



IF18CA.

World Council meeting minutes

Nigran.5th July 2008.

Present: Olivier Bovyn President, Cruz Gonzalez Smith (Argentina); Sandor Roka (Hungary); Liesbeth Oosterhagen (Netherlands); Jon Worthington (UK); James Baeckler (France); Thomas Pierlet (Belgium); Bernardo Bernitez (Spain); Justus Wolf (Germany), Olivier Pilon (Canada); Giovanni Fantasia (Italy); Ugo Ferrari (Italy); X (Sweden), Y (Australia), Pierre-Charles Barraud Chief Measurer, Don Findlay Secretary General.

Observer: John Dinsdale (Hobie Cat Europe).

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Gillian Power UK. Jon Worthington was the UK alternate.

2. Welcome:

The Chairman welcomed all delegates, especially Hungary and Argentina who are attending their first Council meeting.

3. Approval of Dervio minutes:

(to be downloaded at : http://www.f18-international.org/2007_Dervio_Minutes.pdf)

JB (France) and GF (Italy) strongly urged that the Dervio minutes were finally ratified stating only then could the Council move forward. JB (France) and GF (Italy) wanted the voting changed to show more balance for the larger countries and wanted the Dervio decisions agreed. LO (Netherlands) asked what was the reason for change as the new system gave the same results as the original one in the IF18CA Constitution. The Chair stated real concerns that all members were not represented in Dervio, he regretted that Belgium has been omitted from his calculations when addressing voting comparisons, but mathematically that error made little difference.

The Sec. General pointed out that the Dervio meeting had gone outside the agreed Constitution, so if agreeing with the Dervio minutes IF18CA then have to change the IF18CA Constitution. LO (Netherlands) was still concerned about countries measuring their membership in different ways. JW (Germany) had considerable experience with the International Tornado Association (ITA) and suggested that the same system be adopted within IF18CA, that a country with 1 to 10 members receives ONE vote, 11 to 20 members TWO votes and so on. This system was agreed unanimously and to be used in future Council meetings (*2007 numbers to be circulated in Appendix*). GF (Italy) suggested that votes should be withdrawn from National Associations that had not paid their dues by 1st April and that membership should be counted as on 31st December. These two measures were adopted. The Sec. General agreed to alter the Constitution to fit in line with these Council decisions.

Action: Sec. General:

Still on the subject of Dervio minutes, the Sec. General pointed out the discrepancy in the term “non-stretch” halyard.

JSD (observer) stated that all F18 were sold with material described at “pre-stretch” and builders would not move to “non-stretch”. JB (France) was concerned that lowering on mainsail while at sea with “pre-stretch” was difficult, but the meeting decided that the current material should continue.

Also following the Dervio minutes it was agreed that sailors carrying knives should be left as “advisory.”

Although the IF18CA had Championship rules, the meeting requested that the Sec. General review them and present a draft before the December meeting, these could then go as Appendix to Rules, with Cloth lists.

Action: Sec General

JB (France) argued that the Council had not agreed the window sizes as recommended by the Technical Committee. However further scrutiny of the Dervio minutes did show the wording under Any Other Business , “the WC is endorsing all current proposals raised by the Technical Committee No3 window sizes.”

At this point 3.45 pm the meeting adjourned allowing Council members to go sailing.

The Council reconvened at 8.00 pm welcoming the Chairman back to the Council on his birthday.

4. Chairman’s report on ISAF meeting in China.

The Chairman detailed his views following his visit to China as French representative for the ISAF Mid Year meeting, there was a narrow failure to achieve the two-thirds majority to re-open discussion of the classes in the 2012 Olympic regatta. JW (GER) mentioned the report made by Carolijn Brouwer, new ITA President, on the meeting (copies to be asked to JW).

Following the submission made by the IFCA, even not being dealt with during the Mid Year meeting, the ISAF Executive agreed to create an “ISAF Multihull Commission”, the terms of reference for this Commission still to be defined.

The Chairman asked for ALL National Chairmen to approach their National Authority and nominate sailors for this commission, stating that it was essential to raise the profile of multihull sailing with the ISAF Council.

The Sec. General noted that ALL submissions had to be into the NMA’s and then onto ISAF BEFORE 1st August 2008.

Action: All F18 National Chairmen

The Sec. General told the meeting that the original IF18CA submission to re-instate the Multihull Committee within ISAF was still “on the table” and he would ensure that it stayed there until the November meeting.

Action: Sec. General:

The Chairman stated that there was still a slight chance of a 2012 review, but all efforts had to be made to ensure that 2016 is planned with the “family of five disciplines ” as recommended by the French Authority. He said the IOC still blame ISAF for their selection and the lack of worldwide cover in the sailing regattas.

