

A MEETING WAS HELD AT 1000 - 1330 HOURS ON SUNDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2003 AT THE PALACIO DE CONGRESOS, FIRA DE BARCELONA, SPAIN

MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(a) Minutes

The Committee noted the minutes of the Windsurfing Committee Meeting of Sunday 10 November 2002 (circulated and approved after the meeting).

(b) Minutes – matters arising

Regarding item 6, Sailboard Racing Rules, Luc Rogiers informed the meeting that he had been unable to act as liaison person as the classes had not sent him any proposals.

2. CLASS RULE CHANGES

(a) Submission 378-03 Funboard Class

The submission was approved.

Recommendation to Council

The Windsurfing Committee recommends accepting this submission.

(b) Submission 379-03 Funboard Class

The submission was approved.

Recommendation to Council

The Windsurfing Committee recommends accepting this submission with the following additions:

Appendix T:

Delete present rule 6.2.a

Insert new rule 6.2.a:

WORLD/CONTINENTAL FUNBOARD CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The World Championships shall be scored according to FRR Appendix A2.1.

The IFCA System. Only Slalom and Freewave disciplines shall be scored.

International Funboard Racing Rules:

A.2. Scoring

If the above proposal is accepted, the scoring system will have to be modified.

As the FRR's have been proposed at this conference as a revision of the windsurfing rules in the Racing Rules of Sailing, the final wording will have to be decided after the Racing Rule changes have been approved. Only small wording changes are envisaged covering the word 'Freewave'.

(c) Submission 380-03 Funboard Class

The submission was approved.

Recommendation to Council

The Committee recommends accepting this submission.

3. COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

(a) Submission 015-03

The Committee agreed that the proposed structure of the ISAF technical office and committee structure as presented by the Secretary General could be very beneficial. However, there was great concern about the status of windsurfing within the new structure, especially the direct access to Council.

Recommendation to Council

The Windsurfing Committee considered submission 015-03 (other committee), regarding Regulation 15 and supports this submission if a direct access from the Windsurfing Committee to the ISAF Council can be guaranteed.

4. 2008 OLYMPIC REGATTA

(a) Future Windsurfing Olympic Event

(i) Windsurfing Presentation Event

The Chairman of the Evaluation Panel gave a verbal report to the Committee about the Windsurfing Presentation Event, held in Cádiz in September 2003. He stressed that some very interesting concepts were put forward and he expected that by spring 2004 the manufacturers will be able to present satisfactory equipment options for the Olympic Windsurfing Event.

Jorunn Horgen gave an account of her experience sailing some of the boards that were available for testing. Jorunn expressed concern that the rigs available were too big and not suited for women sailors.

The Chairman asked the Evaluation Panel to present 3 options in the final report with an indication of preference. This is for ISAF to have alternatives available when negotiating agreements with the chosen manufacturer or designer.

The final part of the Evaluation Event will be held 3 – 8 May 2004 in Torbole, Italy. The Evaluation Panel will be: Rich Jeffries (Chairman), Chris Atkins (Events Committee), Jorunn Horgen (Windsurfing Committee), Nikolaos Kaklamanakis (GRE) and Qu Chun (CHN).

Recommendation to Council

The Committee supports the recommendation from Richard Jeffries, chairman of the evaluation panel regarding the next trials in Torbole – Italy 3 – 8 May 2004:

- *MNA's will be invited to send sailors to the Evaluation Trials;*
- *MNA's will be asked to send résumés of the sailors nominated;*

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- *The panel will select sailors taking into account continental representation, body sizes, body weights and varied class backgrounds.*

The Windsurfing Committee requests the evaluation panel to present three options with an order of preference to be presented in its final report.

(ii) Submission 042-03 (other Committee)

The Committee was very sympathetic to this submission but it was decided that the proposal was not acceptable for practical reasons such as safety, wind conditions at venues and logistical problems for the organisers of Olympic Classes events.

Recommendation to Council

The Committee considered submission 042-03 from the International Funboard Class Association regarding format of the windsurfing discipline and recommends to Council rejecting this submission.

(iii) Submission 043-03 (other Committee)

The Committee agreed with principles of the proposal but felt that the Evaluation Panel should not be restricted in any way in its approach and choice. The Panel was asked to note the submission.

Recommendation to Council

The Committee considered submission 043-03 from the Danish Sailing Association regarding new equipment and format for windsurfing and recommends to Council rejecting this submission.

(iv) Submission 045-03 (other Committee)

The Committee was of the opinion that the windsurfers have had a lot of experience with this concept and felt that this is a very good proposal, especially for Windsurfing.

