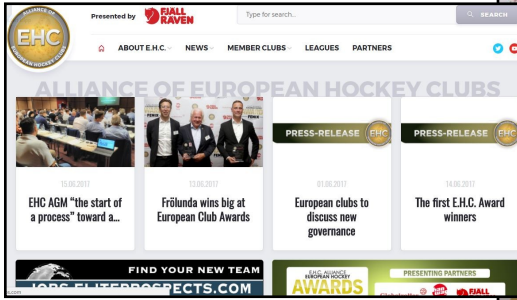




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Almost a Grand Slam for Frölunda: The CHL-winning Gothenburg club was awarded Hanwag Club of the Year award while Roger Rönnberg was named Globetrotter Coach of the Year. Rönnberg (right) is accompanied by CEO Christian Lechtaler and President Mats Grauers. Also the E.H.C. website eurohockeyclubs.com went live during the Annual General Meeting. **Photo: Jan Benes**

Awards given - Road map clear

■ ■ It was a very good two days for the E.H.C. Alliance in Prague on 13-14 June 2017. On Tuesday, almost 100 guests attended the Fenix Outdoor European Hockey Awards and on Wednesday the E.H.C. Board was given a very emphatic mandate by the member clubs for the proposed 2017-2020 road map. All three key resolutions were passed unanimously. And new home of European hockey is eurohockeyclubs.com

■ ■ At the last E.H.C. meeting in Munich in November, the new partnership was announced between the E.H.C. and Fenix Outdoor. It was later decided that the three Fenix brands which would have the naming rights to the European Hockey Awards would be Fjällräven, Hanwag and Globetrotter.

The winners of the three awards, as well as all 15 nominees, were introduced with nice videos and were warmly received by the guests. The winners were:

Hanwag Club of the Year: Frölunda HC, Gothenburg,
Fjällräven Young Player of the Year: Kirill Kaprizov, Ufa
Globetrotter Coach of the Year: Roger Rönnberg, Frölunda

So it was obvious that the eight man expert jury recognized Frölunda's CHL-victory as the defining factor, including the accomplishment of three consecutive CHL-finals and two consecutive wins. The three-in-row final participation is the biggest European domination by one clubs since the last glory days of CSKA Moscow in the late 80s.

“At Frölunda we often say that we can be happy but never satisfied, but tonight I can admit that we are both happy and satisfied,” said Frölunda's CEO Christian Lechtaler in his acceptance speech on behalf of the club.

■ ■ Annual General Meeting approves road-map

One year after the official founding of the E.H.C. the board of the alliance carefully scanned the European hockey landscape during this year, and identified three areas which would be the main elements in the road-map for the nearest future.

1. Inclusion of club as stakeholders in a re-

formed IIHF.

2. Transparency on revenue from key international events.
3. Review of ITC/IIHF Transfer regulations.

All three cases were presented to the member clubs at the meeting in Prague. The E.H.C. Board asked the clubs to approve the three resolutions to receive a clear mandate to continue working according to this plan.

E.H.C. VP Håkan Loob has been added to the IIHF Governance Reform Working which has until May next year to work out a concrete proposal to the IIHF Congress about the reforms to IIHF governance with the goal to modernize the federation to make it governing body for all hockey's main stakeholders.

“This was very important and very encouraging that the members voted unanimously to give the board this mandate,” said President Marc Lüthi. “We are a young organization, still looking to find our way and to have this sense of direction and support from the membership is important to our future. Because this is really what we are selling to the clubs, a hope for a better future as a result of influence over matters and decisions which are important to the clubs.”

“I would also like to say thank you to IIHF General Secretary Horst Lichtner who took part in both the awards dinner and the meeting where he actively took part,” said Lüthi.

■ ■ The details behind each of the three requests and resolutions were presented to the clubs in Prague and are listed in the meeting minutes which all clubs have received.

■ ■ Other concrete decisions in Prague:

□ **Membership fees** 2017-2018: €2000 for members, €3500 entry fee for new members.

□ **Budget** was approved, incl. allocating the surplus of €117.225 to the coming budget year.

□ **The nine-man board** was re-elected, with the member clubs approving the proposal to make an exemption from the statutes which have a seven-man

