

**The IFDS Executive & Committee Chairmen met by telephone at  
20:00 hours BST on Thursday 30 April 2009**

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**Present:**

**IFDS Executive Committee Chairmen**

LM – Linda Merkle, IFDS President  
 WK – Wilfried Klein, IFDS Vice-President  
 JT – John Twomey, IFDS Vice-President

**ISAF**

EL - Emma Little, Disabled Sailing Secretary

**IFDS Committee Chairmen**

BA – Betsy Alison, IFDS Coaches Commission  
 BD – Bernard Destrube, IFDS Medical Committee  
 IH – Ian Harrison, IFDS Events & Scheduling Commission  
 PH – Pauline Harrison, IFDS Development Committee  
 JT – John Twomey, IFDS Equipment Evaluation Commission

**Apologies**

BAm – Bento Amaral, IFDS Sailors Advisory Council  
 GF – Gustaf Fresk, IFDS Vice-President  
 GH – Gene Hinkel, IFDS Measurement/Classes Committee  
 CJ – Colin Johanson, IFDS Technical Committee  
 TL – Teresa Lara, ISAF Vice-President  
 DS – David Staley, IFDS Vice-President, IFDS Governance & Procedures Committee  
 CT – Costas Tsantilis, IFDS Vice-President

**1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the IFDS Executive & Committee Chairmen of 21 January 2009 were noted and it was confirmed that the ISAF World Cup Events would permit only IFDS Internationally Classified Athletes to compete in the Paralympic Classes.

Because of the low numbers of participants in the Three-Person Keelboat (Sonar), this event was cancelled at the Semaine Olympique Française. The issue over the opening of the events was discussed, although concern was expressed about losing the camaraderie within disabled sailing.

**Decision**

**It was agreed that John Twomey would meet with Alistair Fox and Bernard Bonneau during the 2009 ISAF Mid-Year Meeting to discuss this issue.**

**2. IFDS Finance**

**JT**

John Twomey noted that at this time the IFDS are trying to control spending, as the cost of the Annual General Meeting taking place in Korea was a concern.

3. **2009 IFDS AGM** **LM**
- When investigated, the size of the rooms which IFDS had provisionally reserved appeared to be larger than needed.
- Decision**
- Linda Merkle and John Twomey would contact Emma Little in order to reserve appropriate meeting rooms.** **LM,  
JT,  
EL**
4. **2012 Paralympic Sailing Competition**
- The Technical Delegate, Costas Tsantilis' site visit report was noted.
5. **2008 IFDS Annual Report** **DS**
- It was noted that David Staley was working on this and the committee reports are overdue.
6. **IFDS Coaches Commission**
- The Chairman of the IFDS Coaches Commission, Betsy Alison, reported that she will be contacting the RNA's in order to gather contact details from coaches and to get an estimated number of countries hoping to attend the IFDS World Championship for the Paralympic Classes taking place in the Netherlands in 2010.
- The holding of a Disabled Sailing Forum during an event was recommended.
- Decision**
- Betsy Alison will send information to Emma Little to be distributed to IFDS RNA's.** **BA,  
EL**
7. **IFDS Sailors Advisory Council**
- This item was deferred for discussion.
8. **IFDS Medical Committee** **BD**
- The Chairman of the IFDS Medical Committee, Bernard Destrube noted that the FCS 2009 had been published and the main items to note are:
- the inclusion of Dwarfism
  - SYMES is not included in the FCS 2009
- It was also noted that the Medical Committee would like to hold a meeting during the IFDS Disabled Sailing World Championship, 2009.
9. **IFDS Events & Scheduling Commission** **IH**
- At this time there was nothing significant to report, although it was noted that Ian Harrison would be visiting the venue for the IFDS Disabled Sailing World Championship, 2010 in order to confirm that there is suitable accommodation near to the venue.

**10. IFDS Development Committee** **PH**

It was noted by the Chairman of the IFDS Development Committee, Pauline Harrison that she attended a EUROSAF Meeting and they were keen to establish a relationship with IFDS.

**11. IFDS Measurement/Classes Committee** **GH**

In the absence of the Chairman of the Measurement/Classes Committee, it was noted that the SKUD18 Committee of the IACA (International Access Class Association) is being formed, the One Design 2.4mR Class is being progressed and there was nothing new to report on the Sonar.

**12. IFDS Technical Committee** **CJ**

It was noted that the Technical Committee were working on the 2<sup>nd</sup> section of the IFDS Race Management Manual and anticipate that this will be finished before the IFDS AGM in Korea.

**13. IFDS Equipment Evaluation Commission** **JT**

The composition of an Equipment Evaluation Commission for 2012 was noted and this is to be discussed further.

**14. IFDS Fundraising Committee** **TBD**

This item was deferred for discussion.

**15. IFDS Governance & Procedures Committee** **DS**

This item was deferred for discussion.

**16. METS Dame Project**

It was noted that Wilfried Klein was having difficulty in communication with the members of this committee.

**17. Forthcoming Meetings** **LM**

The next IFDS Telephone Meetings were confirmed as:

- Executive Committee – Wednesday 24 June 2009
- Executive & Committee Chairmen – Tuesday 21 July 2009

The meeting closed at 21:25 hours BST

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