

International Formula 18 Class Association

Minutes World Council 2020 Annual Meeting

Held by video meeting on 12 December 2020, at 22:00 CET

Approved on 22 December 2020

Present: Member NCA representatives
Darren Flanagan (DF) for Australia
Jan Hedmann Jensen (JHJ) for Denmark
Mikko Räisänen (MR) for Finland
James Baeckler (JB) for France
Nathan Ward (NW) for Great Britain
Lars Linder (LL) for Sweden
Sam Carter (SC) for the United States

Executive Committee officers

Olivier Bovyn (OB)
Steve Stroebel (SS)
Kyle Amadio (KA)
Pierre-Charles Barraud (PCB)
Ad Noordzij (AN)

Apologies: Argentina, Belgium, Germany, Israel, Netherlands, and Spain

Voting: 12 of the 21 NCA members submitted voting sheets to give quorum;
67 votes were casted, representing 82% of all available 82 votes

Exhibit: [Voting results \(20201212 WC VOTES-FINAL.xlsx\)](#)

Item	Subject	Action	Lead	Information
1.	Opening		OB	

OB opens the meeting @ 22:08 and mentions that 2020 has been a challenging year for the class as result of Covid-19, with many events around cancelled including the Worlds that were to be held in Italy. Having said that, a successful Raid Worlds was held in Martinique early in the year, with 38 entrees. Covid-19 continues to have a major impact on event organisations, and as of the date of the Annual Meeting it remains uncertain whether the 2021 Worlds can go ahead in Italy; a final decision is to be communicated by 31 March 2021 at the latest.

The class welcomes Israel as a new member NCA, and a further two NCAs are in the process of being set up in Thailand and South Africa (latter would add another continent).

Item	Subject	Action	Lead	Information
2.	Minutes 2019 AM	Approval	AN	link

The meeting unanimously approves the 2019 AM minutes, without comments.

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3.	Financial Accounts 2019	Approval	KA	link

KA explains the main differences of the results against budget, as illustrated in the financial accounts. The biggest change relates to the subscription fee income, which were nil as result of a previous change in the IF18CA Constitution, without having impact on the cash balance.

The Audit Committee has confirmed, by e-mail of 24 November 2020, that the accounts provide a true and fair summary of the transactions during the year.

The meeting unanimously approves the Financial Accounts 2019, without comments.

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4.	Update Accounts 2020		KA/OB	

2020 is expected to finish with a positive result due to the cancellation of the Worlds in Italy and other reduced activities, resulting in much lower expenditures. Despite the Covid-19 situation, still a respectable number of 75 building plaques were sent to builders. Given the challenging economic conditions the class has offered to its loyal financial sponsors a 50% discount on the annual sponsor fees.

Item	Subject	Action	Lead	Information
5.	Proposal IF18CA subscription fee 2021 / waiver Constitution	Approval	AN	

The meeting unanimously approves the proposed waiver, without comments.

Item	Subject	Action	Lead	Information
6.	Budget 2021	Approval	KA	link

The meeting unanimously approves the proposed budget, without comments.

Item	Subject	Action	Lead	Information
7.	New NCA member		OB	

The IF18CA World Council welcomes Israel as a new member NCA.

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8.	Election ExCo Officers	Approval	AN	

Election of Executive Committee members as per Constitution 8.2. The officers mentioned below have reached the end of their current terms and are willing to extend their roles for another three-year term (2021-2023). All of them are nominated member NCAs Australia, Great Britain, Spain, Sweden, and the United States.

President – Olivier Bovyn

Treasurer – Kyle Amadio

Chairman of the Technical Committee – Pierre Charles Barraud

No other candidates have been nominated.

The meeting unanimously elects all three officers.

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9.	Election member Audit Committee	Approval	AN	

Election of the Audit Committee member as per Constitution 14.3. Tjiddo Veenstra has reached the end of his current term (2020 accounts) and is willing to extend his role for another two-year term (2021-2022 accounts). Tjiddo is nominated for this position by the Netherlands NCA.

No other candidates have been nominated.

The meeting unanimously elects Tjiddo Veenstra.

