

The 2012 IFDS Annual General Meeting took place on Tuesday 6 November 2012 in the Mariner Suite at the Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire, Dublin, Ireland, 09:30-15:30.

Please refer to the website www.sailing.org/disabled for further information about the meeting.

Present:

IFDS Executive Committee

Linda Merkle – IFDS President – LM

Bernard Destrubé – IFDS Vice-President – BD

Wilfried Klein – IFDS Vice-President – WK

Henry Sleutel – IFDS Vice-President - HS

Costas Tsantilis – IFDS Vice-President - CT

John Twomey – IFDS Vice-President - JT

IFDS Committee Chairs

Betsy Alison – Chair, IFDS Coaches Commission – BA

Bernard Destrubé – Chair, IFDS Medical Committee - BD

Gene Hinkel – IFDS Measurement/Classes Committee - GH

David Staley – Chair, IFDS Governance & Procedures Committee – DS

John Twomey – Chair, IFDS Equipment Evaluation Commission - JT

Peter Wood – Chair, IFDS Events & Scheduling Commission - PW

Country Representatives – RNA

Australia – Phil Jones – Voting

Ireland – Any Keelehan – Non-Voting

Canada – Alan Lombard – Voting

Italy – Giulio Comboni – Voting

Finland – Antero Karjalainen – Voting

Korea – Keng Yeol Choi – Voting

France – Olivier Bovyn – Voting

Korea – Jin Woo Park – Non-voting

France - Bernard Destrubé – Non-voting

Netherlands – Henry Sleutel – Voting

Germany - Wilfried Klein – Voting

Russia – Yury Gnap – Voting

Great Britain - John Derbyshire – Voting

Spain – Leonadio Sanchez – Voting

Great Britain – Debbie Blachford – Non-voting

Sweden – Emma Hallen – Voting

Greece - Costas Tsantilis - Voting

USA – Betsy Allen - Voting

Ireland – John Twomey - Voting

USA – Gene Hinkel – Non-voting

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Emma Little – ISAF Disabled Sailing Administrator - EL

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1. Opening

(a) Opening Presentation

Linda Merkle, IFDS President welcomed and thanked those present for attending the IFDS AGM. Those present were asked to introduce themselves to the meeting.

LM

It was noted that there was a quorum present.

(b) IFDS Annual Report

The 2011 IFDS Annual Report was noted and David Staley was thanked for producing this document.

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(c) IFDS Strategic Action Plan

The contents of the Strategic Action Plan were explained and the importance of it when dealing with the daily activities of IFDS was noted.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

(a) Minutes

It was noted that the 2011 IFDS AGM Minutes had been circulated and are available on the website.

(b) Minutes Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. IFDS Members

(a) IFDS Recognized National Authorities (RNA's)

It was noted that the RNA's in good standing with the IFDS were detailed in the supporting paper.

(b) IFDS Affiliate Members

It was noted that there are 3 IFDS Affiliate Members, Blind Sailing International, Homerus and the European Paralympic Committee, with only Homerus and the European Paralympic Committee in good standing with the IFDS.

(c) IFDS Honorary Membership

The IFDS Honorary Member Baroness Kiki Collot d'Escury (NED) was recognized.

LM

Newly confirmed IFDS Honorary Members, Ian Harrison (GBR) and Pauline Harrison (GBR) were confirmed.

4. Submissions

The IFDS Executive Committee submission to amend the Deed of Incorporation to create an additional Non-Executive Position on the IFDS Executive Committee was withdrawn.

5. Election of Officers

(a) IFDS Executive Committee

The two members of the IFDS Executive Committee whose terms had expired Costas Tsantilis and Wilfried Klein, and Linda Merkle who resigned from her position were thanked for their contributions to the sport.

LM

(b) IFDS Vice-Presidents

i) Eligible Candidates

The nominees for the three IFDS Executive Committee positions were confirmed as:

- Betsy Alison (USA);
- Yury Gnap (RUS);
- Wilfried Klein (GER);
- Brian Todd (CAN);
- Costas Tsantilis (GRE).

ii) IFDS Executive Committee - Procedure for election

The procedure for the election to the IFDS Executive Committee was reviewed.

iii) Elections

Decision

RNA's

The following IFDS Vice-Presidents were elected:

- **Wilfried Klein (GER) – 4 years;**
- **Brian Todd (CA) – 4 years;**
- **Betsy Alison (USA) – 2 years.**

6. Finance

John Twomey began his report on the IFDS finances by thanking Jan Romme for his help in providing the IFDS financial information.

