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Minutes counselors' meeting International FJ Organization 2012

Date: July 25th 2012

Present:

Counselors: Wouter Verheyen (BEL); Gregor Müller (GER); Meike Baumgart (GER); Paul Hemker (USA); Janne den Blaauwen (NED); Filippo Berardo (ITA); Shinichi Uchida (JPN); Rok Volk (SLO)

IFJO Board: Simone Kramer (International Secretary); Bert Wolff (President); Mitja Nemeč (webmaster)

Absent: Luuk Eisink (treasurer), Martijn Aarts (NED)

Documents added to the meeting:

Appendix A: Financial report IFJO counselors meeting 2012 by Luuk Eisink (treasurer)

1. Opening of the meeting

The president opens the meeting and welcomes all present. In this meeting all items of the agenda will be discussed, no further requests were made by the counselors.

2. Financials of IFJO

No questions were raised by the counselors. The Secretary points out 2 things:

A. Belgium doesn't need their support for the WC2011 (last year) as they booked a small plus and won't fall back on the IFJO's support. Therefore the amount should be taken out the financial report 2011.

B. The costs for the websites still remained 150 € - even if the IFJO Board webmaster switched the provider two years ago to save costs. Mitja confirms that the costs are about 10/15 € and he didn't even ask for it. It is agreed that he will get his money back. These remarks will be presented to the new treasurer to adapt the report.

3. Update on Rules

a. Status of letter to ISAF: Bert explains that he sent the letter to ISAF via common postal mail. First they confirmed having received the letter, later they deny. An e-mail was sent with the same letter and ISAF didn't react on it so far. Bert will re-send the letter via registered letter.

b. Situation concerning the templates: The president went to Norbert Riffeler and made a carbon copy to be able to compare the Japanese templates to the new IFJO templates. Apparently the JPN boats are wide at the deckline (which is aloud), and therefore do not fit in the templates even though the hull shape is in line compared to an old drawing from the archive of the IFJO.

To create the templates four sets of boats were measured: all were within 1 mm off the template, so the new templates should be absolutely accurate.

Several topics were brought forward: it was suggested to use the new templates everywhere, except for Japan. Herein lies the problem that we will get more or less two classes. If somebody were to buy a Japanese boat and bring it over to



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Europe or USA these classes would be mixed (raised by GER). BEL suggests that we could clearly state somewhere that in European Championships only boats built with the European template are allowed to sail. This would generate a problem when European boats sail in a WC in Japan.

Japan states that there are two certified builders who build approximately 20 boats a year. Making a new mold costs about \$3,000 and having physical molds is absolutely necessary.

After some discussion the following way of action was APPROVED BY ALL COUNSELLORS : Japan is supported and will be allowed to use the current molds to build their boats, but when they are making a new mold, this new mold WILL BE MADE ACCORDING TO THE NEW TEMPLATES. NO TIME LIMIT IS GIVEN FOR THAT (Japan can use their molds for as long as they are fit to produce hulls). The IFJO Board will write a separate letter explaining all this again to get the written approval of all countries.

4. Elections

a. Technical Class Representative (& Vice President)

Everybody agrees with the job description that was sent out together with the agenda. The idea is to ask Matthias Leysen (brought forward by Bert) and Francesco Benedetto (brought forward by Filippo Berardo). All counselors will think about possible other people and will contact them by September 1st the latest to see if they are interested.

b. Treasurer

Up front of this counselors meeting Ronald Kalkhoven was contacted by the IFJO Board. He already showed interest in becoming treasurer. Election: all counselors vote for Ronald, no withdrawals.

5. Re-elections

a. President (including approval of job description)

b. International Secretary (including approval of job description)

Both IFJO president and IFJO secretary are voted for to continue with their function. Their job description will be sent by mail to all countries (counselors) as soon as possible to agree on their tasks.

6. Future championships: choice of locations for EC 2014 & WC 2015

WC 2015: Japan would like to host the World Championship in 2015 in Hayama, about 1 hour drive from Tokio. They offer 1 free charter boat per country and cheaper housing for that team. They really need to have 8 nations that compete, so every country should take a great effort to at least have one boat participating.

Charter boats can also be rented there. Prices will be communicated later.

The presidents offers to organize a container that will hold 9 boats, just as the one who was sent to the 2007 WC in San Fransisco.

More information about the location will be sent by Shinichi Uchida to the President who will send it out to all countries.



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EC 2014: NL would rather host the WC in 2017 therefore they ask to look for other locations first. If these efforts fail they will, nevertheless, host the EC in 2014.

SLO isn't an option for 2014 as clubs at the coast started charging a lot of money for regattas.

Mitja mentions that he sailed different regattas in Fireball in clubs in the Czech Republic. He will ask if it would be possible that these clubs host the EC 2014. This includes that SLO would be contact person for the club in CZ, but not the organizer (the club would be organizers themselves). Everybody agrees that it might be a good option and that Mitja should ask.

Germany lets the meeting know that they might be willing to host EC 2016.

ITA is prepared to ask an Italian sailor with a Polish nationality to ask if it is possible to host the event in Poland.

7. Report of the counselors of the different countries

NL: everything is going fine, steady number of members. The website is down, therefore members should contact their lively Facebook-site. They are trying to attract new sailors and so far they have 3 new teams.

DE: things are going quite good, but they need some new boats, as there are 4 new teams. The discussion about the rules is very bad in Germany.

USA: class is not as active as is to be desired. There still is a small fleet in California, the rest is rather shattered.

SLO: things go down in Slovenia (also due to crisis). Last year they had 6 regatta's which were very good. Now fewer, but stable. Their problem is that clubs at the coast charge a lot of money to host regatta's there and the organization.

ITA: they have a new website and also Facebook. They also have a new board: Walter & Filippo Berardo. For the moment they are trying to find a new boat builder as Poletto stopped. They found an Italian builder in the UK who will return to ITA soon.

They also started to ask a class fee. With that money they will do things for the class: buying boats for young teams etc. They also apologize that there are only 3 boats at this EC and they will try to figure out why.

JPN: They have a very strong class there: 400 boats are in use; about 15 new boats are built every year. At the Japanese Nationals they had 66 competitors. They have a slight problem as the 420 is introduced in schools and now that are worried (not too much) that these other classes will get very popular. Therefore it is necessary that as many nations as possible will compete at the WC 2015.

BEL: all the same. Every year they manage to attract 3 to 4 new teams but the same number also leaves the class.

8. Additional points to the agenda

Due to the issue that the Italian organizers of the EC 2012 wanted to restrain Rolf de Jong's son to sail (as he is under the age of 12) an additional request was made: we should state in the rules that there aren't any age restrictions for sailing a FJ. This will make it easier for all countries to accept it and to defend such a question with their country rules. A protocol will be written by IFJO board as a suggestion to amend the rules