

The IFDS Executive & Committee Chairs met by telephone at 1800 - 2010 GMT (GMT=UTC) on Wednesday 28 September 2011.

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IFDS Executive Committee

LM – Linda Merkle, President

HS – Henry Sleutel, Vice-President

WK – Wilfried Klein, Vice-President

BD – Bernard Destrube, Vice-President,
Medical Committee

CT – Costas Tsantilis, Vice-President

JT – John Twomey, Vice-President, Equipment
Evaluation Commission, Fundraising
Committee

IFDS Committee/Commission Chairs

BA – Betsy Alison

HE – Hugh Elliot, Technical Committee

DS – David Staley, Governance & Procedures Committee

GH – Gene Hinkel, Measurement/Classes Committee

HSt – Hannah Stodel, Sailors Advisory Council

Apologies

TL – Teresa Lara, ISAF Vice-President

PW – Peter Wood, Events & Scheduling Commission

ISAF

EL – Emma Little, Disabled Sailing Secretary

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

(a) Minutes

The minutes of the IFDS Executive & Committee Chairs meeting of 24 May 2011 (circulated and approved after the meeting) were noted. The minutes can be downloaded at www.sailing.org/disabled

(b) Matters Arising

The IFDS Executive Committee expressed their thanks to David Staley for producing the 2010 IFDS Annual Report and the Chairs of IFDS Committees for submitting their reports.

2. IFDS Committee/Commission Reports

(a) IFDS Coaches Commission

Betsy Alison confirmed that she does not have a comprehensive list of coaches and that many of the Coaches do not fully understand the role of IFDS International Classifiers. In order to increase their knowledge about Classification, it was suggested that a presentation be made about Classification to Coaches at IFDS Worlds.

(b) IFDS Medical Committee

The Chair of the IFDS Medical Committee, Bernard Destrube confirmed that:

During the 2011 IFDS Worlds in Weymouth, the classification panel consisted of Jenny Molson (CAN), Jürgen Schwittai (GER), Bernard Destrubé (FRA) and

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Holly King (GBR).

For the 2012 Paralympic Sailing Competition, the classification panel will consist of four Level 2 Senior IFDS International Classifiers; Bernard Destrubé (FRA), Jenny Molson (CAN), Sue Parry (GBR) and Stephen Wilson (AUS).

It was noted that the people who will be entered into the Registered Testing Pool will be confirmed with the IFDS Executive Committee.

The first edition of the IFDS Classifier Bulletin had been distributed.

It was felt that there was a need to develop a protocol as to how adaptations would be handled. This would be established with the help of Gene Hinkel.

The issue concerning IFDS Insurance had not been progressed.

Holly King's (GBR) appointment as an IFDS Junior International Classifier was confirmed.

(c) IFDS Technical Committee

The Chair of the IFDS Technical Committee, Hugh Elliot confirmed that some SKUD18's carry a VHF onboard. If these are used then the boat should retire, however wired systems or blue tooth which do not permit external communication should be allowed. Wording to this effect should be included in the 2012 Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions. Discussion on this issue will follow at the AGM.

HE

(d) IFDS Development Committee

It was hoped that after the 2012 Paralympic Sailing Competition, Debbie Blatchford may take the responsibility of the Chair of the IFDS Development Committee.

In the meantime, David Staley has agreed to help with the organization of the 2011 IFDS Development Seminar and all other matters would go through the IFDS Executive Committee.

(e) IFDS Measurement/Classes Committee

It was noted that new templates for the 2.4mR would be effective for old 2.4mR's. The SKUD18 templates are suitable for use and the Sonar Class Rules are being revised for November.

(f) IFDS Governance & Procedures Committee

The 2010 IFDS Annual Report would be issued shortly. It was noted that for the 2011 IFDS Annual Report, it is hoped that this would be distributed in early 2012.

Prior to the completion of the IFDS Strategic Action Plan, this will be discussed by the IFDS Executive Committee in Puerto Rico, November 2011.

(g) IFDS Sailors Advisory Council

Hannah Stodel was thanked for producing the questionnaire which collected information from the athletes on the IFDS Worlds. It was agreed that this information was valuable and could be used to improve future events.

Results should be forwarded to Weymouth organisers.

TDs must be aware of any changes in RMM and notify Race Officers in due

time. This is also a role for the Course Representative (nominated by IFDS and appointed by ISAF for Paralympic Games and Combined World Championships equivalent to PRO).

The committee nomination form received from Massimo Dighe (ITA) was noted.

Decision

A summary of the information collected will be provided to the Organizing Committee of the 2011 IFDS Worlds.

(h) IFDS Equipment Evaluation Commission

It was confirmed that no announcements are to be made on the proposed equipment for the Two-Person Keelboat until after the 2012 Paralympic Games.

The possibility of holding an other evaluation event was mentioned.

(i) IFDS Events & Scheduling Commission

It was noted that the IFDS Events & Scheduling Commission were currently revising the IFDS Event Contract.

3. Events

(a) 2012 Paralympic Sailing Competition

The draft of Notice of Race is currently being discussed and will be finalized by end of year.

The International Technical Officials (IFDS International Classifiers, Measurers and International Judges) are from all geographical areas and are to be announced.

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

IFDS Technical Delegate, Henry Sleutel confirmed that the plans for this event are going to plan, and:

- the docks now ready;
- boats have been chartered;
- the event programme is currently being completed;
- registration is open.

(c) 2012 IFDS World Blind Sailing Championship, Homerus, Blind Match Racing

There is a need to establish a procedure on managing applications for Blind Sailing Events. The IFDS Events Committee must look into the different proposals.

Decision

Henry Sleutel will discuss this further with Peter Wood and make a proposal to the IFDS Executive Committee during their October Meeting. HS, PW

4. Future Meetings

It was noted that the next IFDS Executive Committee Telephone Meeting will take place at 1800 GMT = 1900 hours local time in the UK on Wednesday 19 October 2011.

5. Finance

It was noted that an up to date IFDS Financial Report will be circulated with the AGM papers.

6. Any other Business

The IFDS Executive Committee approved the Registered Testing Pool which includes the two top ranked Sonar teams, according to IFDS Ranking List.

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