

# Fireball Executive meeting of Feb. 2, 2021; 20:00 UTC - online

## Minutes

**Present:** Heather Macfarlane, Al Bush, Hiroshi Kato, Jakub Napravnik, Guy Newson, Dave Hall, Linus Eberle, Christina Härdi, Mianne Erne (minutes).

### Agenda

1. Minutes Fireball Executive meeting of 20 April, 2020; Skype
2. Reviewed accounting 2020; Membership fees; Budget 2021 => Council decision
3. Worlds 2022: Informations, deadline for final decision (Go/Cancel)
4. Subscriptions discs 20 for 2021
5. Update UK Dinghy Show 21
6. Update carbon pole
7. Info conc. RRS Rule 50.1(c) trapeze harness quick release variety.  
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8. young fireball sailor to be an understudy on the committee, numbers, recruitment
9. AOB

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  - After a short clarification of certain facts not known to the new members of the Executive, the minutes are approved.
- 2. Reviewed accounting 2020; Membership fees; Budget 2021 => Council decision**
  - The annual accounts 2020 and budget 2021 are discussed, some points clarified.
  - Guy suggests to stop listing provisions for N. bros. separately. Executive agrees.
  - Heather suggests digitalizing proof of membership, so postage could be avoided. Linus: This is a somewhat complex issue: Now, NCAs are responsible for memberships, if digitalized, FI would become responsible – Heather will look into it and make a suggestion.
  - Subsidies for containers to Geelong: a guaranteed amount per container will make it easier for participants to calculate their costs and make the decision on attendance, but will leave our budget open to overspending. The risk having to pay for more than 6 containers is small, but if there should be more, the expenditure would be well worth it. Decision: £ 1,000 subsidy per container.
  - Both the annual accounts 2020 and budget 2021 are approved by Executive.
- 3. Worlds 2022: Information, deadline for final decision (Go/Cancel)**
  - Planning will go ahead as long as no large amounts have to be spent. If large amounts become necessary too soon, the event may have to be postponed.
  - Main possible reasons to cancel the event would be if quarantining was still in place, as well as prohibitively high airplane tickets or other costs.
  - Deadline for cancelling the event would have to be October 2021 – before any boats have been loaded into containers. For all other expenditures (esp. airplane tickets), the Worlds committee is working on agreements for full refunds in the case of a cancellation of the event.
  - If airlines won't guarantee refunds, the deadline for cancellation may have to be moved forward.

- AirBnB have been very good at refunding people resp. not asking for deposits until fairly late.
- Considerations about Worlds (or its cancellation) affecting Europeans in Italy – the Italians are more worried about corona measurements still being in place. Both Christina and Dave think that If borders are open, European sailors will attend the event.

#### 4. Subscriptions discs 2020 for 2021

- In 2020, no membership fees were levied due to the pandemic, the disks had already been bought but were not distributed.
- Decision: we distribute the 2020 disks for 2021.
- Regular fees will be in place for 2021.

#### 5. Update UK Dinghy Show 21

- The UK Dinghy show will be online this year.
- Fireball videos can be sent in; Urs and Jakub take care of the respective videos.

#### 6. Update carbon pole

- Dave : submission has gone to World Sailing, answer is expected later this week.
- The rule has been re-written and positioned under “Rule 8” – listed under Exceptions to rules “Notwithstanding ...”

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- The discussion on whether or not to exempt the Fireball class from using the quick-release harnesses required by WS after January 1, 2023, will have to be delegated to the basis. Executive can't take the risk of deciding on an exemption alone.
- Issue has to be broadcast on all information channels, via NCAs but also social media and any other applicable channels.

#### 8. young fireball sailor to be an understudy on the committee, numbers, recruitment

- Executive members agree that young associate members would be a good idea. Target age: up to 30 years old.
- Ask NCAs for possible candidates.

#### 9. AOB

No requests for AOB

End of meeting: 21:20 UTC

Aarau, Feb 4, 2021



Mianne Erne