



**International Association  
for Disabled Sailing**

The Executive Committee and Committee Chairs of the International Association for Disabled Sailing (IFDS) met by telephone at 20.00-21.30 GMT on Wednesday 21 January 2009.

**FINAL MINUTES**

Present:

**IFDS Executive Committee**

Linda Merkle (USA) – President	LM
Gustaf Fresk (SWE) – Vice President	GF
Wilfried Klein (GER) – Vice President	WK
David Staley (AUS) – Vice President	DS
Costas Tsantilis (GRE) – Vice President	CT
John Twomey (IRL) – Vice President	JT

**IFDS Committee Chairs**

Bernard Destrube (FRA) Medical Committee Chairman	BD
Ian Harrison (GBR) – Events & Scheduling Commission	IH
Gene Hinkel (USA) – Measurement/Classes Committee	GH

**ISAF**

Emma Little (GBR) – Disabled Sailing Secretary	EL
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Apologies:

**IFDS Executive Committee**

Teresa Lara (VEN) – ISAF Vice President	TL
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**IFDS Committee Chairs**

Pauline Harrison (GBR) – Development Committee	PH
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**1. IFDS FINANCE**

The IFDS Finances were discussed and it was confirmed that Jan Romme is currently finalizing the accounts for 2008. Once this is completed, John Twomey will take over the daily operation.

The contribution of funds towards the travel expenses of the Events & Scheduling Commission was discussed.

### **Decision**

**It was agreed that a portion of the funding allocated to the Equipment Evaluation Commission be reallocated to the Events & Scheduling Commission. Specific approval for funds towards Ian and Pauline Harrison's travel to Athens was given.**

## **2. IFDS MEDICAL COMMITTEE**

The chairman of the Medical Committee summarized his report. It was noted that the FCS 2009 had been forwarded for review by all RNA's. Once the document is updated this would be sent to the Executive Committee for their comments.

An overview of the progress of the database created to record the classifications of the sailors was discussed.

It was confirmed that the changes to the IPC Classification Code had been included in the IFDS Functional Classification System 2009.

### **Decision**

**The FCS 2009 would be updated and given to the Executive Committee to be discussed during their Face-to-Face Meeting in Southampton during February. Final confirmation of the IFDS RNA's would be sought by March 2009.**

**BD,  
EL**

**It was agreed that the IFDS would allocate €400 for the development of the Database.**

**There will be an IFDS International Classification Seminar in Athens during the World Championships.**

## **3. IFDS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

No Report

## **4. IFDS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

No Report

## **5. IFDS FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**

In the absence of the chairman of the Fundraising Committee, Jan Romme, Vice-President Wilfried Klein (GER) reported that his meeting with the METS-DAME was very positive. It was noted that they were pleased with the progress of IFDS in developing the project and look forward to monthly updates. IFDS has also been encouraged to submit additional grant proposals. The attendance of this meeting by IFDS Executive Committee member, Wilfred Klein along with competing athlete Heiko Kroeger (GER) was invaluable.

**6. IFDS MEASUREMENT/CLASSES COMMITTEE**

Gene Hinkel presented an update on the status of the Three Paralympic Classes.

**7. IFDS EVENTS & SCHEDULING COMMISSION**

The Chairman of the Committee, Ian Harrison confirmed that he is going to Greece in order to confirm details of the upcoming IFDS Disabled Sailing World Championship to be held in Athens in October 2009.

**IH**

**8. IFDS COACHES COMMISSION**

No Report

**9. IFDS SAILORS ADVISORY COUNCIL**

No Report

**10. SKUD18**

It was confirmed that the revised AGM submission 06-08/IFDS had been received from US Sailing and this had been circulated to the IFDS RNA's present during the AGM, for their approval.

**Decision**

**It was agreed that the first proposal which relates to expanding the TPA category to include IFDS International Classification, 2 pointers was to be included in the FCS 2009 and the second proposal which relates to the function of the two sailors in the boat, was to go into the Part I of the Rules of Race Management.**

**BD,  
CJ**

**11. IFDS RNA SUBSCRIPTIONS**

The organizations which would be invited to take up Category D – IFDS Affiliate Membership, were confirmed as:

- Blind Sailing International
- Homerus Project
- Sailability World
- Special Olympics
- EUROSAF, European Sailing Federation (no fee attached)
- INAS-FID, International Sports Federation for People with an Intellectual Disability.

**12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Executive Committee were asked to send items to be included on the agenda for the IFDS Executive Committee Face-to-Face Meeting to Emma Little. They were also reminded that there is a bulletin scheduled to go out at the end of the month and information to be published in the January Bulletin should be sent to Emma.

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