

## International Formula 18 Class Association

Minutes World Council 2024 Annual Meeting

Held by video meeting on 13 December 2024, at 22:00 CET

Approved on 6 April 2025

Present: Member NCA representatives  
Maxime Loisel (ML) for Canada  
Jan Jensen (JJ) for Denmark  
Mikko Räisänen (MR) for Finland  
Nicolas Touchot (NT) for France  
Gianni Fantasia (GF) for Italy  
Wik Becker (WB) for the Netherlands  
Kuba Baczek (KB) for Poland  
Thomas Windrike (TW) for Sweden  
Jr Minardi (JrM) for Switzerland  
Sam Carter (SC) for the United States (from item 8)

Executive Committee officers  
Olivier Bovyn (OB)  
Steve Stroebe (SS)  
Lars Linder (LL)  
Kyle Amadio (KA)  
Pierre-Charles Barraud (PCB)  
Ad Noordzij (AN)

Apologies: Croatia and Germany

Voting: 15 of the 24 NCA members either submitted voting sheets or voted at the meeting to give quorum.

Exhibit: Vote count

Votes are recorded in the minutes as follows: “votes [in favour]/[against]/[abstention] ([%] in favour)”:

Item	Subject	Action	Lead	Information
1.	Opening		OB	

OB opens the meeting and provides an overview of developments and status of the class in 2024.

Membership is stable at around 800 and the financial position of the class is healthy.

The Certification System is fully operational with 757 sails and 63 boats certified thus far. The class hosted a successful measurement training at the 2024 Worlds in which it introduced more sailmakers to the IF18CA Self-Certification. Class management is planning a

few improvements to the system.

We enjoyed a successful Worlds with good attendance @131, a high level of competition and a friendly atmosphere. The outlook for the 2025 Worlds is positive with a superb venue and new sailing club facilities.

OB highlights an interesting initiative to attract high level youth sailors by Nacra during the LAST (Les Ailes de Saint Tropez). Youth sailors were offered to compete in an innovative format with new Evo's and the winner's prize offered a top boat to compete in the 2025 Worlds.

Other mentions by OB are written in the minutes of the respective agenda items.

Item	Subject	Action	Lead	Information
2.	Minutes 2023 AM		AN	<a href="#">Minutes 2023</a>

The meeting notes the minutes of the 2023 AM. These were approved by the 2023 AM attending World Council members on 21 December 2023.

Item	Subject	Action	Lead	Information
3.	Election ExCo Officers	Approval	AN	

The meeting approves the proposals for the candidates as follows:

Steve Stroebel (Vice President): 76/0/0 (100% in favour)

Ad Noordzij (Secretary General): 76/0/0 (100% in favour)

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4.	Financial Accounts 2023	Approval	KA	<a href="#">2023</a>

The meeting approves the accounts: 76/0/0 (100% in favour)

KA notes that his role as Treasurer is one mainly of internal oversight with the day-to-day work being carried out by OB. KA notes that 2023 has been a very good year for the class financially.

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5.	Update Accounts 2024		KA	

KA talks the meeting attendees through the main account items.

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6.	Budget 2025	Approval	KA	<a href="#">2024</a>

The meeting approves the budget: 76/0/0 (100% in favour)

KA mentions:

- A balanced budget is presented for approval noting that the class tends to overperform against budget
- The budgeted expenditures include a contingency for the purchase of new photo and video material

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7.	Election member Audit Committee	Approval	AN	

The meeting elects Tjiddo Veenstra: 75/0/1 (100% in favour)

Election of the Audit Committee member as per Constitution 14.3. Tjiddo has reached the end of his current term (2024 accounts) and is willing to extend his role for another two-year term (2025&2026 accounts).

OB thanks the Audit Committee members for their dedicated work.

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8.	Class Rules – proposal #1	Approval	AN	

**Proposal #1** is adopted: 73/0/3 (100% in favour)

The proposal postpones the implementation of two plies in mainsails and jibs by one year till 1 January 2026.

The proposal is made in view of the possible introduction of new plies. The discussion on this topic is minuted in Any Other Business (below).

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9.	Venue 2026 Europeans		OB	

Following the submission from Centro Velico Punta Ala there is a late submission from Multilario (Lake Como). ExCo will organize a new voting process for the selection of the 2026 Europeans venue, expected in the first quarter of 2025.

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	Any Other Business		OB	

A. Introduction of new sail cloth

OB presents an initiative to investigate the possibility of introducing UHMPWE (Ultra-High-Molecular-Weight Polyethelene, more commonly known as Dyneema© and Spectra©) following rising prices and shortages experienced for existing cloth list options. A working relationship has been established with several cloth producers and there is a lot of interest on part of sailors to test alternative cloths.

A discussion ensues among the attendees of the meeting on topics including:

- a. Performance characteristics, longevity and costs of these cloth materials, the suitability and longevity
- b. the significance (or lack thereof) of cloth material prices related to finished product prices and durability
- c. Information, references from other performance sailing classes
- d. the role, importance and size of an F18 test programme, minimum test period, selection and rotation of teams for testing, ability to compete with test sails in main and local F18 events, and who decides on that.

OB proposes to create a cloth testing working group to investigate and make a proposal on competition eligibility, test team selection and rotation, testing period (first possible date for class rule amendment not being before 2026 Worlds). The WC members present in the meeting concur and the following WC members volunteering: SC, ML, GF, WB and OB. Consensus is that a representative from AUS should be added.

B. 2025 Raid Worlds

OB mentions a late submission by the organization of the Costarmoricaine Raid. ExCo will organise a voting process at short notice.

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10.	Closing		OB	

OB closes the meeting after thanking those at the meeting for their contribution and wishing all very pleasant festive days.