

The IFDS Executive Committee met by Skype at 20:00 – 20:45 GMT on Thursday 25 October 2012.

**Present:**

**IFDS Executive Committee**

LM – Linda Merkle, President  
 WK – Wilfried Klein, Vice-President  
 HS – Henry Sleutel, Vice-President  
 BD – Bernard Destrubé, Vice-President  
 CT – Costas Tsantilis, Vice-President  
 JT – John Twomey, Vice-President

**ISAF**

TL – Teresa Lara, Vice-President

**Apologies:**

**ISAF**

EL – Emma Little, Disabled Sailing Administrator

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**1. Honorary Membership**

Concerning honorary membership: Linda Merkle noted the difficulty of financing transport, agreed to not cover expenses, but to invite honorary members to dinner.

**Decision**

**The IFDS Executive Committee agreed to adopt the following policy: from time to time designate selected persons to be honorary members of IFDS. The purpose of the designation shall be to recognize those who have over time made significant contributions to the organization and to the sport of sailing for people with disabilities.**

**Agreed to adopt policy on naming honorary members.**

**Persons selected need not be limited to past officers of the organization.**

**Process: Once a selection has been made, the person or persons would be notified in writing of the designation. IFDS would award a suitably designed plaque in recognition of the honour and the recipient(s) may be invited to attend the event or meeting at which the selection is announced. Such attendance would be at the expense of the recipient(s).**

**In addition, the IFDS Executive Committee shall recognize retiring committee chairs with an IFDS medal and certificate.**

**2. 2012 IFDS AGM Agenda**

The agenda was reviewed and approved.

**3. Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)**

A discussion took place regarding the current CAS case with regards to costs and counsel from Charles Cook.

**4. IFDS Executive Committee Meal**

It was noted that John Twomey had arranged a meal for the IFDS Executive Committee and was waiting for confirmation from Ian and Pauline Harrison on their attendance.

JT

**5. IFDS Equipment Evaluation Commission (EEC)**

John Twomey updated the IFDS Executive Committee about the conclusions reached concerning EEC conclusions: Contracts advanced and are to be signed. John acknowledges that Access Manufacturing Systems PTY LTD does not control the Access class, but simply provide considerable support. Paralympic sailors are to be able to nominate one member to the Class (sailor, owner, coach) and the IFDS Executive Committee will appoint one member.

**Decision**

**The IFDS Executive Committee unanimously supports the EEC recommendation to propose the selection of the SKUD18 as the equipment for the Two-Person Keelboat for the 2016 and 2020 Paralympic Sailing Competitions.**

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