the season. Therefore an efficient process needs to be designed and implemented and built packages that can be offered to the countries to get a value of sanctioning events.

STC reviewed the current sanctioning fees and athletes licensing fees and discussed the implementation of a new system starting by the new season 2011/2012.

Proposal:

- To have an individual athlete's license fee of 50€ per season for each player instead of a team licensing fee.
- In case of athletes licensing after the set deadline (30 September 2011), a 50% penalty fee will be applied.
- Additionally a new team registration fee of 750€ per team would be implemented which would replace the current event sanction fee and would allow teams to enter all approved competitions in that season.

Moved by TK

Seconded by EH

The motion **carried** unanimously

Even if all events will be approved automatically by paying the registration fee at the beginning of the season, every country must send an "Event Notification Form" prior to each event which they will hold in a timely manner.

The timeline for sending the notification form to the IPC depends on the number of participating teams and is as follows:

- 2 teams: 30 days prior to event
- 3 teams or more: 90 days prior to event

Additionally a penalty system will be implemented to ensure a smooth operation and to avoid the disregard of



set guidelines and regulations by any country.

A penalty will be applied in the following cases:

- Non-notification of holding an event
- Late submission of notification form:
  - 10€ per day late fee
  - no services provided
- Using of non-eligible (non-licensed and/or non-classified) athletes:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> offence:
    - team probation
    - forfeiture of all games
    - player suspension
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> offence:
    - may result in sanctions for the next WCH
    - hearing with STC is required

#### Roster Size and Length of Periods

STC discussed the rule change recommendations that were submitted by CAN & USA in terms of increasing the roster size and length of periods.

EH: During the approved ISH event in Canada last season, the 20 min periods were tested by 4 nations (CAN, USA, NOR, JPN). Due to the extended periods, the games at this tournament ended up sometimes with a duration of 3 hours which can be quite exhausting for players.

DN: Based on the experiences of the Vancouver 2010 PWG and from an organizing committee perspective, it is already quite difficult to have 4 games running per day with only 15 min periods due to the tight time schedule. Assuming that the periods will be extended to 20 min, it would definitely be a challenge for organizers to fit this into the daily time schedule of Championships.

KB: Increasing the length of the periods will definitely have an impact on several aspects as for example:

- Length of the entire games & tournaments
- increased number of blow-outs
- fan reaction & interest
- quality of the ice surface

STC agreed to have further discussion with the nations at the Sport Forum.

#### Online Entry System

EA explained that IPC Management is planning to



	<p>implement an online entry system linked to SDMS to facilitate the entry process for future IPC events. The first step would be an implementation for Alpine &amp; Nordic Skiing and later on for Ice Sledge Hockey. This would definitely ease the process significantly for all involved parties.</p> <p>KB: This entry system might be applicable for Alpine &amp; Nordic Skiing, however I don't see any benefit of implementing this tool to Ice Sledge Hockey as the sport and the needs are different.</p>
<i>Decision(s)</i>	<p>Competition Calendar Cycle (2011-2014) to be published in summer 2011</p> <p>STC to have further discussions regarding the competition cycle format as of 2015.</p>
<i>Action(s)</i>	<p>STC to submit completed Sochi 2014 TD Nomination Form to IPC Management no later than 10 June 2011.</p> <p>STC to prepare proposal for new licensing &amp; sanctioning fee system for further consideration by the IPC Management</p>

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## 5. OFFICIATING / RULES & REGULATIONS

