

International Formula 18 Catamaran Association

World Council Minutes

Meeting held at the FFV offices Paris

6th December 2008.

Present:

Olivier Bovyn, Pierre-Charles Barraud, Jon Worthington, Wojciech Bendyk, Frederick Pfeiffer, Vittorio Bissaro, James Baeckler, Lamberto Cesari, Justus Wolf, Eric Hainville, Pontus Johansson, Don Findlay.

Observer: John Dinsdale.

1. Welcome by President. Olivier Bovyn welcomed all to the meeting with special kind words for Wojciech Bendyk who was attending his first Council meeting on behalf of the Polish F18 Association.

2. Apologies for absence.

Patrick Demesmaker, Thomas Pierlet, Henrik Grape, Sandor Roka, James Ogilvie. Greg Goodall, Martin Vanzulli, Giovanni Fantasia, Yvonne Sheehan, Liesbeth Oosterhagen.

3. Minutes of the meeting in Nigran 5th July 2008.

Corrected minutes of Nigran minutes issued on October 11/2008 are adopted with the following corrections on chapter “6. IF18CA response to trade mark discussions”:

Trade mark registration of “Formula 18” and “F18 logo” has been made by AFF18 with the agreement of Pierre-Charles Barraud, and then the International F18 Class Board has been duly informed.

The Chairman claimed that he and Pierre Charles Barraud were the real inventors of the F18 concept, that any F18 trade marks should bear their names in recognition of their original work which was clearly evidenced in the work with the FFV.

Action : Olivier Bovyn Completed

4. Matters arising , not on the agenda.

There were not any matters that were not to be covered on the agenda.

5. Financial Report

Eric Hainneville presented a full financial report for 2007, 2008 and budgets for 2009, and he agreed to distribute these by email to the Council members. The figures looked encouraging showing a worthwhile surplus for 2009.

Action : Olivier Bovyn

Proposal from France :

Don Findlay expenses covering Nigran Worlds organisation remain unpaid by Spanish organisation (1900€).

The money will be refunded to Don Findlay from the international F18 class budget.

The International F18 Class must take all actions to recover the unpaid money (see item 15).

Proposal unanimously adopted.

Action : Olivier Bovyn, Don Findlay

Olivier Bovyn thanked Eric Hainneville for his work.

6. Presentation for the Polish F18 Association.

Wojciech Bendyk presented a positive report with the developments of the Polish F18 Association. They were registering with the Polish Association of Racing for Multihull Classes with the A Cat Class. They are located on the Gdansk Bay, Navigo Club where F18 is the largest class and agreed to send all regatta dates to Olivier Bovyn who will arrange for the detailed presentation and dates to be published on the International F18 website

Action : Olivier Bovyn, Wojciech Bendyk

7. Submission from French Association concerning the prompt agreement and distribution of Council minutes.

Proposal :

Minutes shall be issued within days, the minutes document will only consist in a statement of decisions.

Proposal unanimously adopted.

Action : Don Findlay

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8. To review F18 Championship rules.

Don Findlay had sent out DRAFT copies before the meeting. The Belgium NoR had been received and included SIX days racing.

The following was proposal by Germany and seconded by UK :

Registration of Measurement on Saturday/Sunday, following by 15 maximum races on Monday through to Friday, with Prize Giving and dinner on Friday evening

Proposal unanimously adopted.

Action : Don Findlay (A further detailed DRAFT of the Championship Rules to be sent to Council and then subject to final review at the special rules sub-committee meeting in February 2009).

9. F18 Rules in SCR format

Olivier Bovyn proposal :

A special F18 rules sub-committee to meet in Paris in February 2009 in order to issue a final draft in SCR format.

Sub-committee composition: Olivier Bovyn, Pierre-Charles Barraud, Alain Bujeaud, Don Findlay, James Baeckler, any other interested national chairmen.

Olivier Bovyn to arrange suitable dates.

French amendment to the proposal:

To keep the section A (administration) of SCR rules within the authority of Council, and to delegate the sections B and C to the dedicated sub-committee.

Proposal and amendment unanimously adopted.

Action : Olivier Bovyn, Don Findlay, James Baeckler.

