



INTERNATIONAL FORMULA 18 ASSOCIATION



WORLD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The World Council of the International Formula 18 Catamaran Association met in Hoek van Holland on July 13 & 14 2005

Present :

Olivier Bovyn, Formula 18 President, Pierre Charles Barraud, Chief Measurer, Don Findlay (UK), Pontus Johansson (Sweden), Russ MacDonald (Australia), Liesbeth Oosterhagen (Netherlands), Alex Shafer (USA), Pierre Sicouri (Italy), Olivier Jakobitz (Germany), Françoise Dettling (France), Patrick Demesmaeker (Belgium).

Represented :

IRL, NZL (by Don Findlay)

Observers :

John Tomko (USA), Frauke Schmidt (Germany).

Agenda

The meeting was called to discuss :

- **Opening :**
 - Approval of Paris meeting minutes (previously circulated)
 - Information from the President about new national associations, ISAF matters, Class booklet ...
- **Class organisation :**
 - Position of Secretary General
 - Strategy for F18 expansion to new (more) countries : presentation of the subject, paper to be circulated by Don Findlay prior to the next meeting in December
 - Overdue membership fees
- **Future events :**
 - Information about the 2006 Worlds in France
 - Information about the 2007 Worlds in Australia (to be held on January/February, during South Hemisphere summer)
 - To examine possible venues for the 2007 Europeans (to be held 7-15 July)
 - UK proposal for 2007 F18 Europeans
 - International calendar (to be sent to ISAF by the 1st August deadline, Word file previously circulated)

- **Class rules & Constitution :**
 - To have a look on the rules re-drafted into the new ISAF ERS format (to be circulated)
 - To update the Class Constitution
 - To propose updates to the sailcloth list
- Any other business

Opening

1. The President opened the meeting and warmly welcomed representatives from Australia and USA to their first World Council meeting.

2. Minutes of the Paris meeting, 11.12.04 were noted and accepted as a true record of that meeting.

3. President's Comments:

- The number of countries keeps on growing, and USA, Canada, Australia, Sweden, had already joined and New Zealand Norway, Argentina had shown interest in doing so.
- The open catamaran discipline of the ISAF World Sailing Games in Austria in 2006 are to be sailed on a Hobie Tiger. A very positive compliment to the Formula 18 Association. To notice US Sailing decided to choose the NAF18 National Championship 2005 for selecting the US team.
- There is a project to publish an Association booklet with the precious help of Tracie van Houten, Chair of the NAF Association, coupling hard copy of the new Class rules under ERS format and calendar. Printing scheduled in December, following notification to ISAF for dates in November. There was discussion on this point, with the Netherlands thinking that this should be a website matter, without going to the cost of printing and distributing a booklet. Germany too, thought that it was too costly but Italy thought that if it was free to members then would be welcomed. The President urged that ALL regatta dates for 2006 to be forwarded URGENTLY, certainly to him by 28.07.05. **Action : All National Chairmen**

Class Organization :

4. Secretary General. The President informed the meeting that Phil Cotton had resigned as Secretary General, and thanked Phil for his considerable contribution over the years. He proposed Don Findlay to replace him as Secretary General, this was seconded by Russ Mac Donald and passed unanimously. Don Findlay agreed to present a paper to the Council meeting in Paris in December 2005 as to his thoughts on expansion. **Action : Sec. General.**

5. Overdue membership fees were briefly discussed and noted. Each National Chairman to be aware of this matter. **Action : National Chairmen**

Future events :

6. 2006 World Championships.

- To be held in Hyeres 8th/15th July 2006. This looked to be a first class venue both on and off the water. Netherlands to send details of their work for 2005 budgeting the costs for 2006. **Action : National Chairman, Netherlands.**
- Notice of Race to include all details. The meeting thought that it would be beneficial to have a clear contract with the hosting Club, as the World Council must be involved with detailed costs, personnel and framework for the event.
- The president asked the Secretary General to prepare this document, this would mean that the Formula 18 World Council were involved at all stages of preparation. **Action : Sec. General.**

