



Floorball Club Kraainem Tigers Newsletter

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Summer 2017

Champions

U19 dream season is crowned with national title



Up and down

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Welcome to some new players - farewell to others



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From the Chairman

Dear members,
One more year has passed and it is time to look back at the season.

The league results for our teams were mixed. U19 had an impressive season and finished as Belgian champions – see article on page 6 about this. U16 achieved very good results too and came second after Aalst, who deserved the title well.

The U13 team was up and down, with lots of goals, both scored and conceded, but that is part of playing floorball when you are somewhere between 8 and 13 years old, and we had lots of players and good atmosphere at practice.

And our Adults team got relegated to D2, after too tough competition in the top division and a turnover of players that went a bit beyond the usual – we lost not only the entire first line from the season before, but our captain Ondrej returned to Czech Republic, the new captain Stephan then moved to Germany in November and was replaced by Heikki who moved to Spain after Christmas, passing on to Mikko and Anton. And in the last few months, Jeroen and Malte have added a lot of value to the Thursday practice. Thanks to everyone who stepped up and took the lead!

Beyond the league matches, we achieved some other really good results: we set a new record in terms of active players and starting next season, we finally got regular practice hours in Kraainem.



The number of players reached a record-high 82, which continues the increase seen in the last few years. This is of course a very positive thing, since more players mean a more stable foundation for the teams. Also, our most important income comes from the membership fees.

While each team should preferably not have more than 20 players to

make practice and matches manageable, we are always interested in new players, so please keep on promoting the Tigers.

Another victory – after several years of persistent work by the board – is that next season we will get regular practice hours in the Kraainem sports hall (see article below).

This is important, because it is a step towards a real home ground and the possibility to arrange league rounds, we will have a better chance to attract local players, and – last but not least – because the hall rental is considerably cheaper than in our current practice halls.

Finally, I would like to say thanks to all people volunteering for the club as board members, team leaders, referees, etc. – without you, the club could not move on. And there is always a place for anyone who wants to join this group of people, just contact someone in the board or the leader for your team.

Enjoy the summer, and hope to see you again in early September!

Anders

Finally: practice in our home base

Starting September, the Tigers can use the Kraainem sports hall on Tuesdays between 17:30 and 20:30.

We plan to use the hours in Kraainem to promote integration between the teams and to encourage the strongest players to step up and practice with the next older team, like this:

- 17:30-18:30: All U16 players, and a selection of U13 players that will benefit from tougher opponents.
- 18:30-19:30: All U19 players, and a selection of U16 players that will benefit from tougher opponents.
- 19:30-20:30: All Adults players and the U19 players who can add value in the Adults matches.

The full U13 group has deliberately been left out here, since players most likely depend on parents for transportation and the Kraainem practice will be difficult to solve logistically.

However, this plan is not cast in stone and it may be subject to change, depending on the number of players in the different teams and on the players' actual participation. Any feedback on this from you is welcome.

We have also asked to have the hall at some weekends to organise league rounds.



Looking back at the season: U13 - Ups and downs

This year, the Tigers U13 team started off with a squad not much different from the year before. A few players had moved on to U16, and some had joined.

So after a few practices we went off for our first league game in which we faced Strijtem, a quite good team from the Aalst area, not really knowing what to expect. The team went on however to play a really good game and in the end we managed to win 11-10, leaving players and supporters alike in a happy state of mind.

Over the months that followed, the U13 team was faced with a new dilemma - all of a sudden there were nearly too many players! While this is on the whole a very positive thing, it did cause the coaches some concern at the practices and also for the matches. How to find exercises that can keep 20 - 25 players aged 9 - 12 busy yet organised? Should we select a smaller team with higher chance of winning the match or should we let as many as possible participate and experience the game play?

Concerning the matches, in the end we went for the latter, more or less maxing the squads (=20 players) for nearly every game. As the U13 games are short (45 minutes in total), it could mean quite some time on the bench waiting to enter play, but that's also part of the game and I believe it has helped the team as a whole.



Overall, I think we have had a good U13 season, with three wins (plus one that doesn't count) and four losses, most of them pretty clear-cut. While we ended up in the lower half of the table, we have two players in the top ten scorer table, but I should point out that they scored many of their points during their first few games and during the

season we have seen that several other players are catching up!

