

# International Formula 18 Catamaran Association

Council meeting.

Alamitos Bay Yacht Club - Quarterdeck room

Sunday 9th September 2012 18.00hrs

## Minutes

### General

#### 1. Welcome by President.

The Vice President for America John Williams welcomed all members to the meeting.

#### 2. Apologies for absence.

Don Findlay, Spain, Germany, Hungary and Olivier Bovyn, President.

#### Present:

Humberto Del Rio (Chile), Maxime Loiselle (Canada), Mischa Heemskerk (the Netherlands), David Ingram (USA), Ian Rodger (Argentina), James Baeckler (General Secretary).

Agenda Comments and proxy voting received on time from: Germany.

#### Decisions:

John Williams pointed that due to lack of meeting attendees and proxy received on time the meeting didn't meet condition 4.4 of our constitution.

All items will be discussed with no final decisions.

#### 3. Minutes

Minutes of meeting 26th of November 2011 were approved by all attendees.

#### 4. Mid Year class activity summary

- General Secretary presented the mid-year summary starting by recalling the long process of class rules update.
- 3 training camps were planned for 2012, only one has been conducted prior to Italian National in Grosseto.

- Measurement training will be organized for Chile, new comer during the Worlds event.
- A new Communication Officer, Catherine Gunnar has been appointed. She will publish National Press Releases on the IF18CA website. All NCA are encouraged to address her event communications.
- The new Measurement Certificate is circulated, all NCA are encouraged to swap to this new format.

## 5. Class rules

The implementation date of the new set of Class Rules was discussed.

Representatives feel that to apply directly the new set for the Worlds is not appropriate as most of measurement controls are done but agreed to amend the Sailing instructions to run the event in a smooth way. The following items will be added to SI's :

- new crew weight category,
- the use of textile trapeze wires,
- the towing rope,
- electronic compass.

The new set will be presented for approval by electronic vote to the WC with at least one month delay prior implementation to inform all builders and sailors.

## 6. Constitution

The Constitution will be presented during next meeting.

## Class events

### 2013 Marina de Grosseto

The Sec. General gave a brief report of the Worlds preparation.

The Hoisting club organized the F18 Italian National 2012 with a good participation from different countries. The wind conditions and beach facilities are excellent, The local authorities are fully involved, major overhaul work will be conducted during next winter to welcome all Worlds participants in Tuscany for the 2013.

### 2014 Ireland bid

Ireland representative Adrian Allen send us an updated bid confirming local authorities support for the event. Ballyholme Yacht Club Organising Committee are now meeting on a monthly basis (basis)and starting to get into the finer details of the planning of the championship.

Ian Rodgers from Argentina announced that Argentina will apply for the 2014 Worlds as an alternative club venue and will officially present a bid.

Oman and Denmark are interested in applying for next Worlds.

## Various

- To discuss the points raised by Dutch Class :  
Youth : Dutch representative give the meeting a brief report how Dutch class is doing to encourage youth participation in F18.
- All members agreed that Continental circuits will help class development.
- Argentina, USA and Chile agreed to build a Continental circuit.
- GPS : A discussion about GPS advantage, disadvantage and cost with different view did not conclude to common view. A formal proposal may be presented for next meeting.
- Notice of Race:  
Dutch representative to present formal proposal for common NoR frame.
- Sponsors and entry fees : Dutch representative to present a submission to link major sponsor and event cost registration reduction.

## Any other business

- German proposal regarding boat developments (use of carbon, curved dagger board..) was presented. After discussion the Council agreed that the essence of the F18 box rules is to guaranty affordable long-lasting boats to attract as many as possible sailors from different continents.
- Marketing plan will be presented in Paris.

John William closed the meeting at 20H30 and invited all participants to share a diner in the Club House.

James Baeckler

Sec. General. IF18CA.