

Fireball Executive meeting of 1 March, 2018; 22:00 UCT (online)

Minutes (Website)

Present or partly present: Christina Härdi-Landerer, Ben Schulz, Jakub Napravnik, Debbie Kirkby, Cormac Bradley, David Laing, Guy Newson, David Carroll, Linus Eberle, Mianne Erne (minutes).

Agenda

1. Exec: responsibilities of appointed members!
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3. Worlds 2020 Howth: Yacht Club perfectly suited for boats and ramps, accommodation? Ferries?
4. Worlds 2023 proposal UKFA: Hayling Island
5. WS: several Q from Hendrik Plate
6. WS: pros and cons as WS class
7. EC Lipno 2019 bid from Jakub
8. AOB

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1. Exec: responsibilities of appointed members

Tom Egli – technical committee “officer”; at present support for Worlds 2018 Carnac.

Esteban Hernandez – website Northern hemisphere in cooperation with Ben Schulz (Southern hemisphere).

Ben will try to discuss everything website-related with Esteban within the next few weeks. This is urgent because Carnac is only publishing on FRA website and club website. FI-website needs to be up-to-date on events; dates of all Nationals should be published on website.

Linus Eberle – Secretary: send out plaques, number certificates, NCA lists, etc.

Guy Newson – treasurer, in keeping with the constitution. Guy and Linus will have to get in touch to work out how best to cooperate.

- Mostly what Jackie has been doing was get in touch with NCAs about numbers, once these are clear, invoices and stickers are sent out.
- Invoice goes out by email and paper at the same time. Sometimes it takes a long time for NCAs to pay, but stickers are needed at start of season.
- Christina has all documentation for 2018 at her place – easiest if Guy sends invoice to Linus, so Linus can send it out with stickers.

David Carroll – IT support for online meetings.

Mianne Erne – minutes of meetings

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There have been delays with NOR, which needed some amendments. These have not been received by Christina yet.

The event needs to be promoted urgently, on all available channels. FRA need to provide more information.

- 3. Worlds 2020 Howth: Yacht Club perfectly suited for boats and ramps, accommodation? Ferries?**

Howth Yacht Club are very keen to host a Fireball event in 2020 to coincide with their 125th Anniversary. Membership-wise they are the biggest club in Ireland and in preliminary meetings with Fireball Ireland a date in August was proposed for the regatta for tide reasons. However, this would present a potential logistics problem for the UKFA who have been negotiating venues for their Nationals in this same time frame - August - at south coast venues. Fireball Ireland are of the view that an event which forces a choice between UK Nationals and a Worlds would not help numbers for their event and is keen to avoid such a clash. Howth are looking at a July alternative in order to maximise the time interval between the two events. However, we are equally anxious to find out from the UKFA when and where their Nationals will be going in 2020.

Howth is an ideal location in every sense except accommodation. The club is thinking of accommodating motorhomes and/or camping areas.

Ferry-discounts shouldn't be a problem; it should even be possible to just send the trailers onto the ferry and have them picked up with rental cars in Dublin. Exchange rates might be a bigger problem for some NCAs.

Howth should be promoted, published now, especially in IRE.

Decision: Executive is for promoting Howth. It has to go through Council, but since Executive endorses it, it could already be promoted in IRE.

- 4. Worlds 2023 proposal UKFA: Hayling Island**

Discussion: Hayling Island is a famous club, fantastic location – but shouldn't Worlds come back to Central Europe?

In 2021 a large Europeans is planned.

Alternatives at a warm, southerly destination might well attract more boats. One alternative might be Greece, there are whole resorts up for rent, families could join.

The Executive endorse Hayling Island, but possibilities of having it later in the 2020s will be looked into.

5. **WS: several Q from Hendrik Plate**

WS ask for a lot of detailed information about FI. We need to make sure we can prove we have enough boats and enough officials to organize future Worlds.

6. **WS: pros and cons as WS class**

Being a WS class is a question of image. If we want to be seen as an international class, we have to be a member of WS. Thus, membership is essential for FI.

On the other hand, there is a lot of red tape, a lot of rules to fulfil and data to be submitted. Worlds are quite expensive if we have to apply WS rules (jury, etc.). Such rules might be challenged in cooperation with other classes.

7. **EC Lipno 2019 bid from Jakub**

Suggested date: end of May. Good venue, close to German border. Executive are in favour of location and date. It would be a nice alternative for those who can't go to Montreal.

Both Cormac and Jakub as European Rear Commodores endorse it, so Executive decide to support it. Jakub makes a proposal and presentation at Carnac.

8. **AOB**

Debbie: planning in Montreal is going well. They need to know if WS has accepted Montreal as a Worlds.

Guy needs boat numbers from CZE. Jakub has asked their treasurer to do it, but it sometimes takes time.

How to thank FI members for outstanding service? Past Commodores have been made lifelong members; thank you notes could be published on the website. This is a point to be discussed at the next exec meeting.

How can we organize more charter boats for Carnac? What price? From past experience, a boat in 15,000s would be about £ 1000 for the event, in the 14,000s somewhat lower. Jakub thinks the CZE could bring some boats. Idea: a fixed fee should be published.

End of meeting: about 00:30 UCT

Aarau, 2 March 2018



Mianne Erne