Indeed, it's been great to see how many players have evolved over the season, daring more and pushing harder. This became evident in our last game where, admittedly against the weakest team of this season, we achieved a very comfortable 11-1 victory with several different goal-scorers across all the line-ups.

For next season there will be more games to play thanks to three new teams entering the league. Some players move up to U16 to face new challenges, some move from Brussels and we wish them good luck and to keep up the floorball! Last but not least, we welcome those who join as new players and to conclude - we look forward to the next season, where the U13 Tigers will roar again. *Lars*

One highlight of the season was the re-match against Strijtem. This had been requested as Strijtem's first goalkeeper had been wrongly disallowed to play the first game. I don't really think this is a question about being sportive or not, we would for sure also have complained if one of our key players had been wrongly dismissed from playing. So we decided to see it from the positive side - an extra game at the expense of the federation (since it was them who had not had the paperwork in order). We arrived to play the game and got two surprises, one of the "poetic justice" kind, one less good:

- 1) this time, their no 1 goalie was injured, so Strijtem again fielded their second goalie (who was very good and will for sure be difficult to score against next season, make no mistake about it!)
- 2) only those who were licensed to play at the first game (in October) were allowed to play!

So point 2) meant that several of the Tigers who made the trip for this game were not allowed to play, but this only reinforced the team spirit among those that remained and we managed to win again with 11-10!

U13 2016/17	Wins	Draw	Lost	Goals	Pts
1 Juventus Floorball Club	6	1	0	61-10	13
2 Les Renards de La Hulpe	4	1	1	68-18	11
3 Floorballteam Strijtem	5	0	2	47-33	10
4 Fireballs Tielt	4	0	3	48-36	8
5 FT Atom Eagles	3	0	4	46-26	6
6 FC Kraainem Tigers	3	0	4	47-59	6
7 TMD Aalst	1	0	6	25-65	2
8 FBC Stimulo Denderleeuw	0	0	7	5-100	0



Looking back at the season: U16 - Great development and second place in the championship

It was my first year with the team and it was a very enjoyable and rewarding experience.

My role had been made considerably easier by the presence of David, one of the coaches of champions from the previous season, who provided invaluable insights and led the team in several matches where I couldn't be present.

In total, I think the Tigers' U16 can look back on a very successful season. When I took over in September, there were some doubts about how the team would cope with the departure of several key players. As many as 11 players left, nine players moved up from younger category, and three newcomers arrived later during the year. Yet both the more experienced players and newcomers very quickly proved that there is no lack of committed and skilled players in Tigers' ranks.

We went through the season with a very long roster; no less than 25 players took part in practices at some point. Nevertheless we didn't have to deal with an abundance of players for the games, rather the opposite: in the first game against Strijtem, we fielded only ten players plus goalie.

Mainly due to a lack of game experience, we lost the first period 0:3 and the situation didn't look

very rosy. But already at this point the team showed its character. They put up a spirited fight against 17 opponents and with two quick goals in the third period managed to equalize the score. Physical disadvantage and also some bad luck eventually led to a loss 3:5 but the performance and commitment shown was a very promising sign for the future.



This game would turn out to be our only defeat in the entire season, and unfortunately, the decisive moment for the final ranking. A string of six wins and two draws followed, including the remarkable defeat of the later champion Aalst Black (5:2), the tactical masterclass against Stimulo (5:4 win with 5 goals by Emil and only seven Tigers present on the field) or the big comeback against La Hulpe (from 2:5 to 6:6).

Special mention deserves our first home match ever in Kraainem against Aalst White with a wonderful floorball party atmosphere created by more than 100 spectators and the

cheerleading act by Ultimate Cheer All-Stars.

As always, to run a team wouldn't be possible without the support of many people around it. I would like to thank all the parents for their time and support. Several times in the year they had to take the long trip to Tielt.

Many thanks to Gavino and others who were always there to help around the match. I would very much like to highlight the efforts of David and Jeroen who were in charge of practices and/or games as coaches. A big special thanks goes to Anders, who did simply everything: being there for practice, preparing equipment, doing all the necessary administration, checking that everything was in place for games, stepping in as a coach if needed, organizing purchase of match shirts, collecting membership fees etc. etc. I also wouldn't want to forget Lars and other referees who shouldered our part of refereeing in the U16 league.