SCR Rules format corrections to section A (Administration) to draft November 23/08

Introduction text to be changed as follows :

The strict box measurement rule allows manufacturers to develop catamarans that are competitively priced yet allowing freedom to builders to develop to higher levels of performance. Being open to any manufacturer allows many builders and sail makers to compete and so keep costs to a minimum.

The Class remains aware to keeping development under control, maintaining a good balance between cost and performance.

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Corrected crew weights allows fairer racing with more ladies involved as helms and crews.

IF18CA measures hulls, hull appendages, rigs and sails which are required to conform to IF18CA standards, such boat parts only being altered to stay in line with current IF18CA rules.

Once the rules in Standard Class Rule (SCR) format have been approved, then IF18CA will develop their programme of In House Certification. (IHC)

The IHC measurement form cost, measurement certificate cost, monies collected and procedure will be discussed in February 09 and then presented to Council.

A.4. Administration of the IF18CA

Proposal by Justus Wolf :

Give delegation to James Baeckler to issue an A.4. modified article in order to keep the Formula 18 administration within the Class hands.

Proposal unanimously adopted.

Action : James Baeckler

A.9. International IF18CA Fee

Proposal by French Association:

It will be mandatory to be a National Class member to enter an F18 event. National Class Associations are to collect national memberships and to pay national fees to International Class Association. International Class Association will pay annual fee to ISAF.

Proposal unanimously adopted. Will be added in A.9 or section B (eligibility)

Action : Olivier Bovyn, Don Findlay, James Baeckler.

10. Dutch submission. Reference sail numbers on stickers.

In the absence of Liesbeth Oosterhagen, the Council discussed this matter and were happy that current rules were satisfactory.

11. Report on the ISAF Meeting Madrid November 2008.

October 2008 Electronic vote result:

The International Formula 18 Catamaran Association supports Tornado One Design, 16 in favour, 1 against.

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Olivier Bovyn reported on the ISAF meeting and said it was a disappointment that he and Sandor Roka could not attend the inaugural ISAF Multihull Commission meeting, chaired by Paul Pascoe, but there had been a worthwhile attendance by multihull sailors who had made a considerable and positive impact.

It was generally agreed by most present in Madrid that the dinghies were too dominant in the Olympics and so the whole world of sailing was not truly represented by the current slate of events. He thought that International Olympic Committee (IOC) were conscious of the problems created but due to political ramifications it was unlikely that the pressure from ISAF would be able to be converted in IOC action to satisfy the multihull demands. The possibilities of the multihull being used in the World Cup were discussed, even though the DRAFT NoR for the World Cup series stated clearly that it was for Olympic classes.

Proposal from France and seconded by Germany :

The F18 ask for a place in the World Cup regattas until final ISAF decision about Olympic multi hull.

Proposal unanimously adopted.

Action : Olivier Bovyn, Don Findlay, all national chairmen.

Proposal from France :

Following last ISAF meeting about new Class Association sponsor possibilities, it is possible for the F18 class to seek sponsors, even in these difficult financial times, to help with F18 participation.

Proposal unanimously adopted.

Action : Olivier Bovyn, Don Findlay, all national chairmen.

12. Report to the International Multihull Council.(IMC)

During the Nigran meeting, Don Findlay was asked to make arrangements for the IF18CA to join the IMC. He stated that he had reported this to the IMC but heard no more from them. Chairman of IMC, Paul Pascoe, had reported to him in Madrid that there was little need for the IMC now that the ISAF had created their Multihull Commission.

Action Council agreed it is far better to work within ISAF

13. Report on F18 Worlds Belgium 2009.

Council were pleased with the developments to date and confident of a first class regatta. The problem of the discrepancy in the number of days sailing and the agreed Championship Rules was raised and **Don Findlay agreed to email Belgium immediately.**

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The Belgium Team did not have the sponsorship in place that they wished and were still seeking support in that area. They will have the website “live” shortly, Don Findlay was pushing for dates for this in the Christmas vacation, but this may not be possible.

The registration fees will be 250€ by boat.

The 10 first gold and silver fleet teams will receive prizes.

