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## Minutes counselors' meeting International FJ Organization 2011

Date: July 26<sup>th</sup> 2011

Present:

Counselors: Johan Verheyen (BEL); Gregor Müller (GER); Neil van der Plas (USA); Martijn Aarts (NED); Franco Laqua (ITA)

National class president: Elske Vermeij (NED)

IFJO Board: Luuk Eisink (Treasurer); Simone Kramer (International Secretary); Bert Wolff (President)

Absent:

Counselors: Mr. Kouda (JAP)

National class: Rok Volk (SLO); Eugene Shibuya (JAP)

IFJO Board: Guilliano Rinaldi (Vice-president); Mitja Nemeč (general member)

Documents added to the meeting:

Appendix A: E-mail from mister Eugene Shibuya (JAP) "for counisolors meeting 2011"

Appendix B: Updated financial report IFJO counselors meeting 2011

Appendix C: Minutes of the meeting about the Rules 2010 following the Counselors Meeting 2011.

Opening of the meeting

The president opens the meeting and welcomes all present. In this meeting all current FJ matters will be discussed except the rules and templates. These matters will be addressed at a similar meeting on July 27<sup>th</sup> 2011. In that separate meeting it is possible for more FJ sailors and interested parties to state their concerns about the rules and templates and a more open discussion will be possible.

Point on the agenda

### 1. Annual report from the IFJO board

The President explains about the actions of the board in the past year and is asked about its actions with regard to the class rules. The president explains that at first a procedural strategy had been tried to return to the 2004 class rules by stating that proper IFJO and ISAF procedure had not been followed in submitting the new rules. ISAF concurred but also needed technical arguments to change the rules. A technical team was formed to supply these arguments. This team first discussed which items needed to be changed first.

### 2. Annual report from all countries

- a. GER: Lot of youth teams. Nieuwpoort was a difficult location for young teams who chose not to sail on open sea. Germany is not a recognized class in Germany at the moment because not enough boats are registered.
- b. ITA: The FJ class in Italy is failing. The class is looking for a new president which is not easy to find. Also the last boat builder quit. Poletto is not building any FJ's anymore. Another builder is building FJ's for a cheap price. It has to be seen whether these FJ's are good and compliant with the rules.



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- c. NED: This year less FJ's have competed in races. This is also because there is a lot of competition from, more 'easy' boats, like the RS Feva. There still is a good training camp and there are a few new youth teams.
  - d. BEL: All FJ's were moved to Antwerp so a bigger fleet could be formed. The whole fleet consists of 6 to 7 boats, but a few new teams have bought FJ's. The Belgium class owns two FJ's which are used for promotional purposes. These are not used this year to their full extend because the whole Belgium class was involved in the organization of the World Championship.
  - e. USA: There are about seven FJ's sailing in the USA. There are efforts to rebuild a fleet in the bay area, but the class seized to exist. There has not been a functioning board for some time. The class is considered to be expensive in difficult economic times.
  - f. SLO: No report received. Rok Volk had some personal health problems, but is building his own FJ.
  - g. JAP: For annual Report see Appendix A: E-mail from mister Eugene Shibuya (JAP) "for couniselpers meeting 2011"
3. Annual (financial) report 2010 IFJO board  
Luuk Eisink presents his financial report to the meeting. He explains the personal items on the balance. An updated financial report will be send with these minutes as appendix B.
  4. Pre send requests to IFJO Board\*\*  
No requests were send to the IFJO board.
  5. Future championships
    - a. Preliminary decision: EC 2012 IT at Garda Lake.  
Decision was taken to hold the EC 2012 at Garda Lake Italy. The club at Riva was asked to host the event. Italy was thanked deeply for their continuing effort in organizing FJ events.
    - b. Final decision: WC 2013 DE at Dümmer Lake  
Germany was asked whether it was possible to hold the championship anywhere else. At the meeting this seemed not possible due to agreements made in the past by the German FJ class. Germany will investigate the options to see if it is possible to hold the championship at a different venue. This is done at the request of the other counselpers. The counselpers inquired about the willingness of the German class to be open for more events.
    - c. Suggestions about 2014? Is Japan an option for 2015?  
Elske Vermeij stated the Dutch FJ class is willing to investigate the possibility of organizing an event in the Netherlands in 2014 and expressed the hope that Japan was willing to organize the event because the Dutch FJ sailors would like an opportunity to sail there.
  6. Rules 2010: report of the rules-committee  
Except the actions of the IFJO board all matters concerning the class rules are discussed in the meeting following the counselpers meeting of July 26<sup>th</sup>. The minutes of this meeting are added to this minutes as Appendix C.
  7. Budget 2011  
The budget for 2011 was discussed under agenda point 3. In the financial report also the budget suggestions of the meeting are added.



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## 8. Structure and functioning of IFJO and IFJO board

The IFJO board made it a point to include this point on the agenda of the Counselors Meeting. The way the discussion about the class rules has been made personal in some cases is really not the way the board wants it to be. All people in the class are first and foremost FJ enthusiasts and sailors who all wish the class well. All in their own way. Own opinions and personal views are healthy with in a class that is as alive as the FJ class, but should always be formed and presented with respect for all parties involved. The IFJO board presses to structure the discussion with in the class and to better control it. FJ sailors who want to address a point which concerns the whole class should first address their nations counselor and/or class president which communicates the opinion of the whole nation the the IFJO board. The board than can take steps to address the issues / suggestions at hand and communicate this to all counselors and national class presidents and authorities. The president will send a suggestion for a communication model to all counselors and class presidents.

## 9. Elections

### a. Elections of a new Vice President

Er was iemand voorgesteld, ik weet alleen niet meer wie...

### b. Re-election of Treasurer, Secretary, General member & President

All board members were re-elected.

## 10. Additional points to the agenda

There was no additional point added to the agenda.

Simone Kramer, International Secretary IFJO