JT

(a) IFDS Accounts

i) 2011 Income & Expenditure

The 2011 Income & Expenditure was noted.

ii) 2011 Balance Sheet

The 2011 Balance Sheet was discussed.

iii) 2012 Prognoses in relation to the 2012 Budget

Because of careful management of the IFDS Financial resources, IFDS is operating well within the limits of our budget.

The 2011 Prognoses in relation to the 2011 Budget were summarized.

Decision

USA moved that the 2012 IFDS Finances be approved. Seconded by GRE. Approved.

iv) 2013 Budget

The 2013 Budget was discussed.

Decision

USA moved that the 2012 IFDS Finances be approved. All approved.

7. IFDS Equipment Evaluation Commission

The Chair of the IFDS Equipment Evaluation Commission reported on the Equipment Evaluation Process for the equipment to be used in the Two-Person Keelboat event at the 2016 and 2020 Paralympic Sailing Competitions.

Decision

The Equipment to be used in the Two-Person Keelboat for the 2016 and 2020 Paralympic Sailing Competition shall be the SKUD18. *This motion was approved.*

JT

The Commission further recommends that the IFDS Executive Committee review the current seating rules on the SKUD18 so that the crew may sit out to the gunnels. The new rules regarding crew seating are to be framed in consultation with the IFDS Technical Committee and the IFDS Medical Committee. *This motion was approved. (15 in favour, 1 against.)*

8. IFDS Committees

(a) Retiring IFDS Committee Members

The following retiring IFDS Committee Members were thanked for their service:

- Betsy Alison (USA) – Chair, Coaches Commission;
- Hugh Eliot (USA) – Chair, Technical Committee;
- Caterina Tsantilis (GRE) – Chair, Development Committee.

(b) New IFDS Committee Members

The following positions on IFDS Committees were confirmed:

- Lynne Beal (CAN) – IFDS Technical Committee;
- Yury Gnap (RUS) – IFDS Fundraising Committee;

- Anton Tkachenko (RUS) – IFDS Events & Scheduling Commission;
- Irene Wentink (NED) – IFDS Development Committee;
- Leo Sanchez (ESP) – IFDS Measurement, Classes Sub Committee;
- Ralph Roberts (NZL) - IFDS Technical Committee.

Decision

It was agreed that all of the Chairs of IFDS Committees/Commissions need to review the members of the Committees/Commissions.

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- (c) Reports from the IFDS Committee Chairs on the activities of their Committees from 1 January 2012 to date were discussed.

- i) IFDS Coaches Commission – Betsy Alison

BA

Betsy Alison summarized her written report of the work of the Coaches Commission. The key points were:

- New Committee Members, Akis Tsarouchis (GRE) and Altman Israel (ISR);
- Resigning Committee Members, Betsy Alison, Chair (USA), Mark Rushall (GBR), Brian Todd (CAN);
- Participation Levels at events;
- Coaches Regatta prior to significant events.

- ii) IFDS Development Committee – Caterina Gouleliou-Tsantilis

Caterina Gouleliou-Tsantilis's report detailing the work of the Development Committee was summarized.

Thanks were given to Caterina for the work that she has done as Chair of the Development Committee.

- iii) IFDS Equipment Evaluation Commission – John Twomey

JT

John Twomey summarized the work of the Commission.

- iv) IFDS Events & Scheduling Commission – Peter Wood

PW

Peter Wood summarized the work of the Events & Scheduling Commission as detailed in the circulated Supporting Paper.

Discussions about the following events took place:

- IFDS World Championships, 2015, Brazil;
- IFDS International Championships, Paralympic Classes, 2016, Brazil;
- IFDS Blind Sailing World Championship, 2015. Need for a venue to bid to hold this event.

- v) IFDS Governance & Procedures Committee – David Staley DS

David Staley reviewed the report detailing the work of the IFDS Governance & Procedures Committee which was circulated.

- vi) IFDS Measurement/Classes Committee – Gene Hinkel GH

Gene Hinkel's report about the work of the IFDS Measurement/Classes Committee was summarized.

Thanks were given to Gene Hinkel, Emma Hallen and Stellan Berlin for their work with the 2.4mR Class.