There was also concern about the annual problem of National F18 Associations being able to nominate sailors who could attend and the dates for selection. **All Chairmen agreed to work on this matter with haste.** The first and UNOFFICIAL request for teams was :

Argentina 1, Australia 2, Belgium 20, Canada 2, Spain 5, France 20, GBR 20, Hungary 6, Italy 15, Netherlands 30, Sweden 8, USA 2, Poland 4, Switzerland 2.

It has been agreed that all empty slots will return to organization on April 15, if a National Class Association is asking to keep non allocated slots after April 15 the Class Association will guarantee the payment of remaining slots to the hosting club.

All Chairmen to work on this matter with urgency.

Olivier Bovyn noted special thanks to all the Belgium team for the work that they were doing.

14. Worlds 2010. France.

Proposal:

Olivier Bovyn made a presentation and proposed that Brittany host the 2010 Worlds, being ten years since the first one in 2000.

The budgets at this early stage looked satisfactory and further reports would be made in due course.

Proposal unanimously adopted.

Action : Olivier Bovyn, Don Findlay.

15. Report of F18 Worlds 2008.

Don Findlay agreed to send report from Tono Teixeira to all Council members urgently. Even though he had requested this information since July, it had been received on 4th December.

It was noted that Pierre-Charles Barraud's invoice for his services had not been paid and it was NOT on the expenses list as unpaid. The figures sent had to be studied as initial indications were that there were many figures needing examination.

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The F18 Council were extremely unhappy with the performance of the Spanish Team, and **asked Don Findlay to write to Tono Teixeira and state clearly that matters were unsatisfactory and monies still outstanding had to be paid, he was asked to include copies to the Council of these notes to Spain and also send copies to the Royal Spanish Sailing Federation. Olivier Bovyn said that he would raise the matter of F18 Council dissatisfaction with Snr Pombo of the Spanish Federation.**

Emails from Tono Teixeira agreeing to payment would be forwarded to Olivier Bovyn.

A report from the Chairman of the International Jury will also be forwarded to the Council.

16. The need for change in F18 International webmaster

Proposal from France :

To develop a more attractive F18 International website.

To allow more people to update dedicated section on this website (national chairman.)

To finance this project on the 2009 budget of the International Class.

Proposal unanimously adopted.

Action : Olivier Bovyn, Don Findlay, Sandor Roka.

When seen on the agenda, Sandor Roka from Hungary had volunteered as he has experienced in this field.

Olivier Bovyn stated that he has put everything onto the website that had been sent to him and the main problem was that there was too little information being sent in, he even had to ask again for dates so the international calendar could be updated. **Council members accepted this situation and all agreed to be far more active in sending information to Olivier Bovyn for website action.** The matter could be reviewed again in July 2009.

17. Demand for Measurement Course in Brittany. Spring 2009.

Would all Chairmen please asses the demand in their countries for a measurement course in Brittany and let Pierre-Charles Barraud, Olivier Bovyn and Don Findlay know with all haste.

18. Elections in July 2009.

Don Findlay reminded the Council that there will be elections for IF18CA officers in July 2009. The post of President, Vice Presidents (three based on Continental considerations), Chief Measurer and Secretary General have to be filled by elections.

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The post of Treasurer is not time limited.

Please note the IF18CA Constitution Items 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3.

Frederique Pfeifer in the name of all National Associations thanks Don Findlay, who does not wish to stand for election in July for the incredible work that he has provided during the last 4 years.

19. Any other business.

a. Pontus Johansson presented the regatta (Malmo Sweden) on 25th to 30th July, where good TV coverage would be realised. **All details to be sent to Council Chairmen for distribution and the regatta to be promoted on the International website.**

b. Don Findlay presented various Year Books from other classes, **it was thought by Council that better International website activity would be the route to follow in the near term.**

c. The Council sent best wishes to Gillian and James Power from the UK who will be having their baby soon.

d. The Polish Long Distance regatta was discussed again, and every effort must be made to support this event. **Action again for International F18 website.**

e. John Dinsdale thanked Olivier Bovyn , Pierre-Charles Barraud and Don Findlay for the work that they are doing to make the Class such a success.

f. possible candidates for 2011 F18 worlds : Hong Kong, Hungary, Germany, Florida, Italy.

Action: Detailed National submissions to be sent for December 2009 WC meeting.

The meeting closed.

Action points in BOLD.