

# Fireball Executive meeting of 13 April 2026; 07:00 UTC

## Minutes

### Attendees

- Nick Rees (Commodore)
- Olivier Burgaud (Secretary)
- Mianne Erne (Minutes Secretary)
- Dave Hall (Technical Committee Chair)
- Hiroshi Kato (Rear Commodore Asia)
- Evelyn Chisholm (Rear Commodore North America)
- Heather Macfarlane (Rear Commodore Australia)
- Jakub Napravnik (Rear Commodore Central Europe)
- Cormac Bradley (Rear Commodore Western Europe)

### Purpose

April 2026 meeting of FI Executive

### Agenda

1. Previous minutes
2. Review of Actions
3. 2026 Worlds
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Other Future Events
6. World Sailing
7. Marketing and Fleet Development
8. Insurance
9. AOB

## Minutes

### 1. Previous Minutes

The minutes were approved and will be posted to the website.

## 2. Review of Actions

Action 76 – CAN Worlds seem possible, several parties are keen and are looking into it

Action 78 – some potential contributors found it impossible to post to FI facebook page (or group?)

Action 80 – done. Sending material to Peter Wirth (USA) isn't working but stickers and membership cards seem to have arrived via Greg Desilets (CAN). USA seem to have paid up (Guy not present to confirm)

Action 82 – documents on governance – 10 NCAs answered, most of them have written guidelines of governance.

**Action 87** Nick to study the documents of governance he received.

**Action 83** – not done yet, Nick is going to send the proposed dates and venues for further events out this week.

Action 84 – France will do Worlds in 2030

Action 86 – World Sailing has received our comments and sent an answer, The text of the Agreement is still in progress.

## 3. 2026 Worlds

Everything's on track. The "early bird" entry period ends 30 April, organizers are optimistic to get 100+ participants.

Social programme is well under way, the idea is to keep people at the club, to mingle and socialize at the club after racing. Good sponsors have been found for prizes.

Discussion on what impact the oil crisis might have or has had. Ireland has had one regatta cancelled because of riots/blockades. Czechia has had massive rises in oil price, worries about fuel shortage.

Air travel might become a lot more expensive.

Request to the organizers: make entry list more easily accessible, it is difficult to figure out who is going. This may keep some people from signing up. Dave will address this at the next Worlds committee meeting.

## 4. Treasurer's Report

Guy not present; there has been word that the USA dues have been paid.

## 5. Other Future Events

- 2026 Europeans: none (Worlds are in Europe)
- 2027 Europeans: France (St. Raphael, agreed)
- 2028 Worlds: Kenya (Kilifi, confirmed)
- 2028 Europeans: Belgium (Medemblik)
- 2029 Worlds: Europe – Italy, possibly Lake Garda
- 2030 Worlds: France (north)

## 6. World Sailing

World Sailing is in the process of working through our comments . The fact that we (like several other classes) are an unincorporated association appears to limit the extent to which legally binding contracts can be concluded.

## 7. Marketing and Fleet Development

Five countries have committed to sending input towards the annual report, others haven't responded so far.

## 8. Insurance

Nick: with decisions made by FI at international events, it is not clear who is responsible for potential consequences. This would have to be clarified every time in the invitation/NOR: "Club XY, in association with FI".

The questions are a) should FI carry insurance? What impact would it have on the budget? b) has FI ever had insurance? c) what insurance do NGAs have?

Heather: AUS has insurance, mostly to make sure individual volunteers or office holders are not at risk of being held responsible and sued personally. It is a considerable part of the budget. At the Worlds at Geelong there was an agreement between the club and the class not to hold each other liable.

IRE is having the same discussions, it is important to protect officials, race officers etc.

GBR has to have insurance to take part in the Dinghy Show.

CAN: it might be difficult to get insurance for an international committee. CAN lost insurance coverage because the committee members are from different provinces; no company was prepared to cover this.

**Action 88** Nick to ask Guy to look into insurance possibilities.

## 9. AOB

Class Rule change for cameras hasn't been finalized yet, will be addressed again at the April meeting with World Sailing.

3-year term for committee members is coming up at the end of 2026. Most members are willing to stay on for the next term.

Next Executive Meeting, next AGM: during the Worlds, date and time to be announced.

**Action 89** Nick to set date for Executive meeting and AGM during the worlds, send out invitations.

End: 08:00 UCT

Aarau, 13 April 2026

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Mianne Erne