

**The IFDS Executive & Committee Chairs met by telephone at 20:00 –  
22:40 hours on Wednesday 24 February 2010**

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**Present:**

**IFDS Executive Committee**

LM – Linda Merkle, IFDS President  
 HS – Henry Sleutel – IFDS Vice-President  
 DS – David Staley, IFDS Vice-President  
 CT – Costas Tsantilis, IFDS Vice-President  
 JT – John Twomey, IFDS Vice-President

**ISAF**

EL - Emma Little, Disabled Sailing Secretary

**Apologies:**

**IFDS Executive Committee**

WK – Wilfried Klein, IFDS Vice-President  
 TL – Teresa Lara, ISAF Vice-President

**IFDS Committee Chairs**

BA – Betsy Alison, IFDS Coaches Commission  
 BD – Bernard Destrube, IFDS Medical Committee  
 HE – Hugh Elliot, IFDS Technical Committee  
 DS – David Staley, IFDS Governance & Procedures  
 Committee  
 JT – John Twomey, IFDS Equipment Evaluation  
 Commission

**IFDS Committee Chairs**

GH – Gene Hinkel, IFDS Measurement/Classes  
 Committee  
 HSt – Hannah Stodel, IFDS Sailors Advisory Council

**1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

(a) Minutes

The minutes of the IFDS Executive & Committee Chairs meeting of 21 July 2009 were noted and approved.

(b) Minutes Matters Arising

The appointment of Chairs to the IFDS Events & Scheduling Commission and the Development Committee are still being discussed.

**2. IFDS Committee/Commission Reports**

(a) IFDS Coaches Commission

The Chair of the IFDS Coaches Commission, Betsy Alison confirmed that National team coaches and sailors had been questioned and the overwhelming preference is for the Paralympic Sailing Competition to comprise of 6 racing days with 2 races per day and no reserve day. Also that Sonar's and 2.4mR's should sail a Windward Leeward course and not a trapezoid course.

**Decision**

**The IFDS Executive Committee will convey this to LOCOG and IPC.**

**CT**

(b) IFDS Events & Scheduling Commission

It was confirmed that the accommodation facilities in Medemblik will be €700-900 per week per cabin which consists of 4-6 beds. These units are currently being inspected on their accessibility and the accommodation will be allocated according to the access needs of the athletes.

IH

The jury members for this event have been identified as Lynne Beal, Guido Piessens, Costas Tsantilis, Henry Sleutel and Hugh Elliot. The Chairs of this committee is still to be identified.

It was noted that the Organizing Authority will not accept credit card payment for entry fees, however they will accept a bank transfer or payment at the venue.

The Organizing Authority has agreed that a Sonar training camp may be held at the venue in May and will be advising venue fees.

There is concern from the Organizing Authority about the SKUD18 entry numbers, however it is expected a number of countries will attend as this is the first nations qualification opportunity.

(c) IFDS Fundraising Committee

This item was deferred until Item 3.

(d) IFDS Governance & Procedures Committee

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

(e) IFDS Measurement/Classes Committee

The report from the Chairman, Gene Hinkel which was circulated was discussed.

(f) IFDS Medical Committee

The Chairman of the IFDS Medical Committee summarized his report:

He had been contacted in order to carry out IFDS International Classifications in Barcelona, but this has since been cancelled.

Two IFDS International Classifiers will be attending the Semaine Olympique Française, Hyeres, France, so IFDS International Classifiers will be able to be carried out.

The application to ISAF for inclusion of classifiers as race officials may be stepped back as there is concern about loss of control of important aspects of the role.

Bernard Destrube and Jürgen Schwittai attended the IPC Classifiers Conference where it was confirmed that athletes with an intellectual disability were being re-introduced into some sports for the 2012 Paralympic Games. These events are being held separately and are using a minimum disability criteria.

(g) IFDS Sailors Advisory Council

EL/  
HS

With the absence of Hannah Stodel, it was confirmed that she had been working closely with the Weymouth & Portland Council regarding accommodation in Weymouth. A questionnaire has been prepared and this will be circulated shortly to all nations and athletes. The aim is to maximise the allocation of appropriately accessible facilities to the athletes who need them most.

(h) IFDS Technical Committee

It was noted that Hugh Elliot is contacting the Committee Members to discuss projects the group should be taking on.

HE/  
LM

One project identified is developing a guide for the safe retrieval of sailors with a disability who have gone overboard.

The adaptations database project now forms part of the METS-DAME website project.

