

## 2011 IFDS Annual General Meeting Minutes



The 2011 IFDS Annual General Meeting took place on Tuesday 8 November 2011 in the Tropical Room at the Caribe Hilton Hotel, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 0945-1300.

Please refer to the website [www.sailing.org/disabled](http://www.sailing.org/disabled) for further information about the meeting.

### **Present:**

#### **IFDS Executive Committee**

Linda Merkle – IFDS President – LM  
Bernard Destrubé – IFDS Vice-President – BD  
Wilfried Klein – IFDS Vice-President – WK  
Henry Sleutel – IFDS Vice-President - HS  
John Twomey – IFDS Vice-President - JT  
Costas Tsantilis – IFDS Vice-President - CT

#### **IFDS Committee Chairs**

Betsy Alison – Chair, IFDS Coaches Commission – BA  
Bernard Destrubé – Chair, IFDS Vice-President - BD  
David Staley – Chair, IFDS Governance & Procedures Committee – DS

#### **Country Representatives – RNA**

Australia - Nick Hutton	Netherlands – Henry Sleutel
Canada - Peter Wood	Puerto Rico – Julio Requero
France - Bernard Destrubé	Spain – Leonadio Sanchez
Germany - Wilfried Klein	Sweden – Annika Ekman
Great Britain - John Derbyshire	United States of America – Betsy Alison
Greece - Costas Tsantilis	
Ireland – John Twomey	

### **ISAF**

Teresa Lara – ISAF Vice-President  
Emma Little – ISAF Disabled Sailing Administrator

### **Observers**

ISAF Council Member – Peter Hall (CAN)

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## **1. Opening**

### **(a) Opening Presentation**

Linda Merkle, IFDS President welcomed and thanked those present for attending the IFDS AGM. Thanks were also given to the Committee Chairs for providing and to Emma Little, IFDS/ISAF Disabled Sailing Administrator, for circulating the reports.

It was noted that there was a quorum present.

### **(b) IFDS Annual Report**

The 2010 IFDS Annual Report was noted and David Staley was thanked for producing this document.

### **(c) IFDS Strategic Action Plan**

The Strategic Action Plan was noted and relative committees are reviewing and updating this document as necessary.

## **2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

### **(a) Minutes**

It was noted that the 2010 IFDS AGM Minutes had been circulated and that the minutes were available on the website.

### **(b) Minutes Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

## **3. IFDS Members**

(a) It was noted that there are 32 IFDS Recognized National Authorities (RNA's) in good standing with the IFDS.

(b) It was noted that there are 2 IFDS Affiliate Members in good standing with the IFDS.

## **4. Finance**

To receive a report from the Treasurer, John Twomey.

### **(a) IFDS Accounts**

#### **i) 2010 Income & Expenditure**

The 2010 Income & Expenditure was noted.

#### **ii) 2010 Balance Sheet**

The 2010 Balance Sheet was discussed.

iii) 2011 Prognoses in relation to the 2011 Budget

Because of careful management of the IFDS Financial resources, IFDS is operating well within the limits of our budget.

The 2011 Prognoses in relation to the 2011 Budget was summarized.

iv) 2012 Budget

The 2012 Budget was discussed.

**Decision**

**USA moved that the 2012 Budget be approved. Seconded by GBR. Approved.**

(b) IFDS RNA Subscriptions

The status of the RNA Subscriptions was noted and the payment of the 2012 IFDS RNA Subscriptions was discussed.

**Decision**

**It noted that the 2012 IFDS World Championship will take place in January in Florida. The 2012 IFDS RNA Subscriptions would be sent out as usual in January 2012 and all RNA's would be given the usual 60 days to settle the subscriptions.**

**5. IFDS Committees**

(a) New IFDS Committee Members

The following positions on IFDS Committees were confirmed:

- Caterina Gouleliou-Tsantilis (GRE) – Chair, IFDS Development Committee;
- Altman Israel (ISR) – IFDS Coaches Commission, IFDS Events & Scheduling Commission;
- Peter Johnson (GBR) – IFDS Technical Committee.

(b) Reports from the IFDS Committee Chairs on the activities of their Committees from 1 January 2011 to date were discussed.

i) IFDS Coaches Commission – Betsy Alison

Betsy Alison summarized the report.

