**Fireball Executive meeting of 24 June, 2019; 21:00 UCT (online)**

**Minutes**

**Present**: Christina Härdi-Landerer, Cormac Bradley, Ben Schulz, Debbie Kirkby, Jakub Napravnik, Guy Newson, Tom Egli, Mianne Erne (minutes).

Agenda

1. **Grant applications (Hernandez, McKenzie – discussion)**
2. **Thelassa Cup (discussion)**
3. **Application Europeans 22 Nice (decision)**
4. **Wording Grant Application (discussion)**
5. **Prices of Measurement Form, Certificate, Building Plans (discussion)**
6. **Norris Brothers (information)**
7. **Worlds CAN: Prep Exec meeting, Council meeting incl. agenda (by July 20), yearly reports (information)**
8. **Worlds IRL next steps (information)**
9. **AOB**

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1. Grant applications

Hernandez (FRA) and MacKenzie (AUS) have applied for support to participate in the Montreal Worlds

Both are young; students. Christina would like to support both applications. Hernandez only stated the amount orally. (£200 for full team)

For team, £200 seems adequate. Bigger amounts for organizers who organize an event.

MacKenzie – asks for £500. They include living cost.

Decision: £350 to AUS, £300 to FRA

1. Thelassa Cup

It looks as if the Thelassa Cup (for best placed woman) has been lost; it wasn’t at Carnac, probably not in Wales either. Eva won the cup several times but doesn’t know who had it last.

Decision: the Thelassa Cup should be replaced.

We should also have a “Youth cup”.

Thelassa – origin of trophy and its name is unclear.

CAN has started to keep the trophies centrally, winners get pictures taken and a keep-sake. FI has had the trophy winners sign that they are responsible and have to hand it back.

Advantage of keeping them centrally: consistency, especially concerning engraving

Disadvantage: some people will feel it’s a bit of a joke if you win a trophy but can’t keep it for the duration.

Decision: Let’s discuss trophy issues in Montreal.

There is no point in the budget for trophy maintenance and insurance anymore.

Decision: Christina is going to organize a Thelassa replacement. Other issues (Youth trophy and storage of trophies) will be discussed in Montreal.

1. Application Europeans 2022 Nice (decision)

The event would be in July, a good date for both those who are going to AUS as well as those who are staying home. It would be right after the Tour de France de voile. With lots of people interested in sailing around Nice, it would be pretty good publicity.

Jakub – is there a possibility to have it moved outside high season?

Christina: there’s sponsoring for accommodation, organizers have promised to help keep costs low. The event would be supported by city of Nice and Département Alpes-Maritime.

General support, but it shouldn’t become too expensive. Christina and Jakub will compose a list of our wishes.

1. Wording Grant Application (discussion)

The AUS applicant asked Ben about the form and how to fill it in, there were points that need clarification. Add point “what the candidate is asking for”. Clarify what sections of the form have to be filled in by individuals, what sections have to be filled in by organizations only. Clarify wording: “Sponsor” to non-native speakers means someone who pays for you. Guy will re-word and send a proposition.

1. Prices of Measurement Form, Certificate, Building Plans discussion

Certificate used to cost a few £. We used to print about 50 at a time. Plans were given out for free. Measurement Form could now be done electronically, therefore no cost of shipping.

Now: measurement £ 6. As part of the measurement process, we could define that FI would also get a pdf copy. MNA, owner and builder have to have a copy. New: FI want one too. Ben: We could install a google drive, access for measurers etc. – Tom: we could ask NCAs for names of their measurers.

Tom could put something like that together.

The form still has the ISAF logo on it – we need to change that to World Sailing.

We still have quite a few copies of certificates.

Why do we have to print them – why don’t we have the builders print them themselves? Tom: it gives us some control. Bring them to events – certificates may have to be replaced for events.

If we let owners print the forms, we can’t guarantee that they aren’t forged. Authenticity? Digital signatures?

Now: if a new boat is built, charges are £160 for plaque, £6 for certificate. No charge for re-issued certificates.

1. Norris Brothers information

There was a meeting in 2008 between daughter of Norris bros and Francois and Andrew – Norris bros wanted out of the deal when Lou Norris died. He did die in early 2009, but nothing happened. We should try to close the contract.

Does the company of Norris bros still exist? Have they been bought by another company? Guy: try to check if they are still registered.

1. Worlds CAN: Prep Exec meeting, Council meeting incl. agenda (by July 20), yearly report (information)

There will be rooms at the Worlds for the meetings.

Executive: Make sure to submit your yearly reports. Christina will send out the agenda for the meetings. If time runs out before we have to send out the agenda: Make points 1-7 the annual reports, anything else can be dealt with under AOB.

1. Worlds IRL next steps (information)

Well under way. Three people from among the organizers from Howth will be in Montreal.

The Irish Fireball Chairman went to the UK Nationals to promote the event; with Derian being the new UK chairperson, there is a lot of goodwill towards the Irish Fireball Association.

The organisers at Howth are doing a lot to try and provide alternative accommodation close to the event since there isn’t a lot of official accommodation for rent. Some camping will possible, possibly a small number of campers at club, maybe also boats as accommodation. Club has run several big events, still have one or two before Fireball Worlds.

Reminder: Irish MNA has to be informed.

1. **AOB**

Guy: does FI charge the organizers of a Worlds? Tom: FI used to charge a levy per boat in exchange for helping with organization. Basically: if FI incurs costs for helping with organisation, they should charge the competitors. In recent years we got about £ 10 per boat. (Carnac: for Francois). Tom needs to ask the Montreal treasurer if this has been budgeted. We need a decision on clear guidelines about how to do this in future > Christina: put this on the agenda of next executive meeting.

2021 Europeans will be in Italy; possibly on Elba or in Tuscany.

There are two calendars now on FI website, one for definite event dates, one for planned ones.

End of meeting: 22:29 UCT

Aarau, 2 July 2019

Mianne Erne