The Race Management Manual is still being reviewed and this will be finalized for confirmed at the 24 March IFDS Executive Committee Telephone Meeting. Once confirmed this manual will be published.

3. IFDS Finance

(a) IFDS Finances

It was noted that the 2009 Income and Expenditure will be finalized shortly in order to present the accounts for audit.

JT

(b) RNA Subscriptions

John Twomey reported that the 2010 RNA Subscriptions have been requested from RNA's along with any outstanding amounts.

Concern was raised about some RNA's not maintaining their subscriptions and this item will be discussed further during the Face-to-Face Meeting in Medemblik.

It was confirmed that details of the ISAF MNA fee structure had been circulated.

**Decision**

**This will be re-circulated and it will be discussed further during the next IFDS Executive Committee Face-to-Face Meeting.**

EL

The continuity of the RNA membership of IFDS was discussed.

**Decision**

**It was agreed that the Malaysia and the Philippines RNA's would be contacted and encouraged to maintain participation in IFDS events.**

DS

(c) Fundraising

The need to re-focus on fundraising to ensure IFDS maintains a positive balance was discussed.

Retired IFDS Treasurer, Jan Romme has offered to assist with the fundraising project when time allows.

(d) SKUD18 Builders Agreement and Hull Plaque Levies

It was agreed that a copy of the SKUD18 Builders Agreement should be held at the secretariat.

**Decision**

**A copy of the SKUD18 Builders Agreement and an update of the outstanding SKUD18 Hull Plaque Levies would be followed up.**

DS

#### 4. IFDS Strategic Plan

This item was deferred for discussion at the next IFDS Executive Committee Meeting, 24 March 2010.

#### 5. IFDS Events

- (a) Three Paralympic Classes, 2012, Fort Myers, USA

The proposal to hold an IFDS World Championship in Fort Myers, USA was discussed.

##### Decision

**Some concerns were noted about this event and it was agreed that this will be investigated.** LM

**Henry Sleutel appointed as Technical Delegate for this event.**

- (b) 2010 Homerus Blind Match Racing , Italy

Details of this event were given and it was noted that the IFDS Technical Delegate, David Staley is in regular contact with the organizers. The event organizers are hoping to have 10 teams in the B1 division and another 10 teams shared across the B2 and B3 divisions.

- (c) Three Paralympic Classes, 2015, Brazil

CT

Brazil has expressed an interest in hosting this event and it was confirmed that Costas Tsantilis will forward the Bid Document requirements following the completion of the IFDS Race Management Manual.

- (d) Future IFDS Events

St Petersburg Yacht Club, USA has expressed an interest in hosting an IFDS World Championships in either 2014 or 2016.

It was agreed that the RNA's in the Asia-Pacific region would be contacted and encouraged to submit bids for 2013 and/or 2014.

DS

#### 6. METS DAME – IFDS Website

WK/HE

An update on the progress of the website had been circulated to the IFDS Executive Committee. Hugh Elliot offered his assistance with the IFDS Technical Committee to complete this.

#### 7. IFDS – ISAF Cooperation

LM

Brian Todd and the Canadian Yachting Association (CYA) are in discussion and will advise progress of their draft letter shortly.

#### 8. SKUD18 Class Rules

It was confirmed by David Staley that the SKUD18 Class Chairman had established a robust discussion amongst the sailors through a google-group regarding a number of class rule changes. Comments close later this month and the SKUD18 Class Committee will deliberate amendments to the class rules with the aim of having these finalised well before Medemblik.

**9. IFDS Equipment Evaluation Commission**

This item was deferred for discussion at the next IFDS Executive Committee Meeting, 24 March 2010.

**10. 2012 Paralympic Sailing Competition**

**CT**

(a) Courses

A discussion over the proposed courses for the 2012 Paralympic Sailing Competition took place. A large number of people had expressed concern over the course format

**Decision**

**It was noted that this would be discussed further with the IPC.**

**11. 2010 ISAF Annual Conference**

**EL**

A discussion took place about when the IFDS wished to hold the 2010 ISAF Annual Conference with consideration being given to the scheduled ISAF meetings. Confirmation of the proposed dates would be sought from ISAF prior to publication.

Despite requests to do so, IFDS meetings have never been publicised on the ISAF schedule and this appears to be a limiting factor on attendance at the IFDS development seminar and AGM. Linda to approach Göran Petersson, ISAF President regarding this.

**LM**

**12. Any other Business**

Henry Sleutel noted that the Netherlands MNA has now inaugurated a disabled sailing committee and this will be announced at a boat show in the Netherlands shortly.

There being no further business, the meeting closed.

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