



INTERNATIONAL FORMULA 18 ASSOCIATION



WORLD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The World Council of the International Formula 18 Catamaran Association met in Koksijde on 13 July 2003

Present :

Olivier BOVYN (President), Pierre–Charles BARRAUD (Chief Measurer), Liesbeth OOSTERHAGEN, Gerard LOOS & Sonder de BOER (NED), Thomas PIERLET (BEL), Pierre SICOURI (ITA), Don FINDLAY (GBR), Phil COTTON (Sec General), Patrick VANWYNSBERGH, Gilles PROVOST (FRA), Frank Blohm (GER),

Apologies

None

Agenda

The meeting was called to discuss :

Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting

Class rule amendments - *A submission from Pierre SICOURI regarding reducing the number of starting boats from 100 to 80*

Measurement and certification procedures

World Championship Framework

Follinca 2004 Worlds dates

Information on the 2005 Worlds in Netherlands (if available)

A.O.B.

Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held at Pierre et Vacances Hotel, Paris, on 15 December 2002, previously circulated, were approved unanimously.

Class rule amendments

No class measurement rule amendments were tabled.

Pierre Siccouri (ITA) proposed that the recommended maximum number on competing boats on one start be reduced from 100 to 80. In the event that a championship attracts more than 160 entries then this recommendation would be reconsidered. The meeting agreed in principle to adopt Pierre Sicouri's proposal.

Phil Cotton (Sec Gen) proposed a change to the scoring system to be used at International events. The proposed system is similar to that already adopted by certain Olympic classes including the 49er class. The proposal is as follows:

Competitors are to be allocated into one of four groups, and as at present, to ensure equality between each group the allocation of competitors between groups will be based upon their national ranking with the final allocation being determined by the seeding committee. Competitors will remain within their allocated group for a minimum of the first 6 races of the Championship. After the completion of 3 races one discard is allowed. After completion of 6 races the those competitors in the top 50% of the overall results (after discard) will race in the gold fleet and those in the bottom 50% of the overall results (after discard) will race in the silver fleet. (For the avoidance of doubt the individual race points (excluding the discarded race) achieved in the first six races will continue to count towards the overall series points score.) After completion of 9 races a second discard is granted.

The meeting agreed in principle to adopt a proposal similar to the 49er Class subject to final agreement at the December 2003 meeting. Gilles Provost (FRA) and Thomas Pierlet (BEL) may also draft alternative proposals for consideration at the December 2003 meeting.

Measurement and certification procedures

Oliver Bovyn explained the basis of ISAF building plaque fees. With effect from 1 April 2004 ISAF, all new boats registered are required to pay a fee of 0.4% of the purchase price to ISAF. Discussion followed as to whether the owners or the builders should pay this fee. In addition it was proposed that each member should pay a 10 Euros annual fee to the F18 World Council. It was agreed to determine the quantum and collection mechanism of such fees at the December 2003 meeting.

World Championship framework

It was agreed that the Koksijde World Championships had been very well organised. For future events it is recommended that the F18 Class World Council have to approve the following arrangements:

- Measurement and checking procedures
- Race officer
- Notice of Race
- Sailing instructions
- International jurors

Olivier Bovyn also invited Council members to email him (for circulation) other suggestions for improving the World Championship format.

2004 – World Championships – Follonica, Italy

It was agreed that the German National Championships (Open) would be held on Lake Garda on 8,9,10 July 2003. The 11 & 12 July would be a travelling to and measuring at Follonica. July 13-17 2003 would be the Championship event dates.

Information on the 2005 Worlds in Netherlands

Held over to the December 2003 meeting

A.O.B.

Olivier Bovyn explained that the growth of F18 around the world continues. Two new builders are reported from Australia. NZ and Poland are also interested in establishing F18 Associations. A new builder is also recorded in Germany.

ISAF have requested that the F18 Class rules be redrafted into the standard ISAF format. Bob Milner (UK) has kindly offered to help with the redrafting work.

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

Olivier BOVYN, International F18 Catamaran Association President