The IFDS Executive Committee met by Skype at 1900-2140 GMT on
Tuesday 18 February 2014

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
   (a) Minutes
   The draft minutes of the IFDS Executive Committee meeting of 11 December
   2013, circulated by Bernard on the 11 December were noted and approved.
   (b) Minutes Matters Arising
   The matters arising not covered elsewhere on this agenda were confirmed:
   1. Request by Homerus;
   2. Homerus System.

2. IFDS Finances
   (a) 2014 IFDS RNA Subscriptions
   The IFDS Treasurer confirmed that the 2014 IFDS RNA Subscriptions had been
   distributed and to bring IFDS in line with the payment protocol of ISAF, all
   invoices will have to be settled within 30 days.
   (b) IFDS RBS Bank Account, GBR
   John Twomey confirmed that he will be speaking to IFDS’s assigned Bank
   Manager at the Royal Bank of Scotland with regards to the bank charges
   incurred by IFDS
3. **IFDS/ISAF Merger**

   John Twomey confirmed that he will be meeting with the ISAF CEO, Jerome Pels on Friday 7 March, at ISAF UK.

   **Decision**

   The IFDS Working Party will meet by Skype at 1900 GMT, Monday 3 March 2014.

4. **IFDS Rankings**

   The IFDS Rankings were discussed.

   **Decision**

   It was confirmed that the wish to allow able-bodied athletes to compete in some of the IFDS Ranking Events still stands.

5. **IFDS Events**

   (a) **IFDS Worlds, CAN – 16-24 Aug 2014**;

      A brief summary about the event was given.

      **Decision**

      It was confirmed that the IFDS Executive Committee and the ISAF Disabled Sailing Administrator should be present during this event.

      A Canadian Anti-Doping representative will be used to educate the athletes about Anti-Doping.

   (b) **IFDS Blind World Championship, USA – 11-15 or 10-14 Sept 2014**;

      Details of the event were noted and the IPC requirement to use IBSA Classifiers was discussed.

   (c) **IFDS Development Seminar, BRA – end of Sept 2014**;

      The details of the proposed IFDS Development Seminar were discussed.

      **Decision**

      It was confirmed Betsy, Brian, Bernard, Henry and John would be presenting during the Development Seminar on their specialised areas of the sport and that the IFDS Executive Committee would hold a Face-to-Face Meeting following the Seminar and the ISAF Disabled Sailing Administrator should be present during this event.

   (d) **2014 Asia Para Games, 18-24 Oct 2014**.

      The Classification requirements for this event were discussed.

      **Decision**
The Executive Committee agreed and will propose to the organizing committee that this event will be open to all IFDS Internationally Classified Athletes with a Minimum Disability.

This will be confirmed with the organizing committee.

(e) European Sonar Championship

The idea of an European Sonar Championship being held was considered to be a good idea and would provide the athletes with valuable racing experience.

6. IPC Athlete Research Proposal

The IPC Athlete Research Proposal was discussed.

**Decision**

It was suggested that Linda Merkle would be asked if she would assist IFDS with this project, with all of her expenses being covered by IFDS.

7. Incheon Para Games

The delay in the progression of this event was noted.

8. 2020 Paralympic Games - Sport Programme

IFDS's submission for the inclusion of two additional disciplines at the 2020 Paralympic Sailing Competition was discussed and the Executive Committee were reminded that the AGM had tasked IFDS with this.

**Decision**

IFDS will respond to IPC's request for further information.

9. SKUD18 Seating

The changes to the wording of the SKUD18 seating was discussed and approved.

**Decision**

The approved change will be:

1. made to the IFDS Race Management Manual;
2. published on the IFDS Updates Face book page;
3. published in the IFDS Bulletin;
4. confirmed with the class.


The proposal to modify Appendix 6 in the FCS 2013 to read one year and not 6 months was discussed.
Decision
The change to Appendix 6 giving athletes one year between vision tests and IFDS International Classification was approved.

11. Future Meetings
(a) IFDS Executive Committee Face-to-Face Meeting
It was agreed that the IFDS Executive Committee would hold a Face-to-Face Meeting after the IFDS Development Seminar in Brazil.

12. Any Other Business
(a) Nations of Classified Athletes
It was noted that some athletes had received IFDS International Classifications and their nations were not IFDS members.

Decision
The nations would be contacted and invited to join IFDS.

(b) Homerus
i) Homerus’s request to see IFDS’s application for additional events in the 2020 Paralympic Sailing Competition was discussed.
ii) Concern was raised about the Homerus Acoustic System not being readily available.

Decision
John Twomey will contact Homerus to establish the availability and pricing of the system.