

International Formula 18 Catamaran Association
Council meeting
Wednesday 6th July 2011
18.30hrs
Balatonfüredi Yacht Club
Club House meeting room
Draft of minutes (to realise)

1. Welcome by President.

Olivier Bovyn welcomed all to the meeting.

Present:

Olivier Bovyn President.

Sandor Roka (Hungarian F18 class).

Helge Sachs (German F18 Class)

Frederique Pfeiffer (French F18 class).

Liesbeth Osterhagen. (Dutch F18 class).

Wyatt Orsmond, Dermot Mc Hugh (Ireland F18 class).

Lamberto Cesari, Alessandro Meoli (Italian F18 class)

James Baeckler Gen Sec.

Pierre Charles Barraud Chief Measurer.

Observers :

Greg Goodall, Bret Goodall,

Alain Bujeaud.

2. Apologies for absence (G. Secretary).

John Williams, Maxime Loisel, Jon Worthington, Don Findlay, Bernardo Benitez.

3. December 2010 WC Minutes (G. Secretary).

The minutes and financial report are voted and accepted unanimously.

The document including figures will be published on the IFCA website asap.

4. 2012 European Championships presentation

The event will take place from 5th to 11th of December 2011 with the 5th and 6th dedicated to registration.

The Council decided to establish a ranking list (80 teams) based on quota **to use the free transportation containers allowed by RCNGC.**

Each country will have to :

- issue a ranking list,
- issue a waiting list of teams ready to participate. A financial participation may be requested in this case.
- Designate a point of contact (Poc). A person who will organize the container loading in relation with the event organisation.

A minimum of 8 boats per container is requested. The containers will be available from different locations in Europe determined by RCNGC.

5. 2012 Alamito Bay Worlds update

The July 2010 Council agreed to move the date event to September if 20 charters boats are available for Outside America teams (see minutes extract below).

After debate the Council decided :

- a) kindly ask the hosting club to confirm officially if charter boats will be available **at the location** for the event.
- b) Kindly ask the hosting club to investigate more suitable date for Outside US teams if there is no guarantee to have charter boats **at the location** for the event.
- c) to investigate alternative transportation solutions such as air freight (Wyatt Orsmond).
- d) If no suitable solution is possible, The council will investigate an alternative location for 2012 Worlds (Helge Sachs).

Final decision no latter than September

Extract from July 2010 minutes :

... For technical reason the proposed dates for the event is second week of September and can't be changed.

The organisation is requested by WC to find agreement with builders in order to supply at least 20 charter boats for outside America teams.

6. Administration (G. Secretary)

- 2011 class rules publication :
The 2011 Class rules update is still in ISAF office for final check and will be published asap.
- Updated list of boats allowed to enter F18 events (see item 10 Dec 2010 minutes) :
The list of Shockwaves is available on IF18CA website.
- IF18CA **financial** figures history publication on IF18CA website :
Liesbeth Osterhagen (Ned) and Suzanne Hahan (Ger) are IF18CA account auditors for year 2011.
- December 2011 meeting dates and venues :
The 2011 December meeting will take place on Saturday 26th of November at Paris FFV offices (Paris boat show dates are clashing with Canarias and Chairman will not attend European championships).

7. Class rules interpretation (All)

After comparing the 2007 old style class rules version (see extract below) and 2010 SCR version, the following proposal has been set up :

- to revert to the original text regarding carbon parts allowed on F18.
- To include the update with 2012 class rules version.
- To declare all carbon part not listed in the 2012 update illegal (no grandfathering of carbon parts not listed).

The proposal is accepted unanimously

Extract from 2007 old style class rules :

B. MEASUREMENT RULES

GENERAL

.....Every material that is not expressly permitted, is prohibited.

Carbon is only permitted in spreaders, rudder blades, dagger boards, blocks, cleats and tiller extension.

8. F18 Class and Olympic Games (All)

Following Dec 2010 decision, a vote has been organized during March to include a text in the SCR class rules introduction to not allow any Olympic design to enter F18 events. The results of the vote are :

Not in Favor of the text = **47**.

USA (9), ARG (3), ESP (4), GBR (7), CAN (3), NZL (1), GER (16), BUL (2), IRL (2).

In Favor of the text = **62**.

POL (2), BEL (8), NED (21), ITA (14), SWE (4), FRA (15).

The Council **are** aware about the different points of view on the subject and decided to keep the item open until ISAF will complete the catamaran selection for 2016 Olympic games.

The Council agreed :

- To Lobby ISAF to not have any F18 design selected as Olympic boat,
- To send an official letter to ISAF Chairman strongly requesting to not select any F18 design as Olympic catamaran (Olivier Bovyn).
- To inform the different builders about the vote result and the consequences **of pursuing Olympic status for an F18 design.**

9. F18 Youth development (All).

For 2011 no suitable date taking in account **school** period and main event has been found to organize a youth training camp.

The Council agreed to organize the week prior 2013 Worlds championship (first week of July) a training camp free of charge for youth and with financial participation for adults.

The Council recall that each National class is responsible to encourage youth development and quotas.

The Council agreed to offer free Worlds registration to the current youth Worlds Champion team.

10. Any other business (All).

Worlds 2014 :

Ireland still open for 2014 Worlds organisation will provide an updated bid for next December meeting.

Dagger boards limitation :

The Council is waiting technical committee report regarding board length limitation.

The aim of this limitation is to significantly limit the dagger board retail price available on the market.

A submission will be proposed and voted in 2011 to be in force in 2012.

All boats (new or used) will be affected and will have to comply to the new limitation (no grandfather existing dagger boards **not** complying with the limitation).

The meeting closed at 20h45

James Baeckler
Sec. General. IF18CA.