



International Association  
for Disabled Sailing

**The IFDS Executive & Committee Chairs met by Skype at 1800-2000 GMT (GMT=UTC) on Wednesday 11 July 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

**Apologies**

- BA – Betsy Alison, Coaches Commission
- CGT – Caterina Gouleliou-Tsantilis, Development Committee
- HSt – Hannah Stodel, Sailors Advisory Council

**IFDS Committee/Commission Chairs**

- BD – Bernard Destrubé, Medical Committee
- HE – Hugh Elliot, Technical Committee
- GH – Gene Hinkel, Measurement/Classes Committee
- DS – David Staley, Governance & Procedures Committee
- JT – John Twomey, Equipment Evaluation Commission, Fundraising Committee
- PW – Peter Wood, Events & Scheduling Commission

**1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

(a) Minutes

The minutes of the IFDS Executive & Committee Chairs meeting of 9 May 2012 (circulated and approved after the meeting) were noted. **LM**

(b) Minutes Matters Arising

There were no matters arising. **LM**

**2. IFDS Committee/Commission Reports**

(a) The Chairs of the IFDS Committee/Commissions were reminded to submit their committee reports to be presented at the IFDS Annual General Meeting, no later than **Monday 3 September 2012.**

(b) IFDS Coaches Commission

With the absence of the Chair of the IFDS Coaches Commission, Betsy Alison, it was noted that Betsy had informed IFDS of her resignation as chair of this committee, effective in November 2012. **BA**

(c) IFDS Medical Committee

The Chair of the Medical Committee, Bernard Destrubé confirmed that the IFDS Functional Classification System Manual 2013 (FCS 2013) is being reviewed. To date no written input had been received and it was noted that all comments are welcomed. **BD**

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The main changes to the FCS 2013 are regarding the organisation of the document and the inclusion of the section on Vision Impairment. The WADA Risk Assessment paper will be distributed to the IFDS Medical Committee before submitting it to ISAF.

(d) IFDS Technical Committee

Hugh Elliot's resignation of the IFDS Technical Committee was discussed.

HS

It was noted that the IFDS Technical Committee are investigating the use of encrypted, long range radio systems.

Progress on developing Part 4 of the IFDS Race Management Manual is underway.

The need to have more Disabled Athletes on the Technical Committee was discussed.

(e) IFDS Development Committee

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

(f) IFDS Measurement/Classes Committee

The Chair of the IFDS Measurement/Classes Committee discussed details about Measurement at the Paralympics.

(g) IFDS Governance & Procedures Committee

It was noted that the Chair of the Governance & Procedures Committee, David Staley, would stay on this committee, if he was not elected as a Vice-President of the IFDS Executive Committee.

(h) IFDS Sailors Advisory Council

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

(i) IFDS Equipment Evaluation Commission

The Chair of the Equipment Evaluation Commission, John Twomey, confirmed that a report will be given to the IFDS Executive Committee at the beginning of August 2012. The Executive Committee will then discuss the recommendation and publish their recommendation after the 2012 Paralympic Sailing Competition.

JT

(j) IFDS Events & Scheduling Commission

i) The Chair of the Events & Scheduling Commission, Peter Wood reported that he was in contact with the Royal Norwegian Yacht Club as they are interested in holding an IFDS World Championships.

PW

An expression of interest had been received from Korea as they wish to hold an IFDS Event.

Discussions were underway regarding the venue of the 2014 IFDS Blind Match Racing Event.

ii) To note the Technical Delegate for the 2014 IFDS World Championships.

PW

It was confirmed that Costas Tsantilis has been appointed as Technical Delegate (TD), Paul Tingley as Assistant TD and Peter Wood as an advisor.

**3. Events**

(a) 2012 Paralympic Sailing Competition

The Technical Delegate, Costas Tsantilis confirmed that the accreditations for the Paralympics had been submitted. Thanks were also given to Emma Little and Wilfried Klein for the prompt completion of this task.

CT

The safety procedure documents were being developed and the daily meeting schedule had been finalized. The working group will be announcing each morning where the classes would be racing. Spectator boats would be available in the main harbour to go around the restricted area; these boats will be available for non-accredited people.

Transport from Weymouth to the Opening Ceremony is being organized.

Thanks were given to ISAF for producing the 2012 Paralympic Sailing Competition Website which is available at <http://www.sailing.org/paralympics/london2012/>

(b) Blind Sailing

i) IFDS International Blind Match Racing Championship, 2012

The Technical Delegate, Henry Sleutel confirmed that in order to establish a level playing field for the competitors, all athletes competing with a visual impairment were blind folded.

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ii) IFDS Blind World Championship, 2013, JPN

The Technical Delegate, Henry Sleutel confirmed that Draft 3 of the Notice of Race was being reviewed. The event website has been launched and it is hoped that there will be 30 teams at the event.

HS

(c) Future IFDS Disabled Sailing World Championships

IFDS President, Linda Merkle reported that a number of athletes in favour of holding an IFDS Worlds in Australia in 2015. IFDS Vice-President, Wilfried Klein noted that the athlete, Jens Kroger stated that wind conditions in Brazil are extremely variable depending on period of the year. It was noted that at the 2010 IFDS AGM in Athens, Greece the motion to hold the 2015 IFDS Worlds in Asia-Oceania was approved. Rio could run a test International Event. It is also important to serve sailors who do not compete in the Paralympic Sailing Competition.

Linda has written a reply to Jens Kroger in response to his letter regarding the Executive Committee decision to hold the IFDS Worlds in Melbourne in 2015.

**4. Finance**

It was confirmed that all nations participating in the 2012 Paralympic Sailing Competition had settled their 2012 IFDS RNA Subscriptions.

**5. IFDS Annual General Meetings**

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- (a) The deadlines for anyone submitting supporting papers for the Annual General Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 19 September 2012.
- (b) The nominations for the IFDS Executive Committee and IFDS Committee Members were noted.

**6. Future Meetings**

- (a) The date of the next IFDS Executive & Committee Chairs Skype Meeting was confirmed as 1800 GMT, 20 September 2012.
- (b) The date of the next IFDS Executive Committee Skype Meeting was confirmed as 1800 GMT, 31 July 2012.

**7. Any other Business**

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