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## Counselors' meeting 2013

Date: Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> 2013

Present: Martijn Aarts (NED), Kazuhisa Saitoh (JAP), Magdalena Zabrzewska (ITA), Gianluigi Corbellari (ITA), Sante Marino (ITA), Michael Korsmeier (GER), Paul Hemker (USA), Guido Sol(NED), Gregor Müller (GER), Wouter Verheyen (BEL), Rok Volk (SLO), Franco Lacqua (ITA), Shinichi Uchida(JPN), Bert Wolff, Simone Kramer, Mitja Nemeč, Ronald Kalkhoven

Absent:

Documents added to the meeting:

Appendix A: Financial report Ronald Kalkhoven (treasurer)

Appendix B: Proposal NL-concerning class rules (Martijn Aarts)

Appendix C: Proposal IT – changed sailplan

### 1. Opening of the meeting

The president opens the meeting and welcomes all present.

2. The president asks if there are any requests to change the agenda. All present also confirm that they have no objections over minutes of a previous meeting at lake Garda.

### 3. Financial report

Treasurer Ronald Kalkhoven summarizes the financial report. For the following year we expect additional expenses to cover: new IFJO flags, help teams attending next world championship in Japan and ISAF rule changes. There are no remarks or objection regarding financial report.

### 4. Elections

President opens discussion regarding Mr. Benedetto as a technical class representative. His knowledge of English language might be a problem. Present Italians confirm that his English is weak but he has a translator. It is concluded that Martijn Aarts will talk to Mr. Benedetto regarding technical issues and he will be able to assess if the language is a problem.

### 5. Re-Elections

Both IFJO president and IFJO secretary are voted for to continue with their function.

### 6. Future championship

- a. A venue for European championship in 2014 is still not know. There are two possible locations in Italy: Porto San Giorgio and Lago di Santa Croce. There is also an option in Belgium, but with a different starting date. IFJO would need a certain confirmation in a month or so.
- b. Japan shares some details regarding World championship in 2015. It is planed for 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> week of July. It will be held approximately 100 km south of Tokyo. 2 hours from Tokyo airport. Same regatta will count also as a Japan nationals. 8 charter

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boats will be available for free. Pre-notice of race is planned for December 2013 and Notice of race for July 2014. Entry fee will be around 200 €. There will be possibility to sleep (and sleep only) in a nearby high school dormitory.

At this point the debate focuses on the FJ situation in Japan. There is a tendency that FJ class will be replaced for 420 class. Strong international participation at WC in 2015 should help FJ Japan regarding this issue.

## 7. Rules and Templates

Martijn Aarts reports on the failed attempt to revert to 2004 rules. ISAF did not approve the change to 2004 rules. Main issues regarding the rules are unclear definitions. Martijn proposes to solve this with plots and sketches and also with definitions of measurement procedures.

All issues are discussed with proposed solution (see appendix B).

- Regarding administration procedure with measurement forms and certificates (2010 rules A.10) there were no proposals for solution. Martijn will prepare a proposal for Board and Counselors.
- Regarding daggerboard/centerboard depth measurement the proposal to measure it with template is confirmed by all members except Japan will communicate their decision later over email.
- Regarding daggerboard/centerboard angle there was some discussion why do you even need to measure it. Proposal to omit the angle measurement is confirmed by all members except Japan will communicate their decision later over email.
- Regarding rubbing strakes width measurement the proposal to measure horizontally measurement is confirmed by all members except Japan will communicate their decision later over email.
- Regarding rubbing strakes height Martijn explains the difference between 2010 templates and Japanese templates. Martijn will also send more simplified picture to Japan for discussion. The proposal to modify 2010 templates is confirmed by all members except Japan will communicate their decision later over email.

During this debate president said (with Martijn confirming) that all available templates are basically the same. The only significant difference is the cutout (tolerance) for rubbing strakes height

- Regarding certification of centerboard and ruder, the IFJO does not approve to have these items certified separately as it will only complicate procedures. It will be put in the rules that these items can be measured at international events. The proposal is confirmed by all members except Japan will communicate their decision later over email.
- Regarding definition of "underwater part" it is possible to put the table of offsets for centerboard/daggerboard and rudder in the rules and also to make templates. The proposal is confirmed by all members except Japan will communicate their decision later over email.



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During this debate Germany asks if there is an option to obtain measurement instructions as they have difficulty when measuring.

## 8. Request regarding proposed sail plan change

President goes over the proposal for changed sail plan. The change include that the jib stays the same only battens are allowed. Main sail size is increased and has a square top.

According to the designer the top of the sail opens quickly so bigger sail should not be a problem to sail in gusty conditions. Spinnaker size is increased so that sail center is lowered. New spinnaker pole is required.

Responses from different nations are:

- Belgium is clear that such a decision should be confirm by majority of FJ sailors
- Germany says that any change is unacceptable due to costs it will cause for the whole fleet. Also any change to sail plan is secondary as we first need to get proper class rules.
- Japan is also against as this will probably push sailors from FJ to 420.
- Slovenia is also against change due to costs.
- United States of America says that we need test sails. Preferably one set per nations. Change could be done if long lead time is allowed.
- Netherlands is also against due to costs . Also any change to sail plan is secondary as we first need to get proper class rules.
- Italy says that maybe the Jib change should be allowed as this is a minor change. (according to 2010 rules this is allowed, but with new rules this will not be allowed)

It is decided not to go through with this plan from Italy but discuss it further at the next venue. It was agreed that for at least 5 years the sail plan will not change.

## 9. Additionally points:

The WC trophy is in poor condition. IFJO should set money aside for restoration. Restoration should be done in the country of next world champion.