

Fireball Executive meeting of 2 April, 2020; by Skype

Minutes

Present: Ben Schulz, Cormac Bradley, David Laing, Debbie Kirkby, Jakub Nápravník, Guy Newson, Tom Egli, Linus Eberle (on and off) Christina Härdi (minutes).

Agenda

1. Minutes Fireball Executive meeting of 26 August, 2019; Montreal Worlds
2. Worlds 2020 in Corona Times
3. Council decision
4. Reviewed accounting2019:
5. AOB

1. Minutes Fireball Executive meeting of 26 August, 2019; Montreal Worlds

Everybody agrees. We thank Mianne for the notes.

2. Worlds 2020 in Corona Times

FI cannot decide, but advise!

The options are to adhere, to postpone or to cancel the Worlds 2020

Everybody agrees to postpone the event if a possible date can be found in 2021.

The preferred options would then be to have Howth in 2021, Geelong 2022 and the Europeans in 2022 and 2023.

Cormac will pass the information to the organizers based on a written document circulated in the executive before submitting, Christina will get into contact with the organizers as soon as Howth has decided.

Should there be no international event in 2020, Guy proposes to abstain from invoicing the NCAs for their subscriptions 2020 in order to alleviate potential financial difficulties incurred by the “corona crisis”. Everybody agrees to propose this to Council.

Christina will send this poll around should Howth accept to postpone the worlds.

3. Council decision

The results have been sent to all Executive members on April 2nd. (Note: sent to Council on April 3rd). Both the budget and the rule change concerning spinnaker poles were approved.

Next step is to get approval by World sailing. Tom will take over and prepare the documents until April 12th.

4. Reviewed accounting 2019

Ben thanks Guy and Christina for putting the accounting together and having them audited. One open question: on what basis is the amount owed to Norris Bros calculated: Guy: Licences sold from 2008 until 2018 are still separated in the accounts but no payment made. In 2019 the Executive has proposed, not to seek contacts with Norris Bros.

Notes: (a) A previous search before the 2019 Executive Meeting search has failed to discover any business currently trading as [this] Norris Brothers.

(b) Norris Brothers withdrew renewing their ownership of Fireball Name and Logo in 2017 and so they are in public domain

(c) Any design rights that Norris Brothers may have had, time expired many years ago

(d) To completely close the loop we are investigating whether a contract existed between Norris Brothers, World Sailing and Fireball International.

(e) Once we have completed item (d) in a fair and reasonable manner, it will be safe to assume our relationship with Norris Brothers has finished.

5. AOB

Nobody asks for AOB.

Küblis, 3 April 2020

Christina Härdi