I would also like to thank again Boris, Anders, David, Ville, Joakim and all the others who worked hard to organize the home game in Kraainem. The season was an amazing experience. Many thanks to you all, and I hope to see you in the next season!

Jakub

U16 2016/17	Wins	Draw	Lost	Goals	Pts
1 TMD Aalst Black	8	0	1	84-16	16
2 FC Kraainem Tigers	6	2	1	75-28	14
3 Fireballs Tielt	6	1	2	123-35	13
4 FBC Stimulo Denderleeuw	5	1	3	56-45	11
5 Les Renards de La Hulpe	4	2	3	74-46	10
6 Floorballteam Strijtem	5	0	4	78-53	10
7 Juventus Floorball Club	4	1	4	52-45	9
8 FT Atom Eagles	2	0	7	39-60	4
7 Les Panthers de Hannut	1	1	7	39-63	3
8 TMD Aalst White	0	0	9	14-243	0

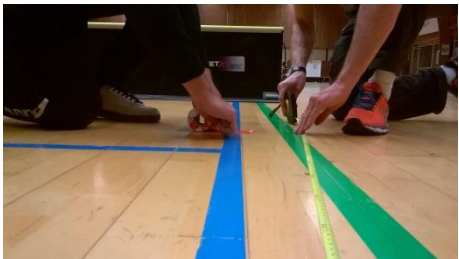


A day to remember

On 5 February, the Tigers were able to organise their first home game in many years.

Taking advantage of a game that needed to be re-scheduled, we were able to exceptionally obtain the Kraainem hall for the encounter of our U16 with the Mighty Devils White from Aalst. However, what sounded as a great and simple idea involved a lot of planning and logistics!

Most importantly, we had no equipment in that hall - and no markings on the floor... With the help of many players, parents and friends, and great support from the commune's staff, we were able however to create perfect (and IFF compatible) playing conditions.



We had a wonderful floorball party. Not least thanks to the cheerleading team Ultimate Cheer All Stars who showed their skills for the first time in public, Tigers' resident DJ Joakim Andersson who travelled from Sweden to provide for great music at the game, and more than 100 enthusiastic spectators!



Looking back at the season: Adults - Down, but not out!

This season has not been a walk in the park for the Tigers Adults team. The level of game play in Division 1 has proven to be very challenging.

After a rather promising start into the season with a victory over Stimulo, things got tougher. Some weeks later, the Tigers achieved a second win, but in total 14 out of 16 games were lost. Ending in the last place of

the league ranking the team were relegated to Division 2.

Clearly, a rather high fluctuation of the adult players, often work-related, was

D1 2016/17		Wins	Draw	Lost	Goals	Pts
1	TMD Aalst	14	1	1	113-50	29
2	Juventus Floorball Club	14	0	2	108-41	28
3	Tornado Brussels Floorball	9	2	5	75-51	20
4	Floorballteam Strijtem A	9	2	5	65-44	20
5	FBC Stimulo Spartans	5	3	8	70-76	13
6	Black Cobra's Gent	5	3	8	68-90	13
7	FT Atom Eagles	3	4	9	49-77	10
8	Les Renards de La Hulpe	2	3	11	55-88	7
9	FC Kraainem Tigers	2	0	14	57-143	4



an issue for the stability of the team. On the other hand, the Tigers invest a lot in developing future floorball generations. The young players receive good training and also get their chances to prove themselves in tough games. This will help them to take the next steps in their careers. In the long run this will also benefit the adults team and the club as a whole. For instance, throughout this season a total of 24 different players have worn the Tigers' jersey in Division 1. Out of these players, nine won the U19 Belgian Championship.

The team look forward to prove their merit again next season, with a fresh start in Division 2.

Referees

There could be no matches without them and each club needs to have a certain number in their ranks.

This season we had only four referees, the absolute minimum our club is supposed to have. Among themselves they shared the burden to run all the matches that the Federation assigned to our club – a huge burden.