<i>Discussion</i>	<p>SM as newly appointed Head of Technical Control &amp; Officiating will lead from now on all activities in this area.</p> <p><u>Officiating</u></p> <p>SM: There is already a certain pool of good referees &amp; linesmen in place that are working at IPC sanctioned events. However, the spread of technical officials is limited to some few nations only. Therefore there is definitely a need to increase the number as well as expand the range of officials throughout all countries.</p> <p>For increasing the number of training seminars and improving the possibilities for supervising the officials at different events during the season, SM indicated the need of additional regional supervisors in Europe and Asia that work closely with him to co-ordinate all events.</p> <p>SM will review the existing On Ice &amp; Off Ice Manuals with the respective working group for the new season.</p>
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	<p><u>Rulebook</u></p> <p>SM reviewed the rulebook in co-operation with the respective working group to remove minor language errors and to identify potential rule change proposals. Furthermore SM presented the rule change recommendations to the STC which were submitted by the NPCs for consideration at the Sport Forum and explained them in more detail to the STC to give all members a better understanding of the potential requirements and impact on the game.</p> <p>SM emphasized that the recommendation forms which were submitted by the NPC for rule change proposals were not filled out consistently and in a proper way which made it harder for the STC to review and understand them prior to the Sport Forum. STC and IPC need to enhance the existing document provided to the NPCs to make the filling-out more easily and understandable for all parties involved.</p> <p>Furthermore SM informed that the IIHF has also released a new version of their rulebook with some minor rule changes which should be incorporated into the IPC Rulebook as this will contribute to the consistency for officials between IIHF and IPC.</p>
<i>Decision(s)</i>	<p>Appointment of new Regional Supervisors in Europe &amp; Asia</p> <p>The new rulebook for the season 2011/2012 will be published fall 2011</p>
<i>Action(s)</i>	<p>SM to work on the new version of the Rulebook for the season 2011/2012 which includes cleanup of language typos &amp; errors and possible implementation of rule change recommendations after the 2011 IPC ISH Sport Forum.</p> <p>SM to review the On Ice &amp; Off Ice Manuals</p> <p>SM to create template for rule change recommendations for future Sport Forums</p>

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## 6. DEVELOPMENT

<i>Discussion</i>	<p>At the beginning TK presented the members of his working group who will support him in the future in all questions related to the development of the sport.</p>
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TK developed a small questionnaire which was sent out to the nations asking for information about their programs with the aim of identifying the most critical aspects in the area of development within the different countries.

The results of the questionnaire were presented to the STC.

As a result of the feedback from this questionnaire, an action plan was determined. The first step will be to establish a sledge & equipment loaner program to support emerging teams in providing the necessary equipment to get their program started. The second aim is to establish a future co-operation with the Medaille College in Buffalo, New York in different areas. This private University has a great sports management program and is currently sponsoring the training program for one sledge hockey national player.

TK presented the current inquiries of nations which are either interested in starting a programme in the sport of Ice Sledge Hockey or need support in the development process of their teams. The current countries are recently in contact with the STC: Slovakia, Finland, Austria, Turkey and Bangladesh.

#### Development Camps & Seminars

The STC organized their first player development camp which took place in Russia in April 2011. This seminar contained not only on ice components but also off ice aspects which are important to improve the skills of the athletes.

The aim is to organize development camps primary for B-Pool teams and emerging countries, eventually as joint camps with several nations participating in a central location. Possible locations for this purpose could be Vierumaki in Finland or Füssen in Germany.

#### Development Tournaments

TK presented the plan for development tournaments in the near future:

- Summer 2012: U23 Junior World Cup
- Summer 2012: First International Women's Ice Sledge Hockey Exhibition Tournament

To support the integration of female athletes in the sport of Ice Sledge Hockey, the STC will pursue the possibility to form a European Women team. For this regard TK collected in cooperation with Johan Balder and Betty



	<p>Meijer-Hazewindus (active female player in the ice sledge hockey team of the Netherlands) the current numbers of active female players within the different countries. Currently there are 3 Norwegian players, 2 from the Netherlands and several beginners in Great Britain. The possibility of a potential fundraising support from the European Union for this kind of project need to be found out.</p>
<i>Decision(s)</i>	<p>TK in o-operation with JB to continue working on this project and to draw up a proposal with an estimated budget for further consideration</p>
<i>Action(s)</i>	<p>TK to establish a sledge &amp; equipment loaner program</p>

## 7. CLASSIFICATION

<i>Discussion</i>	<p>MP gave an overview of the classification sessions that took place during the last season:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moscow, Russia in December 2010: 18 players were classified</li> <li>• Solleftea, Sweden in February 2011: 28 players were classified</li> <li>• Japan in March 2011: Cancelled due to earthquake</li> </ul> <p>The aim for the Sochi 2014 Paralympic Winter Games is zero classification at the games.</p> <p>The goal for the future is to have at least two Level 1 classifiers in each country to meet the amends of the IPC Classification Code as all athletes need to be classified at a national level before competing at an international competition (IPC Classification Code 2.8). Furthermore the existing classifiers need to be encouraged to become an international classifier.</p> <p>In conjunction with the classification session in Moscow, Russia in December 2010 a classifier training was conducted where three new classifiers level 1 were trained.</p> <p>Currently there are classifiers in the following countries: SWE, NOR, GER, NED, JPN, RUS, USA, ITA, CZE and FIN Missing countries: CAN, EST, KOR, POL and GBR</p> <p>MP presented the new rule change from CP7 into athetosis, ataxia and hypertonia (spasticity). In this context</p>
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	some more active tests were developed to facilitate the examination of the impairment in the lower limb.
<i>Decision(s)</i>	JK to ensure that SDMS is correctly updated with the current classification information based on the Classification Masterlist
<i>Action(s)</i>	IPC Management to check the possibility to fill in the classification cards directly online
	JK to co-ordinate with IPC Database Manager to implement online classification master list on the ISH website.

