

## International Formula 18 Class Association

Minutes World Council 2021 Annual Meeting

Held by video meeting on 11 December 2020, at 22:00 CET

Approved on 18 December 2021

Present: Member NCA representatives

Darren Flanagan (DF) for Australia

Jan Jensen (JJ) for Denmark (from item #7)

Mikko Räisänen (MR) for Finland

Nicolas Touchot (NT) for France

Dirk Bleiker (DB) for Germany

András Székely (AS) for Hungary

Lars Linder (LL) for Sweden

Ken Marshack (KM) for the United States

Executive Committee officers

Olivier Bovyn (OB)

Steve Stroebel (SS)

Kyle Amadio (KA)

Pierre-Charles Barraud (PCB)

Ad Noordzij (AN)

Audit Committee

William Sunnucks (WS - till item #4)

Apologies: Canada, Italy, and the Netherlands

Voting: 11 of the 21 NCA members submitted voting sheets to give quorum.  
62 votes were casted, representing 76% of all available 82 votes.

Exhibit: [Voting sheet](#)

Item	Subject	Action	Lead	Information
1.	Opening		OB	

OB opens the meeting at 22:10. He positively reflects on a number of recent developments in the class, including:

- the fact that despite the pandemic a number of excellent events were held in 2021 with good attendance
- the ongoing engagement of builders, evidenced by the introduction of 4 new designs in the past 4 years
- strong growth in class membership in certain countries, notably France and the United States

- the class moving to introduce its own manufacturer self-certification system, supported by an online certificate database
- a good participation of NCAs in this Annual Meeting
- a promising outlook for 2022, with an agenda that includes the Europeans in Garda, the Raid Worlds in Stockholm, and the Worlds in Florida.

Item	Subject	Action	Lead	Information
2.	Minutes 2020 AM		AN	<a href="#">link</a>

The meeting notes the minutes of the 2020 AM. These were approved by the 2020 AM attending World Council members on 22 December 2020.

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3.	Financial Accounts 2020	Approval	KA	<a href="#">link</a>

KA highlights that:

- 2020 subscriptions were paid in December 2019
- Sales of plaques were up, while sponsorship income related to 1D and Windrush
- Significantly lower expenses were incurred for photography, measurement and travel due to cancellation of events
- Leading to a substantially positive result for the year

WS informs the meeting that:

- OB runs the bank account, while it is quite exceptional for the President of an Association to this. Having said that,
- All receipts are accessible via Dropbox, the administration is in an excellent state, and the accounts and explanation provided are fully consistent, and with that
- The accounts fairly reflect the financials of the IF18CA

OB thanks WS for his work, noting that the incorporation of the IF18CA should make it easier to assign bank account mandates in future, and that the healthy liquidity position of the Association will make it possible to fund new initiatives such as the certificate database.

The meeting unanimously approves the Financial Accounts for 2020.

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4.	Update Accounts 2021		KA	<a href="#">link</a>

KA mentions that only a modest deficit is anticipated, notwithstanding zero subscription fee income as decided by World Council at the 2019 Annual Meeting, due to building plaques income being higher than budgeted. No costs for photographer were incurred as these were funded by the 2020 Worlds Organisation. OB mentions that communication costs relate to the purchase of new class flags. These will be send to the NCAs hopefully in the next few weeks.

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5.	Budget 2022	Approval	KA	<a href="#">link</a>

KA mentions that subscription fee income and building plaques sales have been budgeted conservatively, and that actuals may well exceed budget. Going forward the class will no longer seeking sponsor money from builders and sailmakers but instead rely on higher income from sales of certification marks (stickers), aligning contributions with equipment sales. Consequently, sponsorship income will only be sought from sailcloth manufacturers.

AN mentions that it is the intention to start building the online certificate database during the first quarter of 2022 so that the database can hopefully be operational before the start of the summer sailing season (northern hemisphere).

The meeting unanimously approves the proposed budget.

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6.	Update new NCA members		OB	

OB announces that Thailand has joined as a new member, and that South Africa is making good progress and that its membership can be confirmed within the next few weeks.