We (always) need more referees to fulfil our obligations towards BFF. Any volunteer is truly appreciated. The BFF will organise a beginner's courses and exams on 27 August (in French) and 3 September (in Dutch). The club pays for the course and the referee outfit.

On the right: Christer and Juho, on duty



Interview with Robin Nieminen, goalie on all fronts

The Tigers have a history of good goalies. We talked to the Finnish Iceman who seemed to have been just everywhere this season.



How did you get into floorball and when did you join the Tigers?

When I was around ten years old I got my first floorball stick and started playing with friends in the playground. I liked it so much that I decided to join the Tigers U13 team, I was 12 at that time in 2013.

Did you always want to be a goalie?

No not really, I began playing as a field player, but in 2014 I was playing as a goalie in some practices and then during one tournament I was asked to play as a goalie and that's how it started.

This season has been quite exceptional for you: you played in three different Tigers teams and won the championship with one of them.

Yes, the U19 championship season was an amazing season. We won all of our games and that just showed that our team was the best. Playing in three teams was stressful at some points, but most of the time it was only fun and I enjoyed it.

What skills are important for a goalie?

You need to have good reflexes and you need to be good at reading the game. And after letting a goal in, it's important to know how to keep the concentration in the game.

What should your team mates keep in mind?

Team mates should remember to cover the opponent players and come back to defend. They should also remember not to block the

goalie's vision. Complementing the goalie and keeping him happy is also important!



What is your personal ambition for next season?

Ambition for next season is to win the championship with the U19 team again. I would like to get more experience and game time in the adult's team as well.



Looking back at the season: U19 - We are the champions

U19 was a success story this season! The statistics say 7 wins out of 7 league games, and it was a well-deserved title, not least for some players who missed it by a whisker twice in the past (U12 in 2011, U16 in 2015).

But in reality, it was a tough and tight league. With just 7 games, you cannot afford to waste any point, but for once we were up and running from the very start and managed to win the first game.

As the season went on, it became clear that Tigers and Waterloo Lions would be the main competitors for the title. Both teams won game after game, although sometimes with only a small margin. And by chance (luck? fate?), Lions and Tigers were scheduled to meet in the very last round.

Then it turned out that a huge part of the Lions team would be on a school trip on the scheduled day. After quite a lot of coordinating to stay away from national floorball weekends and school exams, we managed to move the game to 14 March, in the Lions' den at the Scandinavian School in Waterloo.



At that time we were one point ahead, so the Lions needed to win to get the title. That decisive evening brought lots of spectators, lots of atmosphere, and lots of suspense. We took the lead, but the Lions kept fighting and after the second period, we were in the lead 3-2. Lions caught up to 3-3, before Henri made the day by scoring our two last goals for the season. And although the Lions came back once more and scored in the last minute, we managed to keep the lead and win 5-4. It was a tight match, but we made it.

This match was the final and decisive one, but it was a result of practice every Thursday, together

with the Adults team, since the season started in early September. And although Ville and I took care of the paperwork and the logistics around the matches, the players themselves managed the team set-up, the game plan, and the tactics – well done. With no less than 21 licensed players, some players got less chances for match play, but everyone contributed at practice and should feel proud of being part of the team.

Finally, besides this remarkable team effort, let me mention three players that carried a heavy load throughout the season: the goalkeeper Robin, who in addition to his U16 matches was our regular U19 goalkeeper; the captain Anton, who has played for Tigers since the beginning of mankind and now finally won a title, just in time before graduating from school; and Juho, who has been a consistent goal-scorer during the past seasons and now succeeded in becoming the top scorer in the league. Congratulations to all three of you – and to all other players as well!

Anders



Looking back at the season: U19

Collecting the trophy

On 14 May, BFF organised the championship ceremony in Tielt. Unfortunately, many Tigers players were on school trips in that week. But four worthy representatives were able to go and collect the trophy they've been fighting so hard for.



Populating the bench

The U19 league is a very competitive environment. Adrenaline is pumping high, and at times, ambition may overheat. Still, we have seen a remarkable level of fair play by all teams and respect for opponents and referees.

In the traditionally highly contested game between Tigers and Stimulo, our boys needed an above-average number of cool-downs. They racked up 19 minutes of bench penalties, while Stimulo's sheet stayed clean...