The Sec. General stated that the ISAF staff in Southampton were unhappy with the Council decisions but political lobbying by the multihull fraternity had been poor in the past, the Chairman agreeing that it was the political manoeuvres of some classes that had brought about this sad matter. JB (France) thought that letting the ISAF away lightly with this view was not right and that they were as culpable as the ISAF Council.

P-C. Barraud joined the meeting and was thanked for all his efforts in weighing and measurement services for the Worlds regatta.

5. IF18CA response to the creation of the International Multihull Council.(IMC)

The Chairman argued that ISAF was the place for IF18CA discussions, not the IMC. JSD (observer) stated that he thought multihulls were getting better organised and were not politically naïve as they had been in the past. JW (Germany) stated that there was a large multihull promotional activity planned for August and September and he went on to propose that the IF18CA joined the IMC, this was seconded by BB (Spain). With one abstention from the UK, the matter was passed unanimously.

Sec. General to arrange

6. IF18CA response to trade mark discussions.

JB had raised the trade mark matter earlier in the year with Sec. General. He, in turn, had informed the President and Chief Measurer of all discussions, the latter thinking that the matter could be left to discussion at the Spanish Council meeting. In the interim the French F18 Association has registered the “Formula 18” and the “F18 logo”. The Chairman stated that he and P-C.B (Chief Measurer) found this action very distressing and they were the real owners of any F18 intellectual property and any trade marks should bear their names in recognition of their original work which was clearly evidenced in the work with the FFV.

JSD (Observer) put forward two ideas, then proposed by JW (Germany) , seconded by BB (Spain)

(1) That the IF18CA register the trade marks through the world, this was agreed unanimously;

(2) That the F18 and the Formula 18 be jointly owned by the Chairman and the Chief Measurer and that they be passed by licence to the IF18CA was proposed by BB (Spain) and seconded by LO (Netherlands) this second motion being passed unanimously.

JW (Germany) proposed and BB (Spain) seconded, that the Chairman and Chief Measurer were made Honorary Life IF18CA members. This was passed unanimously.

Action: Sec General to arrange trade mark registration and report to Council

JSD (observer) argued that there ought to be a contract between IF18CA and the builders.

Action: Sec. General to investigate

7. IF18CA Rules in SCR format.

The Sec. General detailed the two day meeting in Paris where the rules had been examined in detail by a grouping of the President (IM), the Chief Measurer (IM), the Sec. General and M. Alain Bujeaud (IM) and the latest draft had been forwarded to Council members. It had been discussed in detail with ISAF and agreed at every stage. This was requested by ISAF Regulation 26 (management of International Classes) Sec. General urged the meeting to take this format forward and he would present final version in Paris, when all members had time to examine in details.

The Chairman thought that this approach was fair and that there was no reason not to go forward with this format, especially regarding the In House Certification issue. LO (Netherlands) thought further discussion was needed before adoption, but BB (Spain) urged immediate adoption. However GF (Italy) and JB (France) were very much against any development that brought IF18CA closer to ISAF, stating that ISAF had behaved very badly towards multihulls and why should IF18CA offer any support to them. JW (Germany) thought that waiting until December could do no harm and may be beneficial. The Chairman agreed, without a vote, that the matter could be moved to the December '08 Paris meeting, but urged all Council members to read in detail and pass comments to the Sec. General.

Action: All Council members

The Sec. General said he was extremely disappointed with this decision. August 1st was deadline for ISAF receiving nominations for the Multihull Commission, ITA are planning serious promotional work in August/September, IF18CA closer involvement working more closely with ISAF may help with the November ISAF decisions, waiting until December in Paris did not take matters further supporting the case for 2012. It also made the rules clearer and there should be less amendments if adopted in their new format.

8. ISAF Regulation 26.

The Sec. General stated that nearly all requirements for International Class in Reg. 26 were being met by the IF18CA. Council members were asked to examine the requirements on the ISAF website.

9. F18 Worlds Spain 2008.

Hope was expressed for a first class Championship.

10. F18 Worlds Belgium 2009.

Colleagues from Belgium were attending the Championships and examining all detailed arrangements. The NoR would be ready for final approval in Paris, so that all sailors could make their holiday arrangements during the Christmas break.

11. F18 Worlds 2010.

F18 National Associations wishing to host the F18 Worlds in 2010 are being asked to prepare their presentations for the Paris meeting in December 2008. To date USA and France have shown interest, OB suggesting to celebrate the 10th anniversary of F18 Worlds in Erquy 2010.

The F18 Association in Hungary are making preliminary plans for 2011.

12. The “sticker” situation.

LO (Netherlands) ordered 200 sets of stickers.

13. Any other business:

The buoyancy aid situation was disturbing with sailors removing buoyancy for ease on movement. The Council needs to decide whether a level of buoyancy is needed in the rules.

The meeting closed.

The Chairman

The Secretary General

Olivier BOVYN

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