

International Formula 18 Catamaran Association.
Council Minutes.
11.07.2009.
RBSC.
Duinbergen.

Present:

Olivier Bovyn. President.

Justus Wolf

Sandor Roka.

James Baeckler.

Frederique Pfeiffer

Liesbeth Oosterhagen.

Thomas Pierlet.

Wojciech Bendyk

Jon Worthington.

Robbie Daniel.

Bernard Bernitez.

Don Findlay. Sec. Gen.

Observers.

Pablo Soldano.

Greg Goodall.

1. Welcome by President.

Olivier Bovyn welcomed all to the meeting, noting Robbie Daniel as his first attendance at Council, moving on to pay tribute to Pierre Sicouri who died recently.

He thanked Don Findlay for his work in past years as Sec. General.

2 Constitution update: The on line constitution is now taking in account the Dervio and Paris 2007 WC decisions.

The 2005 Paris WC minutes modify the term of the IF18 board elected, and will apply.

3. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from James Ogilvie.

4. The minutes of the December 2008 Paris meeting were read and accepted.

5. Matters arising, not on the agenda.

a. Championship Rules. The Sec. General had forwarded a draft for the Championship rules. Council agreed to examine them in good time and amend as necessary before the Paris meeting in December 2009.

b. The development of the IF18CA website. The meeting thanked Sandor Roka from Hungary for the work that he had done and a further meeting will be arranged in Belgium to take detailed examination of the new site.

6. Elections.

The following were elected unopposed.

President: Olivier Bovyn.

Chief Measurer. Pierre-Charles Barraud.

Secretary General. James Baeckler.

Vice President Europe. Thomas Pierlet.

Vice President Americas. John E. Williams.

Vice President Australasia. James Ogilvie.

7. Transfer of Rules into SCR format.

The Sec. General stated that the latest draft rules had been sent to ISAF and then onto the ISAF International Classes Rules Sub Committee. With minor additions and deletions, they had been accepted by the Rules Sub Committee, and ISAF technical staff suggested that any further minor changes that the Council wished to change were acceptable as long as they were minor.

The following points were raised and adopted by WC:

i. the term “spirit of F18 rules” an “interpretation” have to be kept in the rules.

ii. A.9.2 ISAF plaques attached to all F18’s delivered after 01.09.2009. Correspondence to be arranged with builders in a few days.

All builders have to contact IF18CA to collect plaques.

iii. C.3.4 The wording “ shall be able to demonstrate” will be replace by “may be asked to” for re-right after capsize and lower the main sail.

C.4.1 A personal flotation device fit for purpose is agreed by WC. ISAF wording might help. Matter to be resolved.

iv.C.10.3. (a) 2. Change of wording to state “The **tack point** shall not be fixed below the apex of the bridle wires”

v. D.1 Hulls The hull buoyancy wording will be completed with ISAF help to arrive at suitable wording.

vi. Greg Goodall had raised the question of wording in E.3.3 c, “daggerboards and centreboards shall be homogenous” pointing out that this is unsatisfactory and would rule out many foils used today. Greg will submit to WC a proposal in line with the class request.

vii. Agreed not to limit the number of mainsail battens. Technical advice was that the number would be reduced and going above ten was very unlikely.

viii. the size of batten pockets is not limited.

ix. There was general agreement that IF18CA should not seek to limit the amount of reinforcement in the sails

8. Worlds update 2010. Olivier Bovyn gave a positive report upon the work that had been completed to date.

9. Worlds 2011. There was general expectation that the regatta would be held in Hungary, but concern was expressed by Sandor Roka that July winds were not good in the suggested lake venue. He agreed to examine wind data and provide Council with further details by December 2009 when the final decision will be made.

10. Worlds 2012. It was agreed that the Council ought to arrange the regatta outside Europe. Robbie Daniel will investigate possible options in the USA.

11. The meeting closed.

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