U19 2016/17	Wins	Draw	Lost	Goals	Pts
1 FC Kraainem Tigers	7	0	0	51-14	14
2 Waterloo Lions	5	1	1	44-16	11
3 FBC Stimulo Denderleeuw	5	0	2	39-19	10
4 Fireballs Tielt	4	1	2	33-20	9
5 Juventus Floorball Club	3	0	4	22-19	6
5 Les Renards de La Hulpe	2	0	5	29-24	4
7 TMD Aalst	1	0	6	31-34	2
8 Black Cobra's Gent	0	0	7	7-110	0



Tigers in "Prague Games 2016" tournament

Following an initiative from fellow club Waterloo Lions, we ended up forming a joint team with WL to participate in July 2016 to the Prague Games youth floorball tournament in the Boys 16 category. The tournament has been organised yearly since 2004, attracting more and more youth teams and players every year.

Last year there were 1116 heated floorball matches in 4 days, played by 378 teams with a bit more than 6000 boys and girls aged 12 - 18, from 12 different European countries! Most of the teams were from the big floorball nations like Czechia, Sweden, Finland, Switzerland etc. Our team, Wild Lions Brussels was the only one ever from Belgium to participate to this tournament. In the team we had altogether 11 players, five from Tigers and six from Lions.

In our category there were 60 teams, divided in 12 preliminary groups. Each team had four matches at the group level, and then one decisive play-off match to see whether the story continues or not. Despite the fierce fighting of our players, we lost all our group level matches, which positioned us as 5th in our group.

The play-off brought MVIL Ostrava from Czechia against us, and the final result was a 5-3 victory for them. That concluded our journey in the tournament on the second day.

Five matches and five losses in two days would certainly depress an average player, but not our Tigers



Belgian U16 champions. Of course the boys would have liked to see some success, but they faced the facts as professionals: when you've given your best as a team member, supported your fellow team members as much as you can, and taken good care of your own action and attitude, there's not much more you can do. The level of the opponents was more advanced than ours, but at least the play was fair.

Our players enjoyed participating and despite the result, valued highly the overall experience of a big international tournament. They all came back home with a bagful of life-long memories and a smile on their face.

The experience was also very nice for us tournament tourist family members. We had a good time watching exciting floorball matches, mingling with other family members, getting to know our

players better also outside the rink, and enjoying the beautiful weather in the beautiful city of Prague.

The plan was to go again this summer, but unfortunately by the time of the definitive enrolling in April we were not able to find a sufficient number of players to form a team. Still, for the years to come, I would recommend our youth team leaders, or active parents to keep this tournament in mind when thinking possible off-season activities.

Forming a joint team with another club is of course an option, but it would be great to one day see a Tigers team in Tigers colours in such an international environment. The time and effort put in organising would certainly pay off in the end.

Kraainem Tigers players in Wild Lions Brussels 2016 were: Onni Afoumou (1+0 points), Artturi Kalimo (0+2), Aatu Kivikoski (1+0), Tiitus Koskinen (1+1) and Juho Ruotanen (team captain, 1+2).

Ville



Interview with Anton Tavitian, U19 captain and Tigers veteran

Anton has been with the Tigers from their very beginnings. Unfortunately, he'll be leaving us this summer.

Since when do you play floorball and how did you get involved with the Tigers?

I have played floorball since I was seven years old. I started playing with a group of kids who were about to become the team today known as the Kraainem Tigers.

For my first couple of years playing floorball, the practices took place at our school where Bo Rosengren took care of the practices. We would practice every Wednesday afternoon but we rarely played floorball outside of school. The exceptions were a few tournaments during the year. We'd get varying results, and I remember that we had a hockey player join in only for the tournaments.

This year, you've been selected again for team USA for U19WFC!

Yes, I got selected to play a second world championship for the junior national team representing the USA. I first got in contact with them in 2015 thanks to my coach Bo who knew the coach organizing the US national team. The selection process was quite simple, I wrote to them saying that I was very interested and they asked me to send them a few video clips of me playing. And a few months later I found myself playing at the WFC!



I had been looking forward to the WFC for weeks and it was a great feeling to arrive in Växjö and get to know my teammates. Unfortunately, we had very little time to get together and prepare for the tournament as a team, because we only got to know each other a few days before the actual games started.