7. Russ MacDonald presented The Australian bid for World Championships in 2007.

- After much discussion in Australia, Vincentia had been chosen as the best venue, bearing in mind matters on and off the water.
- The President stressed that ISAF had granted F18 International status due to the fact two more continents (Australia and America) were involved, and so it was important to move out of Europe. The meeting was positive about this championship and supported Australia in their efforts to hold a first class event.
- Questions raised were varied from accommodation for competitors, all inclusive packages, sponsors, catamaran charter, dates (some members feeling that February was suitable while others felt that January would attract more teams). It was hoped to attract 30 to 50 boats from "overseas".
- The President thanked Russ MacDonald for his work and the meeting unanimously confirmed to go to Australia for 2007 Worlds.
- Update on exact dates and planned progress to be given to the Formula 18 Council Meeting in Paris in December 2005. **Action : National Chairman Australia / World Championship 2007 team.**

8. Formula 18 European Championships 2007.

- The UK presented a paper with outline planning for the event to be held in Whitstable, Kent. The advantages were that the Club had quickly grasped the opportunity and had formed the Championship committee and had also arranged funding through the Kent County Council. The distance from Channel ports is minimal.
- However there was a feeling within the meeting that holding major event in Europe in 2007 would detract teams from going to Australia. This matter was left to the December meeting in Paris when matters might be clearer. **Action : National Chairmen.**

Class Rules and Constitution :

9. The rules have not been re-drafted by ISAF Technical Office into the new ERS format yet. So this matter to be carried over the Paris meeting in December.

10. The President had emailed out the updated Association Constitution, but this had not been received prior to the meeting. This matter to be carried over the Paris meeting in December. **Action : President World Council**

11. Updates to the Approved Sailcloth List :

1. No formal submission has been received.
2. Italy was concerned about the sails at the Hoek van Holland Championship and thought many were illegal.
3. Italy noted that Ullman Sailmakers had requested polyester silicon "Polon 100" material for spinnakers. He added that this material was available to all sail makers. He also asked that when In House Certification was established the wording "This sail is made from approved materials" be placed on all sails. **Action : President / Chief Measurer / Sec. General / National Chairmen.**

Any other business. Discussion matters :

Measurement :

12. There was concern that a paper on In House Certification had not been taken forward as scheduled in December 2004. Members felt that this matter had been allowed to drag on. The Secretary General said that he would resurrect this matter and distribute again the note from Phil Cotton. This matter to be resolved BEFORE the Paris meeting. **Action : President / Chief Measurer / Sec.General.**

13. The Chief Measurer proposed in writing three clarifications :

1. Head point on square head mainsails : no part of the sail shall be higher than the perpendicular of the luff, to be measured from the 90 deg angle to the mast. **Action : Chief Measurer.**
2. Concern was expressed about open spinnaker tubes. It was agreed that a plastic cap should be added for safety. Change wording to: "The forward end of the bowsprit be closed with a plastic cap" **Action : Chief Measurer**
3. Safety devices : the paddle, the towing line, the righting line shall be ready for use on the platform, and not sealed inside the hulls.
 - i. A paddle. Agreed
 - ii Towing line. Final wording to be agreed by 01.11.05, as some members felt that having a towing line on trampoline, added to safety risks NOT reduced them. Suggested rule states that

the "towing line be ready for use and not sealed inside the hulls". This wording was NOT agreed and the Sec General was asked to find suitable wording. **Sec. General.**

iii. righting line. Agreed

14. A submission had been received at the last moment ref. reduction of jib size and suggestions for lighter crews to carry extra weight. This matter must be resolved as it has been around for months.

Action : National Chairmen

15. A submission had been received from Australia ref. Jib furling systems. Due to the fact the 2007 Worlds are likely to be held in February in Australia, the AUS F18 association asked for the rule change on 01.01.07 to be brought forward to 1st September or 1st October 2006, in order to provide implementation of the rule change *after* the European and North American seasons, and *before* the Australian and New Zealand season. After discussion, it was agreed to postpone that change to 01.03.07 in order not to interfere with the fairness of the 2007 World Championship. **Action : Chief**

Measurer

16. Germany asked about jib positioning to bring in line with Tornado. The Sec. General pointed out that "Europe" must be careful with changes as many countries were joining in and must not be allowed to think that Formula 18 matters were changing too rapidly.

16. Italy suggested that Pablo Soldano from Ullman be asked to join the Sailcloth Technical Committee common to both Tornado and F18 classes, the same way as Peter Vink from Performance Sails. **Action : President.**

17. Netherlands proposed the date of Monday 11 July to hold the 2005 summer meeting. They suggested that in the future the World Council meeting be held on the Sunday BEFORE racing began at World Championships as this would ensure more timely discussion. Unanimously agreed. **Action : President / Sec.General.**

There being no further business, then the President closed the meeting.

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Don FINDLAY
Secretary General