Recommendation to Council

The Committee considered 045-03 from the Chairman of the Sailing Committee regarding equipment for the 2008 Olympic Regatta and recommends to Council accepting this submission.

(b) Selection of Disciplines Submissions

Submission 041-03 (other Committee) and submission 045-02 (other Committee).

The Committee briefly discussed the matter and noted the comments by the President of ISAF. The Committee felt strongly about supporting the Windsurfing events for men and woman and also was of the opinion that the decision should be taken at this November meeting.

Recommendation to Council

The Committee considered submission 041-03 and submission 045-02 regarding Olympic Windsurfing events and recommends to Council accepting this submission. It is further recommended not to delay a decision on this issue and make a decision on all Events of the 2008 Olympic Regatta in accordance with ISAF Regulation 16.1.1. (b): 'at the November meeting of Council five years before the Olympic Regatta, Council shall decide the Events'.

5. RACING RULES OF SAILING - APPENDIX B

(a) Submission 133-03 (other Committee)

The Committee strongly supported the idea of all windsurfing racing rules as part of the Racing Rules of Sailing. It was mentioned that the structure of the document now in submission 133-03 was not recommendable and that further editing is necessary. Pertti Lipas of the Racing Rules Committee indicated that with a small group, an attempt can be made to edit the text for inclusion in the new rulebook. The tight timeline was noted.

Recommendation to Council

The Committee considered submission 133-03 from the International Formula Windsurfing Class and recommends to Council accepting submission 133-03 (other Committee) in principle. However, it further recommended that editing is to take place and that the Racing Rules Committee will have broad authority to make the necessary adjustments. It is recommended that a special group be charged with the editing process. It is proposed that this group will include Rory Ramsden, representing the Windsurfing Classes, Luc Rogiers, member of the Windsurfing Committee, Pertti Lipas and Kamen Fillyov from the Racing Rules Committee.

(b) Submission 134-03 (other Committee)

This submission covers the same subject as above.

Recommendation to Council

The Committee considered submission 134-03 from the International Funboard Class Association and recommends to Council accepting this submission.

6. CLASS RULE INTERPRETATIONS

Submission 208-03 (other Committee)

The Chairman of the Measurement Committee gave a brief explanation of the submission after which the Committee felt that they should support the submission.

Recommendation to Council

The Committee considered submission 208-03 from the Measurement Committee Chairman regarding class rule interpretations and recommends to Council accepting this submission.

7. APPLICATION FOR ISAF RECOGNISED CLASS STATUS

Submission 188-03 (other Committee)

The Committee received a presentation from the President of the Formula Experience Class. It was agreed that the price control paragraph in the draft class rules was not appropriate.

Recommendation to Council

The Committee considered submission 188-03 from the Formula Experience Class – application as an ISAF Recognised Class and recommends to Council accepting this submission. The Windsurfing Committee is of the opinion that the price control rule in the draft class rules is not appropriate and that this issue should be addressed.

8. ISAF APPROVED SERIES PRODUCTION BOARD REGISTRATION

A brief history was given to remind the members of the Committee of the reasons behind the current fee structure. It was felt that the current fee structure was justified except for the slalom boards which are produced in small series. The Committee recommends therefore a change in the fees as follows:

Recommendation to Council

The Committee reviewed the current registration fees and recommends to the Executive Committee to review and amend the fee structure as follows:

£600 ~~Slalom~~ **Course racing and** Formula Windsurfing boards
£300 **Slalom and** Wave and Freestyle boards
£200 youth version of a board.

9. CLASS REPORTS

The Committee received verbal and written progress reports from representatives from the following International and Recognised Windsurfing Classes.

- Raceboard
- Mistral Junior One-Design
- IFCA
- Mistral
- Aloha

The Windsurfing Committee received a report that a PWA rule prohibits its members competing in events of other classes without permission of the PWA. It is recommended to the ISAF Executive Committee to address this issue and to take the necessary steps to make the PWA change this rule.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chairman was authorised to finalise and sign off the Windsurfing Committee recommendations to Council.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Annual Report

The Committee noted that a draft annual report, covering the period 1 January to 31 December 2003, needs to be submitted by the Chairman of the Committee. The deadline for submitting the final Windsurfing Committee annual report is 23 January 2004.

(b) Jorunn Horgen replaced Aaron Botzer as the representative of the Windsurfing Committee at the Sailing Committee meeting (for this November Conference) as Aaron had to attend the Race Officials Committee meeting.