



**INTERNATIONAL
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ASSOCIATION**



Minutes World Council 2018 Annual Meeting

Held by conference call on 15 December 2018, at 22:00 CET

Present:

Member NCA representatives

Darren Flanagan (DF) for Australia
Erwin Jager (EJ) for Norway
Gianni Fantasia (GF) for Italy
Jens Uwe Tonne (JUT) for Germany
Ken Marshack (KM) for the United States
Lars Linder (LL) for Sweden, with proxies from Denmark and Finland

Executive Committee officers

Olivier Bovyn (OB)
Steve Stroebel (SS)
Kyle Amadio (KA)
Ad Noordzij (AN)

Apologies:

Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, France, Ireland, Netherlands, Spain, Pierre-Charles Barraud

Exhibit:

Voting results (WC-VOTES-20181215-FINAL.xls)

Item	Subject	Action	Lead	Information
1.	Opening		OB	

OB opens the meeting. AN confirms that the number of voting sheets received constitutes quorum for all submissions.

Item	Subject	Action	Lead	Information
2.	Financial Accounts 2017	Approval	KA	Shared by email

The meeting approves the 2017 accounts and provides discharge to the Executive Committee. OB thanks the Audit Committee members Tjiddo Veenstra and Jens Uwe Tonne for their work.

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3.	Update Accounts 2018		KA	Shared by email

OB explains that all expenses are close to budgeted, with the exception of measurement due to the fact we had to cover travel and equipment transportation for both Europeans and Worlds, extra luggage cost being pretty expensive to join Sarasota. We much appreciate the support from our proud sponsors. We are still awaiting payment from a few.

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4.	Election members Executive Committee	Approval	OB	Shared with agenda

The meeting elects both AN and SS in their new roles. Both say that they look forward to working in ExCo in the coming years.

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5.	Budget 2019	Approval	OB / KA	Shared by email

The meeting approves the 2019 budget.

Revenues are supported by somewhat higher subscriptions. Over the past few years sale of Building Plaques has been quite steady at 50-60 per annum, and this is expected to continue. ExCo are anticipating sponsor income of c.EUR 2,500, much of which is already confirmed. Travel expenses are expected to reduce by 50% due to the 2019 Worlds venue being in Europe. Some money is being budgeted for the production of video measurement tutorials.

ExCo intends to share regular, quarterly financial updates with World Council going forward.

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6.	Venue 2020 Worlds	Decision	OB	Shared by email

OB summarizes the events that had led to the class diverting to Spain / Ballena Alegre for the 2019 Worlds and the big efforts made by ITA to find alternative candidate venues for 2020.

GF gives further details about the ITA candidates, mentioning the lack of space at Vela Arco / Garda and their unwillingness to pay a penalty fee – to be applied to the venue that will organize instead – in case they were to withdraw after initially having accepted an invitation to organize. For this reason ExCo has taken Vela Arco off the list of candidates.

Logistics are somewhat less favourable at Punta Ala, and this bid also operates with a substantially lower budget than the two other Italian candidates who both have submitted budgets exceeding EUR 100k.

Based on further explanations by GF and SS, who has sailed at Gaeta, and his preference for this venue, both JUT, LL (for SWE and FIN) and EJ say that they now support Gaeta as their #1 candidate.

OB notes that Gaeta, following the revised positions of GER, SWE, FIN and NOR, has now majority support of the World Council and he is pleased to announce Gaeta as the organizer for the 2020 Worlds, subject to final agreement with the organization. OB also mentions that Aarhus have said that they are also available as host for the 2021 or 2022 Worlds, while he has good hopes that more candidates will contact the class for 2021 and 2022.

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7.	Constitution – proposals 1-5	Approval	AN	Exhibit #7

The meeting approves all proposed changes to the Constitution.

Item	Subject	Action	Lead	Information
8.	Class rules – proposals 1-38	Approval	AN	Exhibit #8 / see below

The meeting approves all proposed changes to the Class Rules, except for:

- #1 and #2 (trampoline) – under class rule A.7.2
- #7 (increase of minimum crew weight), and
- #9 (change to crew extra weight ratio).

There is a discussion about the trampoline and in particular the reasons for some NCAs not supporting either of the two proposals. JUT explains that while Germany supports a change to the class rule that will make the wrap-around trampolines currently used by several F18 builders class legal, it does not want to increase complexity and cost of the boat, noting that the amended class rules as proposed will have this effect by allowing the introduction of a “full” double trampoline and/or trampoline fairing. There are also concerns that allowing multiple layers (without vertical separation) may to lead to unforeseen further changes and costs to the F18.

Several attendees note that it is vital that the class finds a solution to the trampoline issue quickly – the fleets in the southern hemisphere have already started their regatta seasons – and there is a real concern that fleets will start to ignore the class rules because they are perceived as unfair, which could then lead to a general lack of respect for the class rules in the fleets.

ExCo (OB and AN) and JUT agreed to work on a compromise solution in the very near future.

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9.	Championship Policy	Approval	AN	Exhibit #9 / see below

The meeting approves the Championship Policy, which requires simple majority only.

JUT and GF mention that they are concerned that the Policy removes flexibility for the class which it may need under certain circumstances. AN confirms that the intention is that the Policy permits a pragmatic approach when necessary and that he will review and if necessary revise the wording to ensure that this is the case.

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10.	Closing		OB	

JUT asks that in future there will be more opportunity for discussions in meetings before proposals are voted on. AN offers that going forward ExCo will ask the World Council members whether they want to discuss specific draft proposals in a meeting, rather than only seeking feedback by email. AN also says that the best, most constructive way of involvement is if members provide input while proposals are in draft form, rather than abstaining or declining final proposals without having given any feedback before. OB says that he would like World Council to meet two to four times per annum, including via conference calls, to have more regular debate among Council members.

KA observes that there are no women involved in international F18 class management. OB confirms that this is the case, although he is pleased to see an increase of participation by women during the international F18 events.

OB proposes that the class invites former Secretary General Don Findlay to the 2019 Worlds in Ballena Alegre, to which the meeting agrees.

After saying that he is very pleased with the quality of the meeting discussions, etc. and the presence of Australia and US representatives, OB closes the meeting shortly after midnight CET.

Ad Noordzij
Secretary General
16 December 2018