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7.	Election ExCo Officers	Approval	AN	

Election of Executive Committee members as per Constitution 8.2. Steve Stroebel and Ad Noordzij 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 Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Great Britain, the Netherlands and Sweden. No other candidates have been nominated.

The meeting unanimously elects both officers.

Item	Subject	Action	Lead	Information
8.	Election member Audit Committee	Approval	AN	

Election of the Audit Committee member as per Constitution 14.3. William Sunnucks has reached the end of his current term (2021 accounts) and is willing to extend his role for another two-year term (2022-2023 accounts). William is nominated for this position by NCAs France and Sweden.

No other candidates have been nominated.

The meeting unanimously elects William Sunnucks.

Item	Subject	Action	Lead	Information
9.	Constitution – submissions #1-5	Approval	AN	<a href="#">Exhibit #1</a>

OB talks the meeting through the various changes in the constitution.

KA mentions that the incorporation of the IF18CA will serve to protect the Association by providing a structure that facilitates succession planning for its Executive Committee officers.

The meeting approves all proposals.

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10.	Championship Policy – submissions #1-2	Approval	AN	<a href="#">Exhibit #2</a>

AN introduces the two submissions and OB gives a brief explanation for the proposed high level bid specifications for the Raid Worlds.

NT comments that he thinks the minimum average of 5 hours racing per day is too restrictive and may exclude events that would make good candidates for being Raid Worlds. LL mentions that he generally concerns with the high level specifications, but that he felt that the more detailed bid requirements that were circulated for 2023 bids were too restrictive and not appropriate for some venues.

The meeting unanimously approve both submissions on the basis that ExCo will reflect on the views expressed in the meeting, and may revert to World Council with a proposal for a change in the bid specifications for final approval.

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11.	IF18CA Manufacturer Self-Certification (MSC)	Approval	AN	

After a brief introduction by AN, OB informs the meeting about previous discussions with World Sailing which led to the conclusion that IHC is not suitable for the F18 and other classes which measure actual sail areas. KA states that overall the quality of measurement / certification should improve as a result of MSC will cause most measurements to be done by a smaller group of measurers under more controlled conditions.

The meeting unanimously approves the proposal.

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12.	Class Rules – submissions #1-6	Approval	AN	<a href="#">Exhibits #3, #4, and #5</a>

The meeting approves all submissions, without further comments.

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13.	Venue 2023 Worlds	Presentation	OB	<a href="#">link</a>

OB invites DB to give a presentation of the bid by the Lübecker Yacht-Club.

DB highlights a few special elements of the bid, including:

- the fact that the club has offered the IF18CA to host the Worlds as the centrepiece of the Travemünde Woche, in celebration of the club's 125 years anniversary
- the prominent and conveniently located wall mooring areas at Mövenstein and Green Beach, and wall facilities exclusively reserved for the F18 class
- the possibility to place containers 4 weeks before the start of the event
- the planned show races on the Trave river with an several thousands of spectators

The World Council will vote on the 2023 Worlds venue by way of voting by e-mail in January.

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14.	Venue 2023 Raid Worlds	Presentation	OB	

No bids have been received. ExCo will work on alternative options, possibly in France in collaboration with the French NCA.

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	Any Other Business [discussed during the meeting]			

LL informs the meeting about some details of the 2022 Raid Worlds including:

- the Stockholm Archipelago Raid (SAR) will be 5 days event instead of 4 days
- the event will be backed by the KSSS, and budget will be supported by good sponsors including the city of Stockholm to fund good media coverage
- discussions are underway to allow the finish to be in the city of Stockholm itself
- the Nordic Championships will be organised 2 weeks after the SAR, which may be interesting for foreign teams.

OB expresses his appreciation for the Australian organisers of the 2022 Worlds for their timely cancellation under difficult circumstances, as this has given the class sufficient time to find an excellent alternative host in Clearwater, Florida. OB also expresses his wish to organize a Worlds in Australia as soon as this may be possible again.

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14.	Closing		OB	

OB closes the meeting at approx. 23:50 CET.