

The IFDS Executive & Committee Chairs met by Skype at 1800 - 2035 GMT (GMT=UTC) on Tuesday 21 February 2012.

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IFDS Executive Committee

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

ISAF

TL – Teresa Lara, Vice-President
 EL – Emma Little, Disabled Sailing Administrator

IFDS Committee/Commission Chairs

BD – Bernard Destrubé, Medical Committee
 CGT – Caterina Gouleliou-Tsantilis, Development Committee
 DS – David Staley, Governance & Procedures Committee
 HSt – Hannah Stodel, Sailors Advisory Council
 JT – John Twomey, Equipment Evaluation Commission, Fundraising Committee
 PW – Peter Wood, Events & Scheduling Commission

Apologies

BA – Betsy Alison, Chair, Coaches Commission
 HE – Hugh Elliot, Technical Committee
 GH – Gene Hinkel, Measurement/Classes Committee

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

(a) Minutes

The minutes of the IFDS Executive & Committee Chairs meeting of 28 September 2011 (circulated and approved after the meeting) were noted. **LM**

(b) Minutes Matters Arising

There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on this agenda. **LM**

2. IFDS Committee/Commission Reports

(a) IFDS Coaches Commission

This item was deferred for discussion at the next meeting.

(b) IFDS Medical Committee

Classifications: At least one IFDS International Classifier shall be present at Palma, ESP and Hyeres, FRA to handle any Classification issues at these two ISAF Sailing World Cup Events. A panel of two IFDS International Classifiers should be present at the Sail for Gold Regatta in Weymouth, GBR.

Following IPC-IBSA procedure changes, it has been decided that all Vision Impaired athletes competing at the Games will require Classification prior to competition (to be done at the London venue).

The IFDS registered testing pool for anti-doping is presently complying correctly to whereabouts reporting. IFDS thanks ISAF and Helen Fry, ISAF Head of Administration for their assistance.

(c) IFDS Technical Committee

It was noted that Peter Johnson (GBR) had applied to become a member of the IFDS Technical Committee. His appointment was confirmed.

HE

(d) IFDS Development Committee

Caterina Gouleliou-Tsantilis has prepared a survey for distribution to IFDS RNA's as well as to ISAF MNA"s. Many thanks to committee members who produced the questionnaire. In regards to a seminar in Qatar, there was discussion that Qatar did not want to host a regional conference at this time. Discussion will continue with Qatar with a follow up from John Twomey and Wilfried Klein after their visit. Qingdao (CHN) has contacted IFDS about organizing a seminar in October 2012.

CGT

Decision

Teresa Lara agreed to contact Captain A R Arshad (QAT) regarding the development of Disabled Sailing in Qatar.

TL

(e) IFDS Measurement/Classes Committee

This item was deferred for discussion at the next meeting.

(f) IFDS Governance & Procedures Committee

David Staley urged the completion of the 2011 IFDS Annual Report. The President's and Treasurer's reports had not yet been submitted.

DS,
LM,
JT

(g) IFDS Sailors Advisory Council

The nomination of Massimo Dighe (ITA) to the IFDS Sailor's Advisory Council was noted and accepted.

(h) IFDS Equipment Evaluation Commission

It was noted that the information requested had been received.

(i) IFDS Events & Scheduling Commission

It was confirmed that the 2012 IFDS Blind Match Racing competition would be held in Italy, 18-23 June 2012. The Technical Delegate would be Henry Sleutel with the Assistant Technical Delegate being Bernard Destrubé.

The bid from Melbourne Australia to hold the 2015 IFDS Combined World Championships was accepted. This event would be progressed and it would be scheduled at the end of November prior to Sail Melbourne.

It was further noted that the intention was to have an IFDS International Event in Brazil, prior to the 2016 Paralympic Sailing Competition.

It was confirmed that Costas Tsantillis would be the Technical Delegate and Paul Tingley (CAN) the Assistant Technical Delegate for the IFDS Combined World Championship taking place in Nova Scotia, CAN in 2014.

3. Social Media

- (a) Website - <http://ifds.org>

A question raised the following issues regarding ifds.org: the need of ifds.org and it's future direction?

Decision

It was noted that <http://ifds.org> should be redesigned so that the contents would be solely for developmental purposes and would contain information on establishing disabled sailing.

WK

It was confirmed that a clear project plan would be developed.

- (b) Facebook & Twitter

IFDS's use of Facebook and Twitter as a tool for conveying information to athletes was discussed. It was noted that to date 70 people had subscribed.

EL

4. Events

- (a) 2012 Paralympic Sailing Competition

It was noted that the qualification events for the 2012 Paralympic Sailing Competition had been completed and all qualifying nations had been informed. To date France had declined their slot in the Two-Person Keelboat, SKUD18. The place would then be offered firstly to the Netherlands and then to Ireland. If both the nations decline the slot, then the IFDS would allocate two additional slots in the One-Person Keelboat, 2.4mR to Spain and Puerto Rico.

EL

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

Technical Delegate, Henry Sleutel provided a report about this event.

- (c) IFDS World Blind Match Racing Championship, 2012

The Blind Match Racing Championship originally scheduled to take place in Scotland was cancelled. This is to be renamed as an IFDS International Championship and this will be held in Italy, 18-23 June 2012.

HS

It was confirmed that Henry Sleutel would be Technical Delegate and Bernard Destrube, Assistant Technical Delegate.

- (d) IFDS Blind World Championship, 2013, JPN

David Staley confirmed that he would be in contact with the organizers for the event, over the course of the next few months.

DS

- (e) IFDS Combined World Championships, 2013, Kinsale, Ireland.

Bernard Destrube, Technical Delegate confirmed that he was in touch with the organizing committee for this event and that arrangements were going to plan.

- (f) Asian Para Games

Following previous communications about the Asian Para Games, nothing had developed.

Decision

Peter Wood would follow up on this and would contact Paul Henderson (CAN) about guidance to sailors participation in this event.

PW

- (g) 2015 Para Pan American Games

The 2015 Para Pan American Games was discussed.

Decision

Peter Wood would follow up about this and contact Paul Henderson to seek his advice.

PW

5. ISAF Regulation 24.3.1

This item was not discussed.

6. Future Meetings

The next IFDS Executive & Committee Chairs Skype Meeting will take place at 1800 GMT, Wednesday 9 May 2012.

LM

7. Finance

- (a) To receive a report on the IFDS Finances.

John Twomey was currently updating the IFDS Finances.

Decision

Once completed the 2011 Finances will be sent to David Staley.

JT

- (b) To note the progress of registering IFDS as a charity in the UK.

The registering of IFDS as a charity in the UK was discussed.

Decision

The Original Constitution would be located and kept at the IFDS in Southampton, GBR.

JT

The IFDS Legal Guidance Group would be consulted prior to moving the registration of IFDS to the UK.

HS

- (c) To discuss re-imburement for IFDS Executive Committee Members.

The Executive Committee discussed their re-imburement of expenses incurred.

Decision

It was agreed that the IFDS would cover the cost of an economy ticket.

HS

A policy for all official documents would be produced.

8. Any other Business

Thanks were given to Emma for arranging the meeting.

Decision

It was agreed that gifts would be presented to the officials at the 2012 Paralympic Sailing Competition.

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