



Extract of the Minutes of the AGCM held in Mar Menor, Spain 22nd July 2007

The meeting was held on Sunday 22 July, the day after the 2007 World Championship, and was attended by the President Alberto Barengi; General Secretary Peter Doran; Hon Treasurer Fred Schaaf; V-P Championships Stephen Parry; Commodore for NW Europe Enno Kramer; Commodore for N&S America Lin Robson; Councilor of Honour Rafael Iturrioz; Councilor of Honour Richard Phillip; and the Chief Measurer John Best.

Finances.

The Hon Treasurer reported that although the accounts for 2004 and 2005 are still with the accountants for reconstruction, he distributed some figures from the 2006 accounts which are in the process of being finalized. FS explained that he had experienced some difficulties in obtaining clear figures for the number of International members as some countries were unclear about their current and anticipated membership when he issued membership stickers at the start of each year.

It was agreed to maintain IFDCO Membership at €20 per member for 2008.

FS reported that he had distributed 8 grants to young sailors at the 2007 World Championship and requested that the committee clarified the eligibility criteria for this Young Sailors Grant. A grant of €75 is paid to any competitor who is under the age of 26 at the World Championship. It was agreed that to be eligible the competitor had to be under 26 on January 1 of that years WC.

Technical and Measurement.

Here have been some issues with the process for issuing Measurement Certificates, since the hand over of this role from Clé to Zsofia. During this event PH, JB and ZC had discussions to ensure that a clear and robust process for the issuing of Measurement Certificates and Forms is in place.

The Technical Sub Committee had met during the WC and are to propose some changes to the Class Rules which had either arisen during the championship measurement process or had been identified following the adoption of the ISAF "Equipment Rules of Sailing" (ERS). These included:

- * Legibility of sail numbers on spinnakers.
- * Personal Sail Numbers (Rule 10.1)
- * The FD measurement of mainsail leech with the battens in place is against the ERS.
- * RRS Rule 50.4 would define the FD genoa as a spinnaker.
- * Need to ensure trapeze belts and PFDs are separate items.
- * Mast weight to be confirmed as a minimum 8.5kg for all masts.
- * Need to limit the distance from the gooseneck to the mast to a maximum of 60mm.

The technical subcommittee is to draft the appropriate changes to the rules, for submission to ISAF for ratification.

It was pointed out that the previous discussions in ISAF over the suggested requirement for quick release pins on trapeze belts is still in progress.

International Flying Dutchman Class Organization.



The measurement checks which had been conducted after each race had covered over half the competing boats and included 13 of the 15 Nations represented.

Promotion.

The HARKEN sponsorship deal has one more year to run and we still have a large amount of stock. AB agreed to review the pricing. It was agreed that we need the National Secretaries to support the promotion and sale of the clothing.

The sale of these items support some of the funding of IFDCO and is used for example to give grants to inter-continental competitors who ship their boat to World Championships. AB is still pursuing other potential sponsors.

Website and Bulletin

The meeting discussed the image of the International class website. It was generally agreed that in order to meet the dual goals of being attractive to potential new FD owners and to provide information to current owners some updating is required. It is also recognized that the website and Bulletin are complimentary, both are required and both require articles and input from our membership. The webmaster will work with the Bulletin editors and a Graphic Designer to change the website. The issue of the recent Bulletin had been welcome and the editors were congratulated on their efforts. More effort is to be made to obtain suitable material for both the Bulletin and the Website.

Championship.

It was confirmed that the already agreed events are:

2008 European Championships. Rabac , Croatia	May 31 st – June 7 th
2008 World Championships New Zealand	December 31 st 2008- 11 th January 2009
2009 World Championships Medenblik Holland	August 1 st – 8 th

For the 2010 World Championships Lake Garda in Italy, and Romania had both expressed interest although no formal proposals had been submitted. At the Competitors hearing and the National secretaries meeting Mihai Butucaru (ROM 10) had outlined the venue and facilities in Romania.

The General Committee will review the formal proposals at the next AGCM in June 2008.

The 2008 Eurocup events will be

Altea Cup in Spain

Kiel Week in Germany

European Championships Rabac, Croatia

Riva del Garda in Italy

Conrad Gulcher Memorial Regatta in Loostrecht, Netherlands

Rafael Iturrioz will again assist with the selection of the International jury for the EC 2008. He will do this to reduce the costs and to make good use of the Eurosaf Exchange system.

For the WC 2008 in New Zealand the selection of the International Jury is in hand.

The Eurocup presentation for 2006 had not been made and this will be made together with the 2007 presentation at the EC in Croatia.



Commodores Reports.

NW Europe: EK gave a verbal report. In the Netherlands numbers were stable, as were the small numbers in Sweden and Denmark. He expressed concern about the drop in numbers in the UK.

Mediterranean: AB reported an increase in numbers in Italy with a good second hand boat market. Spain has a small increase in numbers, several new boats, and some new young sailors. France has a small fleet with older boats.

N& S America: Activity in the Americas is confined to the US where there is activity in California, and the Northeast and Southeast regions, and with some limited activity in the Midwestern states. There is increased fleet numbers in San Francisco.

ISAF Meeting.

The ISAF 2007 conference will be held in Estoril, Portugal in early November. For the past few years PH, PD and SP have reviewed the submissions to the conference and submitted a class view. This is to be repeated this year, and appropriate class representation will attend the conference.

Appointments.

The re-appointment, for further terms of three years, of the General secretary, VP Championships, VP Specials, and Commodore for Eastern Europe were made.

VYG.

Vintage Yachting Games. Although the class has expressed interest to the organizers, no monies have been paid and there is a lack of recent information. AB and FS will meet Rudy den Outer, Chairman of the VYG, during October in order to discuss the future VYG events and an update for class members will appear in the next FD Bulletin.

2008 AGCM.

The 2008 AGCM will be held in Croatia, the day after the European Championship Sunday 7th June 2008.