



**The IFDS Executive & Committee Chairs met by telephone at 20:00 –
22:20 hours BST on Tuesday 11 May 2010.**

**International Association
for Disabled Sailing**

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Present:

IFDS Executive Committee

LM – Linda Merkle, President

WK – Wilfried Klein, Vice-President

HS – Henry Sleutel, Vice-President

DS – David Staley, Vice-President

CT – Costas Tsantilis, Vice-President

JT – John Twomey, Vice-President

ISAF

EL – Emma Little, Disabled Sailing Secretary

IFDS Committee/Commission Chairs

BD – Bernard Destrube, Medical Committee

HE – Hugh Elliot, Technical Committee

EH – Emma Hallen, Development Committee, Acting Chair

DS – David Staley, Governance & Procedures Committee

HSt – Hannah Stodel, Sailors Advisory Council

JT – John Twomey, Equipment Evaluation Commission,
Fundraising Committee

Apologies

BA – Betsy Alison, Coaches Commission

GH – Gene Hinkel, Measurement/Classes Committee

TL – Teresa Lara, ISAF Vice-President

PW – Peter Wood, Events & Scheduling Commission

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

(a) Minutes

To note the minutes of the IFDS Executive & Committee Chairs of 24 February 2010 (circulated and approved after the meeting). The minutes can be downloaded at www.sailing.org/meetings

(b) Minutes Matters Arising

An update on the IFDS Race Management Manual was given and it was noted that the update of Part 1 was given Executive Committee approval by email, has been published and is available on the website.

2. IFDS Committee/Commission Reports

(a) IFDS Coaches Commission

BA

This item was deferred for discussion at the next IFDS Executive & Committee Chairs Meeting.

(b) IFDS Medical Committee

i) The Chair of the IFDS Medical Committee, Bernard Destrube, confirmed that at the ISAF Sailing World Cup, Semaine Olympique Française, Hyeres, April 2010, he classified eleven athletes and received expressions of interest in developing disabled sailing in Vietnam and Poland. The contact details would be forwarded onto Emma to progress.

**BD,
EL**

ii) Details of the coverage of IFDS Insurance were discussed.

- iii) Bernard Destrubé confirmed that he will attend the Blind Worlds in Italy in order to learn more about Blind Sailing.
- (c) IFDS Technical Committee HE

It was noted that the updated version of Part 1 of the IFDS Race Management Manual had been published. A review of Newton Buoyancy for Buoyancy Aids, time limits on the water and Wind Speed Restrictions during regattas shall be discussed and were necessary reviewed

Decision

On motion by Hugh Elliot, it was decided that Part II of the Race Management Manual be amended to state that IFDS shall be a part of the organizing authority in conjunction with the host organization. The contract shall state that IFDS shall be covered as an additional named insured under the event general liability insurance policy.

- (d) IFDS Development Committee EH
Emma Hallen confirmed that she was trying to establish communication with the members of the IFDS Development Committee.
- (e) IFDS Measurement/Classes Committee GH
With the absence of the Chair of the Measurement/Classes Committee, Gene Hinkel, it was confirmed that the development of the SKUD18 rules were progressing.
- (f) IFDS Governance & Procedures Committee DS
This item was deferred until the next meeting.
- (g) IFDS Sailors Advisory Council
 - i) Hannah Stodel confirmed that some athletes had approached her with the suggestion to extend the time limit that athletes can be on the water.

Decision

It was confirmed that the extension of the time limit for athletes to be on the water had already been discussed.

- ii) A discussion about the need for a Country representative for each class to sort out the scheduling of regattas so that there are representatives on hand at each event was discussed.
- iii) The idea to develop a system within the Paralympic Classes so that scheduling conflicts are avoided. This would be achieved by each class having a representative at the regattas. HS
- (h) IFDS Equipment Evaluation Commission JT
It was confirmed that nominations from individuals wishing to be on the Commission had been received and the deadline was noted. It was further noted that Conflict of Interest forms would be sent to all individuals who return nomination forms.
- (i) IFDS Fundraising Committee JT,
It was noted that John Twomey, Linda Merkle and Jan Romme would meet during the IFDS Worlds in Medemblik to discuss this item further. JT,
LM

- (j) IFDS Events & Scheduling Commission PW
This item was deferred until the next meeting.
- 3. IFDS Finance**
- (a) John Twomey confirmed that he has sent the IFDS Executive Committee an overview of the IFDS Finances via email. JT
- (b) It was noted that the deadline for paying the IFDS Subscriptions had past and all RNA's with outstanding subscription fees had been contacted. JT
- 4. IFDS Events** LM
- To discuss the following events:
- (a) Three Paralympic Classes, 2012, Fort Myers, USA
It was confirmed that the IFDS were discussing the details of this event with the potential event organizers in Fort Myers, USA.
- (b) Medal races at ISAF World Cup Events
Linda Merkle confirmed that the issue regarding Medal Races at ISAF World Cup Events was being discussed.
- 5. Websites** WK
- It is anticipated that the launch of the website www.ifds.org will be during the IFDS Worlds in Medemblik, Netherlands in July.
- Decision**
Wilfried Klein would liaise with Henry Sleutel and METS in order to find a suitable time for the presentation of the website.
- 6. SKUD18** DS
- It was noted that the SKUD18 Class Rules revision was almost complete having been circulated to IFDS and that advice was now being sought from ISAF.
- 7. 2012 Paralympic Sailing Competition**
- It was noted that currently Costas Tsantillis was waiting for a response regarding the Flotation Tank for the Flotation test of the One-Person Keelboat (2.4mR) at the 2012 Paralympic Sailing Competition.
- 8. 2010 IFDS Annual General Meeting** EL
- It was noted that IFDS are seeking quotes for hiring rooms for the 2010 IFDS Annual General Meeting.
- 9. Any other Business** EL
- It was requested by Henry Sleutel that the information on the IFDS web site be reviewed and updated as needed.
- It was requested that ISAF be contacted regarding assurances that ISAF conference and meeting sites be accessible for persons with a disability. LM

10. 2016 Paralympic Sailing Competition (*Executive Committee*)

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Decision

It was agreed that a Telephone Meeting for the IFDS Executive Committee would be arranged to discuss this.

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