

Decisions made during World Council meeting held on Saturday 6th July 2013 in Marina di Grosseto

Attendance

Present:

Mischa Heemskerk, Ad Noordzij (NED), Franck Tiffon-Terrade (FRA), Giovanni Fantasia (ITA), Michael Kraskowski (POL), William Sunnucks (GBR), Jens Uwe Tonne, Sönke Kühl (GER), Ian Rodger (ARG), Jean-Richard Minardi (SUI), Adrian Allen (IRL), Robert Fijnheer (ESP), Thomas Pierlet (BEL), Michael Easton (USA, very partly through Skype), Olivier Bovyn (IF18CA President), James Baeckler (IF18CA Secretary General), Pierre-Charles Barraud (IF18CA Chief Measurer)

Apologies received:

Don Findlay (IF18CA Technical Committee Chair), James Ogilvie (AUS), Frédérique Pfeiffer (FRA), Sanyi Roka (HUN), Humberto del Rio (CHI)

Item 3 – Minutes of Paris 2012 December meeting

- On a proposal from William Sunnucks, considering the contested points in the minutes being fixed, then the WC to unanimously approve the Paris 2012 December meeting minutes.

Item 4 – Financial reports

- 2012 figures have been circulated and commented to be finally approved in December following Auditors report.
- Auditors presented Financial Report on 2011 figures (details to be circulated to WC members). After Jens Uwe Tonne (Auditor, GER) suggested for WC to give final approval on 2011 Figures, those have been unanimously approved.
- The President gave a presentation of provisional 2013 figures to date, bank situation being of 29 480.52 € by 2nd July 2013.
To note than more than 100 ISAF plaque sets have been delivered to builders by 30th June.
- Approved reports, as well figures history, will be published on IF18CA website

Item 5 – Withdrawn from the agenda

Item 6 – Class management report

After the President informed WC on the various areas the Class had to deal with since December 2012 (to publish Updated Class Rules, to establish Cloth list, to solve Tabling issue, to look for Partnership and/on Sponsorship, to prepare a Marketing plan, to work on increasing membership through revamping “Vintage boats” and defining a clear policy for Youth and Women,...), the following recommendations have been made :

- Every NCA is invited to investigate and to share ways for (re)attracting club sailors to Class events, and to increase membership, an example being given by Franck Tiffon-Terrade about the “Gentlemen ranking” system established by French F18 Association.

- SCHRS:

- William Sunnucks, SCHRS Technical Committee Chair, to keep WC informed on any further development of formulas.
- James Baeckler put forward a proposal for WC to ask SCHRS to investigate average practice rather than best practice in F18 rating computing, leading to a rather balanced result.
 - In favour : FRA, SUI, ITA, POL, BEL
 - Against : NED, IRL, GER, ESP
 - Abstain: ARG, GBR

WS said that if there was a formal request to SCHRS he would ensure that it got a proper response. In the meantime he was happy to explain the figures to anyone who was interested.

Item 7 - IF18CA Board of Officers Election

The board has been renewed according to IF18 CA constitution (see IF18CA website)

Applications have been received to hold the following duties:

- a. President: Olivier Bovyn
- b. Chief Measurer: Pierre-Charles Barraud
- c. Vice President Australasia: James Ogilvie
- d. Vice President Americas: Michael Easton
- e. Vice President Europe: Frédérique Pfeiffer
- f. Secretary General: Don Findlay

- It has been agreed for a South America representative to be co-opted, in order for the Executive to represent a truly worldwide scope of F18 activity. South American NCAs to propose one name.

Frank Tiffon-Terade was concerned that the new executive would lose the depth of experience of F18 racing which was to be found in the established European class. This point was noted as significant.

- William Sunnucks (GBR) proposed to adopt the presented list of Officers, and was seconded by Ad Noordzij (NED)
- All NCAs present voted in favour, by the exception of 2 abstentions: ITA, FRA

Item 8 - Conflict of Interest.

- It was unanimously agreed by WC to adopt ISAF code of conduct: everyone round the meeting table has to declare any possible conflict of interest related to the topics the committee has to deal with.

Item 9 - Class rules management

- On a proposal from James Baeckler, seconded by William Sunnucks, WC unanimously approved to adopt 2 processes regarding class rules clarifications requests, to be further detailed in close conjunction with ISAF Technical Department:

Process type	When	Goal	Issued by	Duration
1	During Main event to prevent any dispute about class rules	to stop litigious protests regarding class rules wording	Chief measurer	For the period of the event
2	At any time for question addressed by builder, sailmaker or sailor to the IF18CA	To give interpretation of rules allowing all stakeholders to compete on the same basis	ISAF	Permanent

Item 10 - World event rotation and charter boats.

- World event rotation**

- US F18 put forward in writing a submission aiming to hold F18 Worlds outside Europe every 3 years.
- This submission has been granted unanimous approval, subject for WC to receive securely budgeted bids.

- Charter boats**

- WC did welcome US F18 submission, but did note it is not possible to impose such a financial charge to potential organisers.
- Whatever the case, it is then highly recommended for future World Championship bidders to make the best efforts towards manufacturers to get chartered boats.
- WC to investigate possible partnership with a shipping company.

Item 11 – Update on 2014 Worlds

- IRL representative circulated and commented on a presentation on 2014 venue (to be circulated).
- To note the presence of Borough Council and Bangor Tourism Office representatives in Marina di Grosseto, in order to give any relevant information to the sailors competing in the 2013 Worlds.

Item 12 - 2015 Bid presentation

WC received two excellent bid presentations (attached) from Argentina (YC Argentino Buenos Aires) and Germany (Kieler YC).

- It is kindly asked ARG to investigate on date possibilities, bearing in mind the event will be sailed during Austral Summer (October to February), giving then the opportunity to hold Europeans during the usual early July period
- Kieler Yacht Club to be asked for hosting possible 2015 Europeans
- Oman to send an official bid before December meeting