



**International Association
for Disabled Sailing**

The 2006 IFDS Annual General Meeting met on Saturday 4 November 2006 in the Fennia II at the Marina Congress Center, Helsinki, Finland, 14.10.

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Present:

IFDS Executive Committee

Serge Jorgensen – IFDS President
Ian Harrison – IFDS Vice-President
John Twomey – IFDS Vice-President
Gustaf Fresk – IFDS Vice-President
Jan Romme – IFDS Vice-President

Chairmen – IFDS Committees

Betsy Alison – IFDS Coaches Commission
Pauline Harrison – IFDS Development Committee
Linda Merkle – IFDS Technical Committee
Jürgen Schwittai – IFDS Medical Officer

Country Representatives

Australia	Phil Jones	Ireland	John Twomey
Canada	William Abbott	Israel	Mickey Ayalon
Finland	Antero Karjalainen	Norway	Paal Erik Bryhn
France	Corine Aulnette	Singapore	Frankie Thanapal Sinniah
Great Britain	John Derbyshire	Spain	Emily Johanson
Germany	Jens Kroger	Sweden	Emma Hallén
Greece	George Kaligeris	United States	Betsy Alison

Apologies

Phil Vardy – IFDS Vice-President	Italy
Nucci Novi Ceppellini – ISAF Representative	Japan
Czech Republic	New Zealand
Denmark	South Africa
Hungary	

1. OPENING

(a) Opening Presentation

The IFDS President welcomed guests and recognized the IFDS Executive Committee Members and Committee Chairmen in attendance. He also acknowledged the apology for absence from IFDS Vice-President, Phil Vardy.

(b) Summary of IFDS Executive Committee Work

The IFDS President noted the status of the equipment chosen for the Two-Person Keelboat discipline. He commented on the continuing improvement in communication paths with sailors and urged increased interaction with sailors in the organization's decision making process.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(a) Minutes

The minutes of the meeting which took place on the 7 November 2005 were noted.

Decision

On Motion made by Great Britain and seconded, the minutes were approved as published on the IFDS Website.

(b) Matters Arising

There were no additional matters arising.

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

(a) IFDS Executive Committee

The President thanked retiring members, Ian Harrison and Phil Vardy for their outstanding service and contribution to sailing for athletes with a disability.

(b) IFDS Vice-Presidents

(i) Eligible Candidates

The following candidates were nominated for the four positions as IFDS Vice-Presidents.

- Mickey Ayalon (ISR)
- David Cook (CAN)
- Serge Jorgensen (USA)
- Linda Merkle (USA)
- Jan Romme (NED)
- David Staley (AUS)

(ii) Election

Decision

The following candidates were elected to serve on the IFDS

Executive Committee:

Serge Jorgensen (USA) – 2 years, ending in 2008, at his request

Linda Merkle (USA) – 4 years, ending in 2010

Jan Romme (NED) – 2 years, ending in 2008, at his request

David Staley (AUS) – 4 years, ending in 2010

(c) IFDS Committee Members

Decision

The following candidates were nominated by RNA's and approved by the IFDS Executive Committee to serve on the following IFDS Committees:

Keith Burhans (USA) – IFDS Technical Committee

Colin Johanson (AUS) – IFDS Technical Committee

Antero Karjalainen (FIN) – IFDS Technical Committee

Henry Sleutel (NED) – IFDS Technical Committee

Frankie Thanapal Sinniah (SIN) – IFDS Development Committee

The nomination for Anders Kristian Bautz Gundersen (NOR) to the IFDS Medical Committee was accepted and deferred until January 2007.

4. FINANCE

(a) 2005 Accounts

The 2005 Accounts have been audited and were distributed around the table. This document will be distributed to RNA's for review and electronic approval.

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(b) 2006 Accounts

The Balance Sheet as at 11 September 2006 was noted.

(c) IFDS Budget

(i) 2006 Budget

The 2006 Budget was noted.

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Decision

On a proposal by USA it was recommended that items of expenditure be broken down to reflect more specific detail and that in future the IFDS Budget Statement reflects the past year, the current year and includes projections to the end of the year.

(ii) 2006 Profit and Loss Budget Comparison

The 2006 Profit and Loss Budget Comparison was noted.

(iii) 2007 Budget, 1 January-31 December

The 2007 Budget was noted. with a recommendation the budget for the future year include more detail.

Decision

On a proposal by USA it was recommended that items of expenditure be broken down to reflect more specific detail and that in future the IFDS Budget Statement reflects the past year, the current year and includes projections to the end of the year.

A motion made by GBR and seconded the 2007 Budget was approved.