The week started off with four days of intense coaching, teambuilding and training. We also played a very tight friendly practice game against the home team of Helsingborg to prepare for the tournament. This was our first game together and the team was looking far stronger than two years earlier (when we'd lost by double digits). At that point

the team was in good shape and spirit.

Our first game against Hungary went much worse than expected and it affected the team moral. We had a whole bunch of very strong players but we didn't quite manage to play well enough together to do well against the tough opponents. Even though winning is the one and only goal, it was still awesome playing there. I've gotten to know a bunch of really cool guys and we keep in touch.

You have just finished school - can you tell us anything about your plans?

When I finish school, I will probably take a gap year. I'm afraid this means that I will no longer be able to play with the Tigers, but I will never forget the wonderful years with my team. My plan is to travel and work during the gap year.

The following year I will head to university, either in Sweden, where I would get to play a lot of floorball, or in Scotland at Edinburgh University (which has offered me a place in Biochemistry). I checked, and it turns out that Edinburgh has a floorball team, which is brilliant news for me.

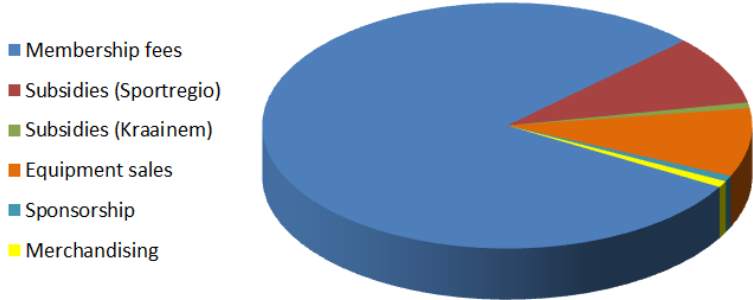


Money, money, money - How the season went in financial terms

Our treasurer gives an insight into our financial situation.

What is the turnover of Kraainem Tigers FC?

- Around 26.000 euro this season, an increase by around compared 40% to previous season!



Where does the money come from?

- Almost all (around 80%) comes from the membership fees. The remaining part are subsidies from the municipality of Kraainem and from the Sportregio programme of the Flemish Brabant province, a sponsorship from our bank (Crelan) and the sales of equipment (shirts mainly but this year also some merchandise).

Shouldn't we have more sponsors?

- Absolutely! It's not so easy though to attract them to our yet

relatively unknown sport and the fact that we rarely have home games (at least so far) doesn't help either. So we appreciate a lot the support we get from the Crelan Agency in Kraainem for a regular financial support, even if modest. We are open to finding more local sponsors as well, since we believe it is also a good way to integrate within the local community. Any suggestion is welcome.

What is the financial result this season?

- As you know our club is a non-profit association. Our goal is thus to make revenues and expenses to balance each other at the end of every season. This season we had an exceptionally good result, which we are very happy about since it will allow some expenses we plan for next season. In particular we will need to buy a new side board, which can be quite

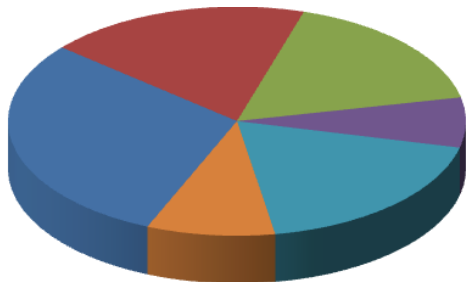


expensive (almost 5000 euro), but is absolutely necessary since we will have regular trainings in three different locations.

What is the money used for?

- Our biggest expense is the rent for our three training halls which represented 35% of our expenses. Next season this item will further increase with the additional weekly training in Kraainem. The second largest cost is the different fees we pay to the Belgian Floorball Federation. These represent 22% of our expenses and include among other the registration and insurances for our players as well as the registration fees for our teams. The rest is made of the purchasing of sporting equipment and the fees we pay to each club for organizing the matches on their premises (between 40 and 50 euro per match).

Gavino



Topscorer of the Belgian U19 league: Juho Ruotanen

Congratulations to our number 64 Juho, this season's top scorer of the U19 league! We're happy about his 17 goals, and even more about his 10 assists.

