

Minutes of the World Council of the IF18CA, held in CMH offices on 8th July 2006.

Present:

Olivier Bovyn. Chairmen.
Pierre Sicouri.
Russ MacDonald.
Kervyn Tanguy.
Mark Laruffa.
Bernando Bernitez.
James Baeckler
Sander de Boer
Don Findlay.

Observers:

John Dinsdale.
Emmanuel Boulogne.
Jean-Francois Pelletier

1. The Chairmen opened the meeting with greetings to all present and hopes of a first class weeks' sailing to come.
2. Apologies were received from: Liesbeth Oosterhagen, Tracie van Houten, Gillian Power.
3. The minutes of the Paris meeting, (10.12.05) which had been previously circulated, were accepted without amendment.
4. Matters arising from the meeting of 10.12.05. The Sec. General read through the important matters arising from that meeting, namely developments on In House Certification (IHC), Spinnaker pole measurement rule, formation of the Technical Committee. The whole matter of IHC to be kept under constant review as the ISAF were also working and as an ISAF Association, IF18CA were obliged to follow the same guidelines.
5. The Sec. General detailed the discussions of the Technical Committee who had met prior to the World Council meeting. Please see detailed notes of that meeting following on from these minutes. The role of the Technical Committee is to advise the World Council on changing of any rules.
 - a. The World Council agreed to the rule B 2.3 to read "The length shall not be greater than the distance measured in total on the attachment to the front beam to a vertical line from the most forward part of the hull, measurement down the centre line of the boat with the boat on water line level".
 - b. Trapeze wires. Any change at this stage was rejected, but it was a matter to be kept under a six monthly review.
 - c. Considerable discussion took place of the wording of the new jib rule, permitted after 01.03.07, namely should the battens be shaped, should

the pockets be stitched, should they be held in by Velcro, should they be of a length that allowed sail shape to be in the jib, where on the jib should they be placed?? After discussion it was agreed that the simplest wording was less likely to be open to abuse. Hence the new rule will read, “ a full battened jib without the need for a roller reefing unit will be permitted, with a maximum of THREE battens of glass fibre, width not exceeding 20 mm.” This rule will be IN ADDITION to the existing jib rules and as an alternative to existing rules and optional for sailors to pursue if they wish.

- d. A small sub committee of Messer Vink, Soldano and Goodall have agreed to examine the list of ever changing cloths available to sail makers and report back by the end of July 1006.
 - e. The same group, Messers Vink, Soldano and Goodall, are to examine the H1 measurement with a view limiting the growth of the “large flat head”. Mark Laruffa thought that there was “panic in the air” on this subject and it should be allowed to develop as sail makers and sailors wished, this was supported by Russ MacDonald but others thought that the sail heads would be come too radical if limits were not imposed. It was agreed to let the group report back BEFORE the end of the Hyeres Championship, with their suggestions following a 1000 mm head restriction with a further measurement taken below that, which would then make any further foot measurement obsolete. All existing sails would be “grandfathered” but care MUST be taken to ensure that there wasn't a surge of activity in obtaining larger heads that the 1000mm claiming measurements certificates in the next few weeks.
 - f. As an Observer, recognised by the Chair, JohnDinsdale support this caution and urged communication with as many sail makers as possible to ensure fairness of competition.
6. The Australian Worlds in Yeppoon, 2007. Mark Laruffa supported by Russ MacDonald gave an upbeat and exiting report on the work that has already taken place for February 2007. DVD's had been produced and distributed to all competitors in Hyeres. It was agreed that the Australian team had done a first class job lead by Mark Laruffa and now it was the turn of ALL World Chairmen to support and “sell” the regatta to their home countries. Firstly ALL Chairmen are asked to nominate a member of the National Association as link person on container transport. This was MOST urgent. The web site was “up and running” www.2007f18worlds.com.au . The Sec. General asked for thanks to the Australian team for their work and pointed out to all Chairmen that this regatta was “open” to all F18 sailors who were members of their National Associations.
 7. The Italian bid for the Europeans in 2007 was accepted and the dates fixed as July 8th to 14th 2007. The venue in Dervio on Lake Como.
 8. 2008 World Championships. Preliminary discussion had already taken place with Germany and Sweden and they were joined by enthusiastic hope from Spain for hosting the regatta. Bernardo Bernitez saying the Spanish will get a serious bid into the Paris meeting in December 2006. Russ MacDonald thought that a member of Council should visit the suggested venue in good time prior to final Council decisions. The Chairman stress that all bidding countries would be asked for a detailed financial budget.

9. Allocation of Teams for “restricted number” regattas. Liesbeth Oosterhagen had raised this matter prior to the meeting on behalf of her Dutch Association, she was dissatisfied with the procedure with the way teams were allocated to the Hyeres Worlds. However in her absence the matter was not taken further.
10. The latest edition of the IF18CA Championship rules had been previously circulated and accepted. The Australians were well aware of the contents and the Sec. General pointed this out to Pierre Sicouri for the European s 2007.
11. Any other business. Only one matter was raised and there was unanimous agreement that there would be a change to the limit on participating teams in THIS World Championship 2006 only, to allow up to 84 teams on a start line.
12. Date of the next meeting. The Chairmen to announce date, time and venue for the Paris meeting in December.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 13.10.