(d) IFDS RNA Subscriptions

(i) 2006 RNA Subscriptions

The RNA Subscriptions were noted as having been received with the exception of China.

(ii) Annual Contributions

Noted that subscriptions have not increased since 1994 and some change may have to be considered.

Decision

On a motion made by GBR and seconded the 2006 RNA Annual Contributions were approved.

(e) IFDS Bank Account

Decision

On a motion made by GBR and seconded, the use of a single signature, by the IFDS Treasurer, Jan Romme, on cheques for the amount of €10,000 (ten thousand Euros) or less was approved.

5. SUBMISSIONS

The following submissions were considered:

(a) 01-06/IFDS – Paralympic Event Integration

A submission from the IFDS Executive Committee regarding contact with the ISAF Events Committee about the inclusion of the 2.4mR class in events.

Decision

On a motion by United States of America and duly seconded it was agreed that IFDS approach ISAF with regard to the inclusion of all

Paralympic Classes in ISAF combined Worlds and Grade 1 Events as an open class with a recommendation to clarify the definition of 'Open'.

(b) 02-06/IFDS – IFDS Equipment Evaluation Committee (EEC)

A submission from the IFDS Executive Committee regarding the constitution of the EEC.

Decision

On a motion by Germany and duly seconded it was agreed that the IFDS constitute the EEC for the period 2007-2009 to create evaluation criteria and accept submissions for the equipment for the Single and Three-Person events in the 2012 Paralympic Sailing Competition and that nominations for the Equipment Evaluation Commission members be sought from RNA's during January 2007.

(c) 03-06/IFDS – Paralympic Equipment Selection

A submission from the IFDS Executive Committee regarding the Paralympic Equipment Selection.

Decision

On an amended motion by Germany and duly seconded it was agreed that equipment chosen for the Paralympic Games will be selected and utilized for a minimum of two (2) quadrennium cycles.

(d) 04-06/IFDS – IFDS International Classification Passports

A submission from the IFDS Executive Committee regarding the IFDS International Classification Passports.

Decision

This submission was withdrawn by the IFDS Executive Committee without objection.

(e) 05-06/IFDS – Equipment and Events

A submission from the IFDS Executive Committee regarding events structure.

Decision

On a motion by United States of America and duly seconded as amended it was decided IFDS would establish a structure and qualities for equipment and events in World and International Championships in 2008 and beyond and the 2012 Paralympic Sailing Competition using the following principles:

- 1. Three-Person Keelboat: Relatively physical, high-performance boat accessible to a wide range of functionalities with specific evaluation of methods to include visual impairments.**
- 2. Two-Person Keelboat: Specifically encourage the inclusion of female**

and severely disabled sailors.

3. **Single-Person Keelboat: Strategic and technically challenging advanced racing.**
4. **Multihull: Either Single-Person or possibly mixed teams.**
5. **Blind: Evaluation of existing formats and movement towards a unified and cohesive format with adequate visual field weighting.**

(f) 06-06/IFDS – IFDS Constitution

A submission from the IFDS Executive Committee regarding modification of Article 15.2.

Decision

On a motion by Great Britain and duly seconded, this submission was approved.

(g) 07-06/IFDS – IFDS Constitution

A submission from the IFDS Executive Committee regarding modification of Articles 14.1 and 16.1.

Decision

On a motion by the IFDS Executive Committee, this submission was withdrawn without objection.

(h) 08-06/IFDS – IFDS World Championships

A submission from the IFDS Executive Committee regarding IFDS World Championships.

Decision

On an amended motion by the United States of America and duly seconded that ISAF be requested to increase the number of IFDS World Championships. Namely:

1. **Three-Person**
2. **Two-Person**
3. **Single-Person (Paralympic)**
4. **Single-Person (Other)**
5. **Blind (Alternate Years)**
6. **Multihull (Alternate Years)**

(i) 09-06/IFDS – IFDS Medical Committee

A submission from the IFDS Executive Committee regarding the reconstitution of the IFDS Medical Committee.

Decision

This submission was withdrawn by the IFDS Executive Committee without objection.

(j) 10-06/IFDS – IFDS Constitution

A submission from the United States of America regarding modification of Article 15.

Decision

This submission was withdrawn by the United States of America, without objection.

(k) 11-06/IFDS – Election Time Frames and Eligible Seats

A submission from the United States of America regarding the duration of IFDS Executive Committee appointments.

Decision

This submission was approved as submitted.

(l) 12-06/IFDS – Committee Chairs and Members

A submission from the United States of America regarding the nomination of IFDS Committee Chairs and Members.

