

International Formula 18 Class Association

Minutes World Council 2022 Annual Meeting

Held by video meeting on 17 December 2022, at 22:00 CET

Approved on 24 December 2022

Present: Member NCA representatives

Darren Flanagan (DF) for Australia

Jan Jensen (JJ) for Denmark

Mikko Räisänen (MR) for Finland

András Székely (AS) for Hungary

Gianni Fantasia (GF) for Italy

Lars Linder (LL), Jacob Lundqvist (JL) for Sweden

Florent Herson (FH) for Thailand (from item #4)

Sam Carter (SC) for the United States

Executive Committee officers

Olivier Bovyn (OB)

Steve Stroebel (SS)

Kyle Amadio (KA)

Ad Noordzij (AN)

Apologies: Belgium, Canada, Croatia, France, Germany, Great Britain, the Netherlands, and Pierre-Charles Barraud (PCB)

Voting: 14 of the 22 NCA members either submitted voting sheets or voted at the meeting to give quorum, except for item LS.

Exhibit: Vote count

Item	Subject	Action	Lead	Information
1.	Opening		OB	

OB opens the meeting at 22:10. He positively reflects on the activity during 2022, notably:

- 2 major events, the Europeans at Arco, with high level of competition, and the Worlds at Clearwater, with somewhat disappointing number of entries but also a very high level of competition.
- An excellent Raid Worlds in Stockholm, and OB expresses his appreciation for all the work done by Lars Linder
- SS adds that the 2022 winner of both the Europeans and Worlds, Ravi Parent, has been nominated for Yachtsman of the Year in the United States, which is an important recognition of the F18 class.

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2.	Minutes 2021 AM		AN	link

The meeting notes the minutes of the 2021 AM. These were approved by the 2021 AM attending World Council members on 18 December 2021.

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3.	Financial Accounts 2021	Approval	KA	link

KA notes that:

- 2021 results were close to budget, with a modest shortfall notwithstanding a subscription holiday related to the Covid-19 pandemic
- Strong income from sale of building plaques, while 25 were held in stock at year-end
- The accounts have been approved by the audit committee
- OB runs the bank account, while KA acts as an internal auditor.

The meeting unanimously approves the Financial Accounts for 2021.

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4.	Update Accounts 2022		KA	

KA mentions that only a modest deficit is anticipated, in line with budget. There are some differences for individual items due to an additional spending for track & trace at the Worlds and compensation of the Worlds organisation for extra boat park costs due to unexpected environmental requirements. This was balanced by less spending on a.o. photographer, travel & accommodation, and measurement-related expenses.

It is expected that the development costs for the online IF18CA certification system will be amortized over a period of 4-5 years, to be discussed with the audit committee. This will cause an additional depreciation charge. AN adds that a second depreciation charge is expected related to compensation of OB and PCB for the renewal of the IP registration with the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO). OB notes that this fee covers the registration until 2027.

OB notes the continuing healthy financial position of the IF18CA, with more than €30 thousand held in the bank account.

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5.	Budget 2023	Approval	KA	link

KA mentions that the budget reflects a shift of income from sponsoring to sales of certification mark stickers following the introduction of self-certification. It is the intention to propose a reduction of the NCA subscription fees for the 2024 budget. This reduction will lessen the impact of reduced sticker re-sale income of some NCAs as it is expected that an increasing portion of stickers will be sold directly to sailmakers.

OB proposes that the sales price is €10 for each certification mark sticker, irrespective of type of equipment (hull, sail, rudder, daggerboard, or mast). OB also mentions that the introduction of self-certification will make it much easier for sailors to race with new sails, while reducing the workload during registrations at the main IF18CA events.

The increase of measurement-related expenses reflects the investment in further development of the certification system, with the aim to record the entire measurement administration online.

The meeting unanimously approves the proposed budget.

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

Election of the Audit Committee member as per Constitution 14.3. Tjiddo has reached the end of his current term (2022 accounts) and is willing to extend his role for another two-year term (2023-2024 accounts).

No other candidates have been nominated.

The meeting unanimously elects Tjiddo Veenstra.

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7.	Constitution – proposal #1	Approval	AN	Exhibit #1

This proposal concerns expedited decisions on temporary class rule amendments.

DF asks about the impact of this proposal considering the minimum time required by World Sailing (WS) to process amendments. OB answers that the WS technical committee meets quarterly to decide on class rule amendment proposals.

GF proposes that the proposal is approved on the condition that the shortened notice period cannot be applied more than one time for the same temporary amendment.

The meeting unanimously approves the proposal, with the following NCA members supporting the proposal based on the condition put forward by GF: AUS, DEN, FIN, ITA, SWE, and USA.

Item	Subject	Action	Lead	Information
8.	Class Rules – proposals #1-5	Approval	AN	Exhibits #2 and #3

Proposal #1 is to implement part of a 2013 World Council decision (see Exhibit 3) regarding class rule interpretation during main F18 events.

The meeting unanimously approves the proposal.

Proposal #2 supports the implementation of the recently introduced online F18 Certification System.

The meeting unanimously approves the proposal.

Proposal #3 clarifies the mandatory location of the gennaker when it is not set and terminates the grandfathering of snuffers made of carbon fibre.

The meeting approves the proposal with 69 votes (88%) in favour and 9 votes against. DF explains that the reason for AUS voting against the proposal is that the proposed rule allows materials for snuffer mouths to be exotic / expensive, except for only carbon fibre (open instead of close rules). AN acknowledges the AUS position and says that ExCo will investigate this further.

Proposal #4 removes design limitations that have been in place for furling jibs, which however were discontinued in 2007.

The meeting unanimously approves the proposal.

Proposal #5 extends the period of the temporary class rule related to the trapeze connection height (F.3.4) until 31 December 2023 due to lack of time for analysis thus far.

The meeting unanimously approves the proposal.

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9.	Venue 2024 Worlds	Presentation	OB	link

The meeting notes that unfortunately there is only one bid. That being the case, the class is already familiar with Ballena Alegre, and its ability to organise and host quality events is well recognised. The meeting asks OB to strive for the first racing day to be on a Monday.

The meeting unanimously approves the bid of Ballena Alegre, with the ITA vote being conditional to racing to start on Monday.

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LS	Venue 2023 Raid Worlds	Presentation	OB	link

A bid has been received from Club de Voile de la Baie d’Erquy to give the 30th edition of the La Costarmoricaïne the status of 2023 Raid Worlds.

All World Council members present at the meeting vote in favour of accepting the bid.

Item	Subject	Action	Lead	Information
	Any Other Business			

None.

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10.	Closing		OB	

OB closes the meeting after midnight CET after having expressed his appreciation for the many persons participating at the meeting, including from places where it is very early and very late in the day, reflecting the true global presence of the class.