

Fireball Council meeting at Carnac, 27 August, 2018

Minutes

Agenda

- 1 Annual reports (Commodore's, financial, secretary's)
- 2 Annual reports (Rear Commodores')
- 3 Technical: Twin poles, any other technical issues
- 4 Website / Facebook
- 5 Future Worlds
- 6 Future European Championships
- 7 AOB

Minutes

Present: see Open Forum

1, 2 Annual reports

For annual reports, see appendix.

3 Technical: Twin poles, any other technical issues

AUS: there is no interest in twin poles, nor in CAN. Several other NCAs are also against it. Cost of second-hand boats would increase. Twin poles work very well with bow-launch spinnakers, but less so with spinnakers out of bags. Pros of discussion about twin-poles: we've looked at a lot of alternatives. There is nothing in the rules to stop you from whatever you want to do with ONE pole. There are certain advantages to twin poles. If UKFA wants to, write a proposal and we'll send it out and have a vote on it. We would also have to define height of take-off points for spinnaker poles.

4 Website / Facebook

Ruedi Moser has done a lot of work on the website to make it more current, easier to use. Christina would like to ask Ruedi to do keep doing that.

Facebook – we need more input from all NCAs, everybody should share and like facebook posts more often to get more presence on facebook.

5, 6 Future Worlds and European Championships

Umberto: ITA would like to organise it in Sardegna, or possibly Tuscany – it would have to be outside tourist high season. Would September be okay for UK sailors? Yes.

7 AOB

Dave Hall: keep travel expenses low, we have young sailors who don't have the means. Keep long enough intervals between big events.

Publish SWOT sheet on website for discussion.

There are different graphs showing different aspects of attendance. Many NCAs can't afford to send containers.

Jakub: Numbers do mean something, but a small event can be just as great – Derian: Could events support each other? Support for small NCAs is important, to boost interest in the class.

Phoenix, 07 Oct 2018

Mianne Erne