



International Association
for Disabled Sailing

**The IFDS Executive & Committee Chairs met by Skype at 1900-2100
GMT (GMT=UTC) on Wednesday 9 May 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

EL – Emma Little, Disabled Sailing Administrator

Apologies

HE – Hugh Elliot, Technical Committee
CGT – Caterina Gouleliou-Tsantilis,
Development Committee
GH – Gene Hinkel, Measurement/Classes
Committee
TL – Teresa Lara, Vice-President
HSt – Hannah Stodel, Sailors Advisory Council

IFDS Committee/Commission Chairs

BA – Betsy Alison, Coaches Commission
BD – Bernard Destrubé, Medical 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 21 February 2012 (circulated and approved after the meeting) were noted.

(b) Minutes Matters Arising

There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

2. IFDS Committee/Commission Reports

(a) IFDS Coaches Commission

The Chair of the IFDS Coaches Commission, Betsy Alison confirmed that she was communicating with Gary Bodie (USA) who is on the ISAF Events Committee about the inclusion of Miami OCR in the 2013-2016 ISAF Sailing World Cup.

BA

(b) IFDS Medical Committee

The Chair of the IFDS Medical Committee, Bernard Destrubé confirmed that he was currently experiencing difficulties in the Sail for Gold event organizers accommodating the IFDS International Classifiers at the start to the event. The production of the IFDS Functional Classification System & Procedures Manual,

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2013-2016 was discussed.

Decision

It was noted that the IFDS Medical Committee were currently working on the FCS 2013 and it is hoped that this would be completed by July 2012.

BD

- (c) IFDS Technical Committee

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

HS

- (d) IFDS Development Committee

In the absence of the Chair of the Development Committee, Costas Tsantilis confirmed that the only a few completed development questionnaires had been returned.

CGT

Decision

It was agreed that reminders to return the completed questionnaires would be sent.

- (e) IFDS Measurement/Classes Committee

Linda Merkle briefed everyone about the 2.4mR One-Design status and it was noted that the old appendix K would be used for the 2012 Paralympic Sailing Competition.

GH

- (f) IFDS Governance & Procedures Committee

The Chair of the Governance & Procedures Committee, David Staley confirmed that he has been successful in collecting the information needed to compile the 2011 IFDS Annual Report.

DS

- (g) IFDS Sailors Advisory Council

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

- (h) IFDS Equipment, Evaluation Commission

It was noted that John Twomey hoped to meet with the members of the Equipment, Evaluation Commission during the Semaine Olympique Française, April 2012, but unfortunately this could not be co-ordinated. It was noted that a recommendation be made to the IFDS Executive Committee in July 2012.

JT

- (i) IFDS Events & Scheduling Commission

i) The Chair of the Events & Scheduling Commission, Peter Wood reported that he was waiting for an answer about the inclusion of Paralympic classes in the Para- Pan American Games.

ii) It was noted that a request to host an IFDS Worlds was received from Norway.

3. Meetings

- (a) IFDS Annual General Meeting

The dates for the 2012 IFDS Annual General Meeting were confirmed as:

LM

Monday 5 November 2012 – IFDS Development Seminar

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Monday 5 November 2012 – IFDS Executive & Committee Chairs Meeting

Tuesday 6 November 2012 – IFDS Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 7 November 2012 – IFDS Executive Committee Meeting

The need to have the IFDS programme included on the ISAF schedule was discussed. It was also suggested that IFDS has a reception desk near the ISAF reception desk. This will enable that any queries received at the ISAF desk, be passed on to the IFDS desk. It was hoped that the IFDS desk be manned by an Irish volunteer.

JT

(b) EUROSAF

Wilfried Klein's supporting paper was noted. Thanks were given to Wilfried for progressing this.

WK

4. Events

(a) 2012 Paralympic Sailing Competition

i) Verbal report from the Technical Delegate Costas Tsantilis.

CT

Costas noted that he received an official document called 'The Look of the Games' and he has forwarded this onto the IFDS Executive Committee. The Sailing Instructions for the Olympic Sailing Competition have also been published and this will form a base of the content in the 2012 Paralympic Sailing Competition, Sailing Instructions.

ii) SKUD18 Gennakers

CT

Nations competing in the Two-Person Keelboat at the 2012 Paralympic Sailing Competition will be allowed to measure two gennakers, whether this is a new or old gennaker. The second gennaker must be the same weight, approved and kept on the Committee Boat.

iii) To discuss the seating rule in the SKUD18.

CT

ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing, Rule 49 would not apply as paraplegics could not move from their seat.

(b) IFDS International Blind Match Racing Championship, 2012

It was noted that there were currently four entries.

HS

(c) IFDS Blind World Championship, 2013, JPN

The Technical Delegate confirmed that work towards this event was underway.

HS

(d) IFDS Blind World Championship, 2014

It was noted that an expression of interest to host this event in 2014 had been received from Boston, USA. The organizing committee would be contacted.

PW

5. Finance

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- (a) IFDS Finances.

An update of the IFDS Finances was given. The countries competing in the 2012 Paralympic Sailing Competition who had not settled their 2012 IFDS RNA Subscription Fees were noted as Argentina, Puerto Rico, Spain and Singapore.

Decision

If payment has not been received by the start of the competition, then the athletes involved may not be able to compete in this event.

- (b) Registering IFDS as a charity in the UK.

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

6. ISAF Regulation 24.3.1

Wilfried Klein and John Twomey who were present for the ISAF Mid-Year Meeting noted the meeting decisions. Thanks were given to Wilfried and John for attending the meeting.

7. IFDS Governance

- (a) IFDS Policy Decisions

Thanks were given to Henry Sleutel for his work on putting this document together

Decision

This document will be updated after every meeting.

HS

- (b) Reimbursement Policy

The reimbursement policy was included in the Policy Decisions document in February 2012.

8. Future Meetings

- (a) The next IFDS Executive & Committee Chairs Skype Meeting will take place at 1800 GMT, 11 July 2012.
- (b) The next IFDS Executive Committee Skype Meeting which will take place at 1800 GMT, 12 June 2012.

9. Any other Business

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