

Fireball Executive meeting of 22 December, 2017; 22:00 UCT (online)

Minutes

Present or partly present: Christina Härdi-Landerer, Ben Schulz, Jakub Napravnik, Debbie Kirkby, Cormac Bradley, Tom Egli, Mianne Erne (minutes).

Agenda

1. New set-up in Europe (Western Europe and Eastern Europe)
2. Affiliated members
3. Open issues
4. Worlds 2018 Carnac
5. Worlds 2019 Montreal
6. Worlds 2020 Howth – proposal from Ireland
7. Rule Change proposals - Chair of Technical Committee
8. AOB

Minutes

1) New set-up in Europe (Western Europe and Eastern Europe)

Cormac has tried to get in touch with the 5 Western NCAs but so far has not had many responses.

The Eastern European NCAs have agreed on having a Central European Cup consisting of four Nationals (CZE, ITA, SLO, SUI). It was tested partly successfully this year already.

- We need to publish all dates of Nationals and other important events, or all national race calendars.
- Christina would also like to know mean numbers of participants at nationals per NCA

2) Affiliated members of the Executive

Christina has asked and received acceptance from the following people:

- Technical Committee: Tom Egli
- Minutes secretary: Mianne Erne
- Secretary: Linus Eberle (Jackie Barker had volunteered to stay on for another 3 years, but she is rarely at international races)
- Treasurer: Guy Newton
- Website: Ben Schulz and Esteban Hernandez

Christina sends out these proposals to Council for ratification.

3) Open issues

a) Future meetings

Christina would like to have e-meetings more often, Tom suggests more but smaller meetings (not full Council).

Ben would welcome e-meetings to take place on workday mornings.

It is difficult to get the Japanese on board, language issues might make written communication easier.

b) World Sailing

World Sailing needs paper work: Commodore's annual report should be filed on time, being punctual and dependable has put us on good terms with World sailing in the past.

4) Worlds 2018 Carnac

Fireball France need to be pushed to publish NOR and SI – they need to be reviewed by FI. Tom offers to speak to Jean Robillard.

Unclear: letter of endorsement – roles of Club, NCA, MNA

Update from Christina 31.12.17: Meanwhile Steve has written this letter and sent to Jean.

Contact for Fireball France is still wrong on the website, we need to get France to update the information.

- Christina sends request from Jean to Tom, sends address of French commodore to Ben and Cormac.

5) Worlds 2019 Montreal

All paperwork received

6) Worlds 2020 Howth – proposal from Ireland

There is an invitation for Worlds in Ireland by Howth Yacht Club. This needs to be discussed – Howth Yacht Club has a good reputation.

- Christina put it on the agenda for the next Executive meeting.

7) Rule Change proposals - Chair of Technical Committee

a) Proposal for two trapeze harnesses: Tom has tentatively asked World Sailing, but got a very clear No, because helms might use harness as weight jacket.

b) Proposal for twin poles: there is too much information and miss-information around, those who wanted to test the system seriously haven't got around to doing it, so there isn't enough reliable data about it although some sailors have tried it out.

- Definitely no vote about twin poles before the Worlds in Carnac
- We need to look at rules about spinnaker pole fitting height, especially if we should allow launchers and twin poles. Rules could distinguish between height for traditional poles and height for twin or launched poles.

8) **AOB**

Ben sent out minutes of the Council meeting at Lyme Regis but never got them okayed to publish.

- Ben sends the minutes again, if okayed, publishes them.

End of meeting: about 10:50 UCT