

The IFDS Executive & Committee Chairmen met by Skype at 1910-2200 GMT on Tuesday 13 May 2014.

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IFDS Executive Committee

JT – John Twomey, President
BA – Betsy Alison, Vice-President
BD – Bernard Destrubé, Vice-President
WK – Wilfried Klein, Vice-President
HS – Henry Sleutel, Vice-President
BT – Brian Todd, Vice-President

ISAF

EL – Emma Little, Disabled Sailing Administrator

IFDS Committee/Commission Chairmen

BD – Bernard Destrubé, Medical Committee
YG – Yury Gnap, Fundraising Committee
GH – Gene Hinkel, Measurement/Classes Committee
RR – Ralph Roberts, Technical Committee
JS – Jürgen Schwittai, Classification Sub-Committee
DS – David Staley, Governance & Procedures Committee
HSt – Hannah Stodel, Sailors Advisory Council
PW – Peter Wood, Events & Scheduling Commission

IFDS Executive & Committee Chairmen

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

(a) Minutes

The minutes of the IFDS Executive & Committee Chairmen meeting of 19 March 2014 were noted.

(b) Minutes Matters Arising

There were no matters arising not covered this agenda.

2. IFDS Committee/Commission Reports

(a) IFDS Coaches Commission

No update on the Coaches Commission was available.

Emma Little confirmed that a presentation about Anti-Doping will be given at the IFDS Worlds, CAN and coaches should be encouraged to attend.

EL

(b) IFDS Development Committee

i) Wilfried Klein informed everyone about the resignation of Debbie Blachford in April 2014 and confirmed that a replacement is being sought.

WK

ii) It was confirmed that the AGITOS Grant had been completed and submitted to the International Paralympic Committee, IPC.

(c) IFDS Events & Scheduling Commission

The Chairman Peter Wood confirmed that all of the items to be discussed by the IFDS Events & Scheduling Commission were detailed on the agenda.

(d) IFDS Fundraising Committee

Yury Gnap confirmed that the Fundraising Committee were investigating companies who could be approached and asked if they will consider sponsoring IFDS.

YG

(e) IFDS Governance & Procedures Committee

There was nothing to report at this meeting.

(f) IFDS Measurement/Classes Committee

In the chairman's absence, it was noted that the 2.4mR One Design rule was currently being voted on.

(g) IFDS Medical Committee

Bernard Destrube requested that there should be an IFDS Medical Committee meeting at the venue for the 2014 Worlds in Canada.

BD

(h) IFDS Classification Sub-Committee

Jürgen Schwittai's report was summarised and Wilfried Klein's disappointment that there is no Classification taking place in Medemblik was noted.

(i) IFDS Sailors Advisory Council

Hannah Stodel reported that there is a Sonar meeting scheduled to take place during the ISAF Sailing World Cup Hyeres and there will be a meeting scheduled during the IFDS Worlds in Halifax.

(j) IFDS Technical Committee

It was noted that the 2.4mR One Design Rule will be discussed following the announcement of the results.

3. Events

(a) EUROSAF Champions Cup 2014

An update on the numbers of participants registered for the EUROSAF Championship Cup 2014 was given. It was confirmed that 4 Sonar's, 4 SKUD18's and 6 2.4mR's had registered to compete.

EUROSAF has confirmed that they intend to include the Paralympic Fleets in future events, however the event taking place in Valencia will be restricted to sailors with an IFDS International Classification.

(b) 2014 Asian Para Games

In the absence of John Twomey, Henry Sleutel noted that the communication process with the organizing committee was difficult.

Registrations to participate in the event have been received from Malaysia, Hong Kong and expressions of interests have been received from Japan, Korea

and Singapore.

A site visit with the Technical Delegate is planned for June 2014.

- (c) 2014 IFDS Combined World Championships

Peter Wood noted that the preparations for this event were progressing and the number of entrants was increasing.

- (d) 2014 IFDS Blind Sailing World Championship

It was noted that currently the Sailing Instructions are being developed and potential umpires are being contacted. A site visit will be completed shortly by Betsy Alison.

BA

- (e) 2015 IFDS Combined World Championship

The planning for this event was progressing and the event hosts are hoping to be present for the IFDS Worlds in Canada. A Site Visit with the Technical Delegate is planned for December 2014.

BT

- (f) 2015 IFDS Blind Fleet Racing World Championship

The venue for this event is to be confirmed.

HS

- (g) 2016 IFDS Combined World Championship

Peter Wood noted that there was no update about the proposed event.

Decision

The event organizers will be contacted and asked to update IFDS on the potential for hosting the event.

JT

- (h) 2016 Paralympic Sailing Competition

It was noted that the Paralympic Results and Information Service has been sent to the IFDS Executive Committee for approval.

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4. Future Meetings

The date of the next IFDS Executive & Committee Chairmen meeting will be confirmed by email. It was suggested that there be a Face-to-Face Meeting for the Committee Chairmen in Halifax, during the 2014 IFDS Combined Worlds.

5. Any Other Business

There being no further business, the meeting closed for the Committee Chairmen.

IFDS Executive Committee Only

6. IFDS Finances

- (a) An update on the IFDS Finances was given.
- (b) The closure of the UK Bank Account had been initiated.

7. IFDS/ISAF Merger

The IFDS/ISAF Merger was discussed. Further discussions will take place between the IFDS Merger Working Party.

JT

8. Any Other Business

- (a) IPC Athlete Biography Research Proposal

The athletes who would be contacted and asked to submit information was discussed.

Decision

Linda Merkle, the programme facilitator would be informed of the decision of the IFDS Executive Committee about which athletes should be questioned.

JT

- (b) IFDS Executive Committee Face-to-Face Meeting

Decision

It was agreed that an agenda would be produced for this meeting.

JT

- (c) Future Meetings

Decision

A more reliable communication system for meetings would be investigated.

BD

There being no further business the meeting closed.

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