Decision

The submission was approved as amended:

'That any person considered for appointment or election be required to first be nominated by an RNA.'

(m) 13-06/IFDS – IFDS Functional Classification System & Procedures Manual 2005

A submission from Australia regarding the modification of 1.3 of the IFDS Functional Classification System & Procedures Manual 2005.

Decision

This submission was not supported on a vote 13 opposed and 1 in favour.

6. IFDS COMMITTEES

The Committee reports were received as detailed in the agenda. Item 6(e) IFDS Medical Committee, Clarifications to the 2005 FCS were accepted as detailed in the Appendix 1.

7. 2008 PARALYMPIC SAILING COMPETITION

(a) Progress Report

In the absence of Phil Vardy, Ian Harrison reported on a successful first Technical Delegate visit to Qingdao. The venue facilities are superb and the preparations for the Paralympic Regatta are well advanced. IFDS has established an excellent working relationship with the Qingdao Sailing Sub-Committee.

(b) Qualification System

The system was noted that the countries qualified for the 2008 Paralympic Sailing Competition, are as detailed in Appendix 2.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Those present joined in honouring retiring IFDS Vice-Presidents, Ian Harrison and Phil Vardy and thanking them for their years of dedicated service to the IFDS Executive Committee.

The President thanked those in attendance at the 2006 IFDS AGM for their contribution to an informative meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 18.25.

APPENDIX 1

Clarifications of the 2005 FCS – September 2006

To note the following principle changes to the FCS 2005, approved by the IFDS Executive Committee with effect from August 2006:

Reasons:

The changes detailed below have been approved by the IFDS Executive Committee as a clarification of the information that is already in the FCS 2005.

Please note that this is only a summary of changes and does not necessarily show all of the changes made to the FCS 2005. If in doubt only the current FCS 2005 on the website is valid.

INTRODUCTION

Minimum Level of Disability for an Individual

New wording regarding the Minimum Level of Disability for an individual has been added for clarification.

1. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

1.3 Minimum Disability

The last paragraph of **1.3 Minimum Disability** has been changed to

‘IBSA class B3 sailors shall refer to section 3.2 to determine eligibility for sailing.’

3. DECIDING THE RATING

3.2 Vision Impairment (as defined by IBSA)

IBSA Definitions:

The information detailed under this section has been reworded for clarity.

4. CLASSIFICATION ADMINISTRATION

4.1.1 National Classifiers

The wording under the role of a national classifier has been changed to

‘Role of a National Classifier – to classify sailors prior to an event.’

Appendix A.1 – Functional Classification Documents

The Functional Classification Document has been updated to reflect the recent changes to the IFDS International Classification Forms.

Appendix A.2 – Classification and Medical Review Form

Appendix B – Benchmarks

Classification 7 has been amended to read

- ‘7. *Single Above Knee Amputation*
 Single Below Knee Amputation without prosthesis (excluding Symes Amputation.)’

Appendix K – Classification System for the Two-Person Keelboat

Appendix K has been reworded for clarity.

- ‘1. The crew of the Two-Person Keelboat shall include a female.
2. One sailor shall be rated as TPA (Two-Person System Classification A),

 which is defined as follows:
 either
 2.1 The sailor is rated as FCS 1 on the FCS 2005 (IFDS Functional Classification System & Procedures Manual 2005 – 2008
 or
 2.2 If scoring above FCS 1 on the FCS 2005, the sailor shall have an Upper Limb Functional Anatomical Rating in FCS 2005 (ULFA) of 80 points or less in both arms combined, together with a loss of 30 points in the better arm.
3. One sailor shall be rated as TPB (Two Person System Classification B),
 which is defined as having at least minimal disability.
4. Foot steering shall not be allowed unless as determined by the classification committee, the sailor has no other way to function in the boat or otherwise must use chin or sip and puff steering.
5. Adaptive aids shall be shown to the classification committee.’

Appendix L – Glossary of Sailing Terminology

The Glossary of Sailing Terminology has been deleted.

APPENDIX 2

2008 Paralympic Sailing Competition

2006 – Paralympic Qualifications

Three-Person Keelboat, Sonar			
	Boats	Athletes	Country
1	1	3	Great Britain
2	1	3	Germany
3	1	3	Norway
4	1	3	Australia
5	1	3	Israel
6	1	3	Ireland
7	1	3	Canada
Total	7	21	

Single-Person Keelboat, 2.4mR			
	Boats	Athletes	Country
1	1	1	Germany
2	1	1	Great Britain
3	1	1	Norway
4	1	1	Canada
5	1	1	United States of America
6	1	1	Australia
7	1	1	New Zealand
Total	7	7	

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