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10.	Class Rules – submissions #1-10	Approval	AN	Exhibit #1

Submissions #3-6 and #10 are rule updates to align the IF18CA class rules with the updated Equipment Rules of Sailing (2021-2024 ERS) and Racing Rules of Sailing (2021-2024 RRS).

The purposes of following submissions are:

#1: to regulate the issuance of sail numbers

#2: to remove a class rule on buoyancy checks which by now has become obsolete

#7: to improve the identification and presentation of the F18 class

#8 and 9: to preserve safety following the introduction of the mainsail deck sweeper.

Given the nature of these proposals, and in particular the limited impact on equipment, the proposal is for all these amendments to be implemented by 1 January 2021, coinciding with the introduction of the ERS and RRS updates.

#	CR	Topic	Impact on:		Aligns class rules with:	
			Process	Equipment	ERS	RRS
1.	A.[9]	Sail Numbers	✓			
2.	B.2	Buoyancy Checks	✓			
3.	C.1.1	General – Rules / Sails – Identification				✓
4.	C.6.1	Boat - Weight			✓	
5.	C.6.[1]	Boat - MM&R			✓	
6.	C.8.2	Hull Appendages - Limitations			✓	
7.	G.3.1	Mainsail - Identification		✓		✓
8.	G.3.3	Mainsail - Construction (window)		✓		
9.	G.4.2	Jib - Construction (window)		✓		
10.	G.5.3	Gennaker - Dimensions			✓	

The meeting unanimously approves all class rule submissions.

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11.	Class Insignia		JB	

Discussion topic tabled by the French NCA. See World Council discussion thread, e-mail from JB of 29 October 2020 / 17:51. The thrust of the idea is to replace the current insignia near the clew of the mainsail with a larger, more visible version.

JB mentions that this discussion topic is essentially superseded by the adoption of class rule proposal #10-7, which places a larger insignia in the upper part of the mainsail, and therefore a discussion on this alternative is no longer warranted.

JB raises the point of the license requirement for the production of class insignias, as per the adopted class rule amendment 10-7, and the status of the F18 trademark.

KA notes that the only appropriate permanent owner of the trademark is the IF18CA and that parties need to put in place an arrangement that provides a solid basis for the future of the class¹.

The meeting does not take a decision on this agenda point.

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12.	Report on removal Class Rule C.3.3(c)		AN	

¹ Note: as an initial step to accept permanent transfer of the F18 trademark, on 12 Dec. 2020 ExCo submitted an application with the French Ministry of Interior for registration of the IF18CA as a non-profit organisation

The meeting notes the removal of C.3.3(c) in the next release of the class rules.

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13.	ExCo report on regulation F18 jib		AN	

AN mentions that the idea to investigate the possibility of no longer limiting the position of the jib tack to the apex forestay bridle, as agreed at the 2019 Annual Meeting, originated from a request from two F18 builders. During further discussions with and among builders following the 2019 Annual Meeting, a consensus view has developed that there is no longer need for a change in the class rules: hull stress appears to be manageable and/or under control in contemporary F18 designs, and the general view among builders is that the current class rules still work well.

JB notes that he knows of one builder who has a different view and that it would be a mistake to cancel the investigation. JB draws attention to the fact that the sail plan of the latest models allows to align the jib with the decksweeper sails because the hull fasteners of the hull have been lowered which gives an advantage to the latest models over the existing ones. Attaching the jib to the spinnaker pole would reduce this advantage.

SC mentions that there is still a desire for older designs to be brought closer to performance of modern designs. Also, there are concerns that the lower position of the apex may cause hull fatigue in the longer term.

OB observes that the disconnecting of the jib tack position from the forestay bridle apex introduces challenges when formulating alternative position limitations.

The meeting concludes that the matter is to be investigated further.

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	Any Other Business			

The meeting discusses various options for the major international events in 2021 and 2022 in view of the ongoing Covid-19 situation, and the limitations this causes for international and especially intercontinental travel. ExCo will further explore options and carefully monitor the situation in order to maximize the possibility of organizing successful and large international events in the coming year.

LL (via AN) informs the meeting that the 2021 dates for the Stockholm Archipelago Raid have been set for 19-22 August.

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14.	Closing		OB	

OB closes the meeting at approx. midnight CET.