**Decision**

**An agreement on which events would count towards the 2012 IFDS Ranking System would be made in January 2012.**

**BA**

ii) IFDS Development Committee – Caterina Gouleliou-Tsantilis

The development projects which have taken place during 2011 were summarized. It was noted that the Development Committee needs to be rejuvenated.

**LM**

iii) IFDS Equipment Evaluation Commission – John Twomey

John Twomey summarized the work of the Commission. It was noted that discussions about the need to hold another Evaluation Event were occurring.

JT

iv) IFDS Events & Scheduling Commission – Peter Wood

Peter Wood summarized the work of the Events & Scheduling Commission.

**Decision**

**A decision on which events would count towards the 2012 IFDS Ranking System would be made in January 2012.**

PW

v) IFDS Fundraising Committee – John Twomey

John Twomey noted that presently it is difficult to seek fundraising support for IFDS initiatives.

**Decision**

**Peter Wood confirmed that he has some fundraising ideas which will be discussed.**

JT,  
PW

vi) IFDS Governance & Procedures Committee – David Staley

David Staley confirmed that during 2011, nothing had arisen which required Constitutional changes.

**Decision**

**In the future, any developments of this document would be made in accordance with ISAF procedures.**

vii) IFDS Measurement/Classes Committee – Gene Hinkel

Gene Hinkel's report was summarized.

viii) IFDS Medical Committee – Bernard Destrubé

In addition to Bernard Destrubé's report, he summarized that:

BD

- Two IFDS International Classifiers were going to Korea to train on the IFDS Functional Classification System.
- ISAF has kindly agreed to help with processing the information needed on Anti-Doping.
- The first IFDS International Classifiers Bulletin had been distributed. Thanks to Sarah Ross (AUS) for managing and formatting the bulletin.
- He was working with Betsy Alison to run a short meeting to educate coaches about IFDS International Classifications during the 2012 IFDS World Championships.
- A system to document the adaptations used on board the Paralympic Classes was being developed.

- ix) IFDS Sailors Advisory Council – Hannah Stodel

Hannah Stodel's was summarized and it was noted that the 2011 IFDS Worlds, the Chair of the Sailors Advisory Council produced an online questionnaire for athletes to complete.

Hannah was thanked for producing the questionnaire which collected valuable information which would help in the organization of future IFDS events.

- x) IFDS Technical Committee – Hugh Elliot

In the absence of Hugh Elliot, Linda Merkle summarized his report.

## 6. Events

- (a) 2012 Paralympic Sailing Competition

The Technical Delegate for this event, Costas Tsantilis confirmed that the Officials for the 2012 Paralympic Sailing Competition had been chosen and ISAF approval was being sought.

Two Courses for the Three Paralympic Classes would be used and these would be inside the break water.

The colour of the marks was still undecided.

There would be Ribs, Spectator Boats and VIP Boats available for use.

SKUD18 crews would be contacted with information about the purchase a Gennaker with the design of their national flag for use during the event.

**CT**

- (b) 2012 IFDS World Championship, Port Charlotte, USA

A summary of the arrangements for the 2012 IFDS World Championships was given.

There will be an IFDS International Classification Seminar prior to the IFDS Worlds, 6-9 January 2012.

**HS**

- (c) Blind Sailing

IFDS are currently increasing their knowledge of Blind Sailing and they are updating their records accordingly.

**HS**

- (d) Scheduling of IFDS Events

The locations for the IFDS World Championship events for 2012-2015 were noted.

**PW**

It was confirmed that a new process for choosing the location/venues of IFDS World Championships had been established and will be discussed further during the 2012 IFDS World Championships.

## 7. IFDS Compliance with the World Anti-Doping Code (WADC)

Bernard Destrubé confirmed that he is working with ISAF in order to implement this.

**BD**

**8. METS DAME Grant**

Posting of information about adaptations to [www.ifds.org](http://www.ifds.org) is under discussion.

**WK**

**9. ISAF Regulation 24.3.1**

Linda Merkle informed those RNA's present the actions of IFDS with regards to this regulation.

Betsy Alison suggested that everyone present at the AGM contact members of the ISAF Events Committee and Council.

**10. Any Other Business**

It was noted that at the end of 2012, Linda Merkle will be stepping down from the IFDS President position. A new president would take over from the 1 January of the next quadrennium.

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