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Counselors' meeting 2014

Date: Thursday, July 24th 2014

Present: Martijn Aarts (NED), Michael Korsmeier (GER), Guido Sol(NED), Wouter Verheyen (BEL), Rok Volk (SLO), Franco Lacqua (ITA), Filippo Berardo (ITA), Walter Mazella (ITA) & Bert Wolff (pres)

Absent:

JPN

USA

Board: Simone Kramer, Mitja Nemec, Ronald Kalkhoven

Documents added to the meeting:

Appendix A: Financial report & forecast from Ronald Kalkhoven (Treasurer IFJO)

Appendix B: E-mail from Mr. Eugene Shibuya, Secretary and Chief Measurer of FJ-Japan.

1. Opening of the meeting

The President opens the meeting and welcomes all present. One point is added to the agenda: A proposal from Italy to ask written approval to use new sails in local regattas from the IFJO counselors meeting (new sails as per their suggestion in 2013)

2. Minutes of previous meeting

All present confirm that they have no objections to the minutes of the previous meeting at Lake Dummer in 2013.

3. Financial report & forecast

The Dutch class fee has been paid now and the red numbers can be made black. There was discussion between the Treasurer and the Italian class about the height of the class fee. It was agreed during the meeting that the fee owed will be deducted from the €500,- the IFJO had reserved for organising the EC 2014. For 2015 the Italian class will send the right number of boats to the President, so the Treasurer can send a new invoice with the correct number of boats. The fee of the class is 10 euro per boat active in the nation.

4. Elections

The counsellors voted Martijn Aarts to be the class technical representative.

5&6. Re-Elections

The IFJO President, IFJO treasurer and IFJO Secretary are re-elected to continue with their function for one more year. Both the Secretary and the President give notice that they will continue for one more year and that they will step down as President and Secretary at the next counsellors meeting in Japan 2015. Therefore a new President and Secretary have to be elected in 2015. The President urges all nations to look within their own class for candidates for these positions. Please send official nominations to the President before December 1st 2014. It was noted that The Netherlands is overrepresented in the IFJO board at this

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moment since the President, Treasurer and Technical Representative are now from The Netherlands. So The Netherlands will not nominate any candidates for the position of President and Secretary.

7. Future championships

- a. The world championship 2015 will be held in Japan. The meeting would like to take this opportunity to thank the Japanese class organisation for their efforts so far and the presented schedule for next year. It is already on the notice board. The President asks the other countries to send a list of teams who will compete in Japan to the President before October 1st. Several teams are certain of their participation but the President would like to inform Japan about the status as soon as possible.
- b. The European Championship in 2016 will be organised in The Netherlands with the help of the Belgium class organisation
- c. The World Championship in 2017 will be organised either by Germany or Slovenia.

8. Country reports

The reports of the countries are skipped due to time limitations.

9. Rule status update

Mr. Aarts explains that he is still in full contact with ISAF about the rules and that he wishes to finish the project in 2014. He will send the President the latest document with the remarks from ISAF and Mr. Aarts. The President will send this document to all class organisations so they will see the status for them selves. Mr. Aarts explains that the new rules are as close to the 2004 rules as possible.

He asks the meeting for two things over which he discusses with ISAF:

A. The stiffness of the material used for the (sail)track on the mast should be equal or lower than that of aluminium.

B. ISAF asks how do you measure the added buoyancy of 70l added to the FJ for safety? Air bags can be measured but foam inside a boat cannot.

Mr. Aarts asks if point A. is correct in the opinion of the meeting and all concur.

Mr. Aarts asks the other countries for suggestions on point B.

10. Proposal Italy

After proposing the new sails in 2013 the Italian class decided to test and develop new sails although the counsellors meeting in 2013 decided to first get the rules ready and then talk about changing the sails. The Italian class however feels that if they want to attract new sailors to the class and not lose a lot of sailors they have to act now. Therefore they want to sail with the new sails now, to test and further develop these sails for a period of five years. After this they will resubmit their proposal to the IFJO. For using the sails at local regatta's they are asked by the FIV (the Italian National sailing authority) for the IFJO counsellors meeting written approval. After much debate it was concluded that: 1. the Italian class will put the proposal to writing and send this to the President as soon as possible. The President will then distribute this proposal to all countries on which they can vote yes or no before October 1st. When yes by a majority of the countries is received the



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President will write a formal approval to the Italian class organisation. This approval will state that it is allowed to use the new sails in local Italian regatta's for testing and developing but that the official sails will be that as described in the rules of the FJ class.

2. It is always allowed to make smaller sails for children who want to sail FJ as long as they are within the class rules.

3. The Italian championship 2014 will be sailed with the regular sails.

4. During all regatta in which regular and normal sails compete, the highest ranking sailor with regular sails will win the regatta.