Juho has been a constant threat to goalies over the past years. Last season, he finished second in the U16 top scorers' list.

This year's success is a nice reward for his individual strength as well as his team play as member of the U19 champions.



Financial administration

Managing a non-profit organisation like our club is serious business after all. Our treasurer has to keep actual books of all financial transactions, and the annual accounts are formally submitted to the Belgian authorities. We also have to submit two tax declarations annually, one on property and one on income!



Report from the General Assembly

The annual General Assembly took place on 6 June 2016.

The Assembly is principally made up of the "effective members" of the club – these are persons that are willing to take on some level of responsibility for the club management. Only effective members have the right to vote at the General Assembly, but all other members (players) or their legal representatives are welcome to attend as well.

This year, three new effective members (Tuomas, Raija and Pasi) were elected unanimously. The Assembly then went on to its most important task: with all votes in favour, the annual accounts for the

fiscal year 2016 were formally approved and the Board was granted discharge for that same year.

The Board then informed the Assembly about several items:

- the expected financial result for the current season, which should end with a balance of around €5000 (last season: €1500) – see also article on page 12;
- the registration of teams for the next season in the U13, U16, U19 and Division 2 leagues;
- the planned arrangements for regular practice;

- the referee situation;
- the membership fees for next season which remain unchanged.

Regarding the composition of the Board, which runs the day-to-day business of the club, the Assembly voted in favour of a renewal of the term of Boris Kandziora and retroactively approved the second term of Anders Ericsson from 2015 – 2019. This means that the Board continues its work with the same members as last season.

The minutes of the meeting are available on the Tigers website www.tigerskfc.eu.

Goalies in the focus

Dear Tigers, congratulation for another good season. For a team like the Tigers, one title a year is a very good result.

I have felt that my energy came back after the good and developing work that all Tigers involved have done during the last seasons.

During the new season 17-18, the team and I will kick start the season by targeting the goalkeepers. Together we will make sure that the Tigers keepers will get the best goalie training in Belgium.

The trainings will be planned so we can continuously improve technique and individual physical condition. During games the goalie work will be monitored and evaluated. We will be able to support the player and give him/her the proper coaching to enable each player's the individual progress.

I am looking forward to a season full of surprises and by taking this step I hope that we can attract more players to become goalies.

Have a nice summer and see you in September.

Bo



Welcome – who is new in the club?

At the start of every new season, we have a significant influx of new players. This season, it was especially high, bringing us close to our limits in terms of capacity for offering practice to everybody. But we won't complain about this kind of problem!

These are some of the over 30 players who joined us recently:

Peik and Onni Walden both started playing ice hockey at the age of four. They have joined the U16 as extra sports.



Jindrich Pohl will be 16 in July - he has joined the club last September. He's never played floorball before, but he

has done other sports, namely gymnastics for more than 9 years (where he still continues). He also does a lot of mountain biking, skiing, snowboarding, canoeing and other sports. With floorball, he wanted to complement the individual sports he practices with a popular ball game, too.

Alessandro discovered Tigers through friends and joined the U13 team in September last year.

Veikka Väänänen is from Finland but lives in Belgium for twelve years already. He played with U19 and Adults – preferably on the left wing position. Unfortunately he leaves us again already – see next page...

Davide is 9 years old and has played football and rugby before. He discovered floorball at school has enjoyed playing with the Tigers U13 very much.

Inspired by his big brothers, **Masaneh** started playing with the Tigers last autumn at the age of 8, so he will have plenty of time to develop in the U13.

The brothers **Maximilian and Isak** (U13) love the game and the Tigers team. They both play defence.

Gustav (no 81) played floorball after school for a couple of years and enjoyed it. He discovered the Tigers through friends and joined the U13 team for the 2016/17 season. He will move up to the U16

team for the 2017/18 season and looks forward to that.

Anton Nilsson started playing floorball on the Åland Islands as a youngster. After many years away from the field, he took up floorball again two years

ago playing for HSK in the Dutch league before joining the Tigers Adults for this season.

Mikko has been playing floorball in Finland before. He had retired already, but we managed to convince him to join our Adults team last summer. Since then he has been greatly contributing not only as player but coach as well.

