

The 2013 IFDS Annual General Meeting took place at 09:30-12:05 hours local time on Tuesday 12 November 2013 in the Ballroom at the Al Bandar Hotel, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman.

Present:

IFDS Executive Committee

John Twomey – President - JT

Betsy Alison – Vice-President - BA

Bernard Destrubé – Vice-President, Executive Secretary, Chair, IFDS Medical Committee – BD

Wilfried Klein – Vice-President – WK

Henry Sleutel – Vice-President, Treasurer – HS

Brian Todd – Vice-President – BT

Country Representatives – RNA

Sven Reiger – AUT

Paddy Boyd – CAN

Olivier Bovyn – FRA

Wilfried Klein – GER

John Derbyshire – GBR

Costas Tsantilis - GRE

John Twomey – IRL

Massimo Dighe – ITA

Katsumi Shibanuma – JPN

Sang Jun Tun – KOR

Mohdafemdy Abdullah – MAS

Henry Sleutel – NED

Andrew Clouston – NZL

Tor Moinichen – NOR

John Twomey – POL

John Twomey – RUS

Emma Hallen – SWE

Betsy Alison - USA

ISAF

Carlo Croce - President

Scott Perry – Vice-President, Treasurer

Emma Little – Disabled Sailing Administrator - EL

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1. Welcome

John Twomey, IFDS President welcomed and thanked those present for attending and noted that there was a quorum present.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

(a) Minutes

It was noted that the 2012 IFDS AGM Minutes had been circulated and are available on the website.

Decision

NED moved that the 2012 IFDS AGM Minutes be approved. Seconded by GBR. Approved.

(b) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. IFDS Annual Report

The 2012 IFDS Annual Report for the period 1 January – 31 December 2012 was noted. David Staley was thanked for producing the document.

Decision

GRE moved that the 2012 IFDS AGM Minutes be approved. Seconded by NZL. Approved.

4. Finances

John Twomey outlined the financial consequences of the Court of Arbitration for Sport Case against the International Association for Disabled Sailing (IFDS). Thanks were expressed to the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) and the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) for their financial support which enabled the IFDS to continue functioning.

The Treasurer, Henry Sleutel summarized the IFDS Finances that were circulated prior to this meeting.

(a) IFDS Accounts

- i) The 2012 Profit & Loss as detailed in the 2012 IFDS Annual Report was noted.
- ii) The 2012 Balance Sheet as detailed in the 2012 IFDS Annual Report was noted.
- iii) The 2013 Prognoses in relation to the 2013 Budget was noted.

Decision

GBR moved that the IFDS Accounts be approved. Seconded by USA. Approved.

- iv) The 2014 Budget was noted.

Decision

GBR moved that the IFDS Accounts be approved. Seconded by FRA. Approved.

5. IFDS Recognized National Authorities

- (a) The status of the IFDS Recognized National Authorities as detailed in the supporting paper was noted.
- (b) Hong Kong's membership of IFDS as an RNA was discussed.

Decision

NED moved that Hong Kong's membership of the IFDS be approved. Seconded by GRE. Approved.

- (c) The IFDS Affiliate Members as detailed in the supporting paper was noted.

6. Submissions

- (a) IFDS Executive Committee

The submission from the IFDS Executive Committee containing information about the proposed merger of ISAF and IFDS was discussed.

There were many encouraging comments supporting the merger, however it was felt that RNA's that were not part of the MNA should be accommodated. The ISAF Vice-President & Treasurer, Scott Perry confirmed ISAF's intentions over membership to preserve the uniqueness of the IFDS's expertise.

Decision

CAN moved to approve the submission to progress the merger of IFDS and ISAF. Seconded by NOR. Approved unanimously.

7. Election of Officers

- (a) The two vacant positions on the IFDS Executive Committee were noted. The vacancies resulted from John Twomey's and Henry Sleutel's period in office ending.
- (b) The nominations received for John Twomey and Henry Sleutel were noted.

Decision

As two vacancies were available with only two nominations being received, it was unanimously agreed that John Twomey and Henry Sleutel would be elected to the vacant positions.

8. IFDS Committees

- (a) Reports from the IFDS Committee Chairmen on the activities of their Committees from 1 January 2013 to date were discussed.

i) IFDS Coaches Commission – Betsy Alison.

The past Chairman of the Coaches Commission noted that at this time the commission had no outstanding projects.

Adrian Finglas (AUS), position as the Chairman of this Commission was confirmed.

ii) IFDS Development Committee – Debbie Blachford

The report from the Chairman of the IFDS Development Committee was noted.

(1) IFDS Website Architecture

The proposed architecture of the website was discussed.

(2) IFDS Questionnaire Analysis

The analysis of the development questionnaires was noted.

iii) IFDS Events & Scheduling Commission – Peter Wood

The report from the Chairman of the IFDS Events & Scheduling Commission was noted.

iv) IFDS Fundraising Committee – Jury Gnap (RUS)

The report from the Chairman of the IFDS Fundraising Committee was noted.

v) IFDS Governance & Procedures Committee – David Staley

The report from the Chairman of the IFDS Governance & Procedures Committee was noted.

vi) IFDS Measurement/Classes Committee – Gene Hinkel

The report from the Chairman of the IFDS Measurement/Classes Committee was noted.

vii) IFDS Medical Committee, Classification Sub-Committee – Bernard Destrube

The report from the Chairman of the IFDS Medical Committee and Classification Sub-Committee was noted.

viii) IFDS Sailors Advisory Council – Hannah Stodel

The report from the Chairman of the IFDS Sailors Advisory Council was noted.

ix) IFDS Technical Committee – Ralph Roberts

The report from the Chairman of the IFDS Technical Committee was noted.

(b) New IFDS Committee Members.

The appointment of the following people were confirmed:

EL

- i) Vicki Sheen (GBR) - IFDS Technical Committee and IFDS Events & Scheduling Commission
- ii) Adrian Finglas (AUS) – Chairman, IFDS Coaches Commission was confirmed.

9. Events

(a) Past Events

- i) 2013 IFDS Blind Sailing World Championship – Fleet Racing, Japan

Details about the 2013 IFDS Blind Sailing World Championship were discussed.

- ii) 2013 IFDS Combined World Championships, Ireland

Details about the 2013 IFDS Combined World Championship were discussed.

- iii) EUROSAF European Sailing Circuit

Wilfried Klein confirmed that the One-Person Keelboat, 2.4mR and the Three-Person Keelboat, Sonar will be included in all events on the EUROSAF European Sailing Circuit.

- iv) 2016 Paralympic Sailing Competition, Rio, Brazil

It was noted that ISAF had approved IFDS's nomination of David Staley, Technical Delegate and Wilfried Klein, Assistant Technical Delegate for the 2016 Paralympic Sailing Competition. It was noted that these appointments could not be confirmed until IPC had given approval.

10. Any Other Business

There being no further business, the meeting closed.

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