- vii) IFDS Medical Committee – Bernard Destrubé BD

Bernard Destrubé summarized his report by thanking the Medical Committee for the time given to the work of the committee.

It was noted that Stephen Wilson was stepping down from the ISAF Medical Commission.

The changes to the IFDS Functional Classification System (FCS2013) were summarized with the attention of those present being drawn towards the section which details the testing of athletes with a vision impairment.

Decision

GER moved that the IFDS Functional Classification System & Procedures Manual 2013-2016 be amended as per the Medical Committee recommendation. Seconded by NED. This motion was approved unanimously. BD

This document would be effective on the 1 January 2013.

- viii) IFDS Sailors Advisory Council – Hannah Stodel

Hannah Stodel's report was summarized and Hannah was thanked for collecting information from the sailors concerning IFDS Events.

- ix) IFDS Technical Committee – Hugh Elliot HE

Hugh Elliot's report about the work of the IFDS Technical Committee was summarized.

Thanks were given to Hugh Elliot for the work that he has done as Chair of the Technical Committee.

The changes to the IFDS Race Management Manual (RMM2013) were summarized.

Decision

This document would be effective on the 1 January 2013.

9. Events

(a) Past Events

i) 2012 Paralympic Sailing Competition, Weymouth, GBR

The report about the 2012 Paralympic Sailing Competition from Costas Tsantilis was summarized and the following points were discussed:

- Holding a Test Event at the venue and at the same time of year. If this isn't possible, then an IFDS World or International Championship should be held.
- In the future, two separate course areas should be used.
- That the tracking system be made available through TV and media portals.
- IFDS recommends that in order to adhere to the ISAF rules and policies regarding the jury the number of judges be increased to 8, which would allow the jury panel to be made up of people of different nationalities than the parties involved in the hearing.
- Adopting the Olympic Games model of 5 ISAF appointed Race Officials who would be made up of 5 ISAF appointed Race people.
- The lack of access to spectators.
- Limited space for the Medal Ceremony.
- Lack of security for the athletes and the officials for the Opening Ceremony between Weymouth and London.

ii) 2012 IFDS World Championship, Port Charlotte, USA

Henry Sleutel gave a verbal report on the 2012 IFDS World Championships where he summarized the following points:

- The volunteers worked well together and they made the event a success;
- IFDS International Classification Seminar was attended by 5 students;
- The Measurement and Adaptations Committee worked well together;
- The venue was fantastic in all aspects.

iii) 2012 IFDS International Blind Match Racing Championship, IT

Henry Sleutel summarized the 2012 IFDS International Blind Match Racing Championship and noted the request for all athletes to be blind folded needs to be discussed further.

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(b) Future Events

i) 2013 IFDS Blind Sailing World Championship – Fleet Racing - Japan

Henry Sleutel summarized the 2013 IFDS International Blind Match Racing Championship, Japan will take place from the 24 May – 1 June 2013. and noted that all of the boats will be supplied by the Organizing Committee.

ii) 2013 IFDS Disabled Sailing World Championships, Ireland

Bernard Destrubé informed the AGM that the venue appears to have all the necessary features and the racing will be run on 2 courses and will take place from 22 to 30 August 2013.

iii) EUROSAF European Sailing Circuit

Wilfried Klein summarized his report on the European Sailing Circuit, by informing those present that the proposal to include Paralympic events has been confirmed and now it was important that the athletes show their support by attending the event.

iv) ISAF Sailing World Cup

The following events were noted as the events in the ISAF Sailing World Cup:

- Melbourne, Australia – December;
- Miami, United States of America – January;
- Palma, Mallorca, Spain – April;
- Hyeres, France – April;
- Qingdao, China – October.

v) 2016 Paralympic Sailing Competition, Rio, Brazil

Costas Tsantilis summarized what the organizing committee for the 2016 Paralympic Sailing Competition were working on. A concern is about the tides and the available time which could be used for racing.

10. IFDS Compliance with the World Anti-Doping Code (WADC)

Bernard Destrubé discussed what the work of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) involves and confirmed that IFD is working closely with ISAF to manage appropriate and efficient testing.

BD

11. Website – ifds.org

The URL ifds.org is currently rerouted to <http://www.sailing.org/sailors/disabled>. Further development of the website is planned.

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12. Any Other Business

There being no further business, the meeting closed.

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