Test practice – any time!

Are you interested in trying floorball, or know someone who is? Join us for a free practice.

All you need is indoor sports shoes and your regular sportswear. We have enough sticks for all players. Come and try it out and if you like it, become a member of the Tigers family.

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Publicity helps the club grow

During this season, our online activities helped again keeping everyone up to date on recent events.

The main tools for this are our web site www.tigerskfc.eu and Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/KraainemTigers/>. Views and subscription numbers keep growing, and this visibility has already helped to attract new players and even potential coaches.

You can help!

Have some news that could be shared, or took a nice photo at a game? Please be in touch with Boris for publication. Or post directly to our facebook page – all input is welcome!



Job ad: Twitter account manager

We are still looking for help to manage our Twitter account [@FCTigers](https://twitter.com/FCTigers). Its main purpose is to communicate results and events but we also want to strengthen the club's image in and outside Belgium. We have currently 175 followers but could use some reinforcement for managing this particular channel.

Experience required: none
Salary: none
Having a smart phone with a mobile data plan would be considered an asset.





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Farewell – who leaves the club?

As every season, we have to bid farewell to many long-time club members and friends. We wish them all the best and hope they stay in touch!

Between 20 and 30 players are leaving us – here is some info:

Emil Prchal moves back to Prague this summer. After 4 years with the Tigers he will definitely miss it. Playing floorball was one of the leading things which helped him to get used to the life in Brussels. Although he plans to concentrate on a football now, floorball will remain his favourite activity.

Ville Kalliomäki has made the very difficult decision to leave the team in order to concentrate fully in school work. He is very proud to have been able to be part of this great team and unless he changes his mind during summer, he and his family wish the best for the team in the future!

Andin Blomgren will finish his studies in EEB2 and move to Sweden to continue within the Swedish "gymnasium" - and play floorball.

Samuel Kenrick has found other pursuits and will not be continuing with the Tigers.

Eero Löyttyniemi played two years with the U13 while in Brussels. Now it's time to return to Finland and continue playing there.

Veikka has finished high school and moves to England where he will be studying aerospace engineering. He hopes to continue floorball.

Joona Kallio has finished school and will go to study biology in Maastricht. He enjoyed his time with the Tigers and will remember the time with them fondly.

After graduation **Emil G.** will be moving to study civil engineering in Sweden. He started playing floorball at the age of eight and hopes to continue playing in the country of origin of floorball!

Bernd is leaving the Tigers U19 because he will start studying industrial design in Kortrijk.

Anton Hagström has finished school and will move to Sweden where he will study computer science. Anton hopes to continue playing floorball in Sweden.

After 7 years with the U13, U16, U19 and D1 Tigers, **Charles** will now leave Brussels to start his undergraduate studies. He hopes to continue to play floorball in Paris!

U19 captain **Anton Tavitian** finished school and leaves the club (see interview on page 11).



Some info about the next season

Practice hours

U13: Wednesdays, 16:30-18:15
in the European School

U16: Tuesdays, 17:30-18:30 in
the Kraainem sports hall
(see article page 2)

Wednesdays, 18:15-20:00
in the European School

U19: Tuesdays, 18:30-19:30 in
the Kraainem sports hall

Thursdays, 20:00-21:30 in
Roodebeek

Adults: Tuesdays, 19:30-20:30 in
the Kraainem sports hall

Thursdays, 20:00-21:30 in
Roodebeek

Leaders and coaches

U13: Lars + Cédric

U16: Jakub + David

U19, Adults: still to be confirmed

NEW – Goalies: Bo

There is always room for more
volunteers who are ready to take
some responsibility for a team,
related to matches and/or practice
and with proper introduction and
guidance from those who already
do these tasks.

League games

League games will start again in
September. Locations and
adversaries will be known later, but
note already these dates of the first
matches of our teams:

U13: Saturday 16 September

U16: Saturday 30 September

U19: Saturday 23 September

D2: Sunday 17 September

Membership fee

The membership fee for the season
2017/18 remains unchanged:

- Adults players (born 1998 or
earlier) - 275 EUR
- Youth players (born 1999 or
later) - 245 EUR



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