## 8. COMMUNICATION

<i>Discussion</i>	<p>JK informed the STC that Jeff Wolfshohl from the IPC Media Department has left the IPC who was the dedicated PR person for ISH. However, a new person will join the IPC Media team within the next weeks who will take over the role of Jeff Wolfshohl as acting as Media account manager for Ice Sledge Hockey.</p> <p><u><i>Annual Event Calendar</i></u></p> <p>The annual event calendar is not established yet. Support of the countries is needed to provide information on planned competition and games in order to get an overview of all events that will be taking place during the season.</p> <p><u><i>Social Media/Website</i></u></p> <p>EH gave an update on the ongoing process in the area of social media and website.</p> <p>The IPC launched a generic Twitter account in January covering all IPC news. All stories produced by the IPC regarding ISH were uploaded to this site and many were retweeted.</p> <p>The IPC Media and Communication team is planning to create a Facebook group dedicated to the sport of Ice Sledge Hockey. The aim is to bring coaches, players, federations and sport fans together under one group to keep them up-to-date with Ice Sledge Hockey. Planned date for Facebook page to be live for 1 September 2011. Since the IPC alone cannot be expected to provide all the content, the support of its member playing nations is</p>
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needed to provide information and content for the page otherwise it cannot be set up.

Newsletter

A regular newsletter couldn't be established yet as there is not enough content at the moment to fill. To be able to create a newsletter which can be sent out on a regular basis, the teams need to start supplying the IPC with their news around the sport. However, as opposed to creating a monthly newsletter, the IPC Media and Communications team decided to aim for a Facebook group.

*Decision(s)* EH to have further discussion with the IPC Media Department to follow-up on the plan & strategy for implementing the different communication tools

*Action(s)* EH to continue working on an annual event calendar based on the information obtained from the teams

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## 9. MARKETING & MERCHANDISING

*Discussion* Broadcasting

KB gave an overview of the current situation in terms of broadcasting for future IPC events.

The aim is to identify and contract with a broadcast partner that will provide production and delivery capabilities in different areas as of TV, internet, statistic packages and video editing.

KB has initiated a first dialogue with the US company Fasthockey and NHL Network to discuss about potential co-operations in different areas to provide different levels of services depending on the competition level.

**Motion:** To explore future partnerships on the purpose of broadcasting, statistical packages and video announces

Moved by DN

Seconded by SM

The motion **carried** unanimously

Sponsorship

STC developed in co-operation with the IPC Management team an uniform & helmet advertising policy proposal which will be shared with the countries at the Sport Forum to gather feedback for further discussion and



	<p>consideration.</p> <p>KB outlined the possible sponsorship areas surrounding IPC properties such as the European Championships and World Championships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• title</li> <li>• inside the arena</li> <li>• boards</li> <li>• ice surface</li> <li>• uniforms</li> <li>• event display</li> <li>• “supplier pool”</li> </ul> <p>EA explained that the sponsorship possibilities on the boards can be vary as in some cases the boards in the arena consist to the venue and not to the LOC so that there might be already contracts in place between the Ice arena and the respective sponsor which cannot be changed from the IPC side.</p> <p>KB: The idea of a supplier pool was brought forward - it would be to give suppliers the possibility to donate equipment that can be used for emerging teams and in return they are getting a certain amount of visibility at IPC events. Any restrictions on possible suppliers due to existing exclusivity rights of IPC sponsors/partners like Otto Bock need to be clarified with the IPC in advance.</p>
<i>Decision(s)</i>	KB to have further discussions with IPC Management to explore future partnership possibilities in the area of broadcasting, statistical packages, video editing and supplier pool
<i>Action(s)</i>	

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**10. OTHER BUSINESS**

<i>Discussion</i>	No other business
<i>Decision(s)</i>	
<i>Action(s)</i>	

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**11. NEXT MEETING**

Fall 2011 – date and location tbd
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## 12. CLOSING

The chairperson thanked the members for their contribution to the topics discussed and looked forward to the subsequent Sport Forum on the next day.