



INTERNATIONAL BOBSLEIGH & SKELETON FEDERATION

## Report IBSF Development Committee Meeting “Go to Meeting” (14<sup>th</sup> September 2020)

The video meeting was attended by the following members:

Andre Sander, Alexandre Vanhoutte, Marek Wisniowski (translator: Kamil Skwarczyński) and Giovanni Mulassano  
Reinhard Poller (was excused)  
no information: Changee Oh, Dudley Stokes and Laszlo Hodos

### 1. Welcome by the Vice President of International Affairs, Stefaan Freeling

Due to a medical appointment at short notice the Vice President Stefaan Freeling was represented by the Secretary General Heike Groesswang who welcomed all participants and wished a successful meeting.

### 2. Report Season 2019/2020

- a. Development Program
- b. Women’s Monobob
- c. Youth Program
- d. Coaches
- e. Financial support for Federations
- f. Budget

Reports were presented using Power Point presentations. Any intermediate questions were dealt with and answered immediately. The presentation is attached to the report

### 3. Update on Monobob Project

The members were informed about the latest status of development and production of iXent sleds, as well as of the number of orders placed by our member federations.

Wisniowski: Criticizes the approach of IBSF. According to his opinion, the purchase of own material has never been discussed before and he thought the Swissbob/Kotans Monobob fleet will be provided. Manfred Maier informed the decision was taken by the Executive Committee and also communicated at the Congress 2019.

### 4. Applications from last year

- a. Junior Challenge Cup (JCC)
- b. Junior Category in Skeleton – two categories (U20/U23)

The application for support or inclusion of a Junior Challenge Cup has been presented to the Executive Committee.

The application for a change of rules concerning the second junior category was also brought in. Both proposals will be discussed at Skeleton Sports Commission meeting on 15.09.2020.



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## 5. Future projects

### a. YOG 2024 Pyeong Chang

Naming will be corrected to **YOG 2024 GANGWON**.

As described in the report, the Youth program should be started already in season 2021/22. This would have a positive influence on the training and development of our future athletes. Furthermore, we want to extend the qualification to 2 years, this would relieve us of the immense time pressure of qualification in the year of event and give athletes and federations more planning security. The proposal will be presented to the Executive Committee for approval.

Request from several Committee members:

Which sleds are used in qualification races and in YOG?

They were informed that it's planned to use iXent sleds in this series as well.

Further details regarding the qualification process and races are not yet available.

## 6. Miscellaneous:

### a. New ideas

As discussed above (JCC, Youth program)

### b. Discussions

Wisniewski: An analysis/statistics of IBSF Ranking of the years 2006 - 2019 shows a clear decrease in the bobsleigh area. Skeleton could stabilize in the last years and even increase a bit. (possibly this is due to the admission of Youth athletes into IBSF ranking)

He will send us the analysis/statistics.

With introduction of the application women monobob, the extension of Youth program (which is requested as described above) and the requested new format "Junior Challenge Cup" already several measures were set. Positive effects, especially of the Youth and Junior Challenge Cup program, will only be realized in the long term. On the other hand, we assume that the women's bobsleigh format, will already have a positive impact in the coming years.

## 7. Attachments:

Powerpoint presentation

Junior Challenge Cup Draft from 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2020

Report Development Program 2019/20 from 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2020

Development Statistics from Roland Gruber

Manfred Maier, Development Coordinator