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## Counselors' meeting 2016

Date: July 27<sup>th</sup> 2016

Present: Hylke Sasse (NED), Norbert Riffeler (representing USA), Rok Volk (SLO), Michael Korsmeier (GER), Magdalena Corbellari (ITA) & Gianluigi Corbellari (ITA), Sara de Canniere (BEL), Jonas Jathe (IFJO PR & website repr), Martijn Aarts (IFJO Tech repr), Matthias Riffeler (IFJO Pres) & Bert Wolff (IFJO Secr)

Absent:

JAP

Board: Mitja Nemeč & Ronald Kalkhoven

Documents added to the meeting:

Appendix A: Final draft of rules from Martijn Aarts

Appendix B: Offer to organize the World Championship 2019 from Italy

### 1. Opening

The president opens the meeting at 20:05

Paul Hemker has asked Norbert Riffeler to be the representative for the USA

The president introduces Jonas Jathe. He will be later introduced in the Elections part of these minutes

### 2. Minutes counsellors meeting 2015

The minutes of the counsellors meeting 2015 in Hayama are stipulated.

### 3. Financials of the IFJO

The financial report of 2015/2016 and the budget for 2016/2017 was not ready to be presented at this meeting. The treasurer will send these as soon as possible to all class representatives.

### 4. Elections

The position of Secretary needs to be filled. It is agreed upon by the meeting to talk to several candidates during the EC in Stellendam

Jonas Jathe is elected as the IFJO PR & website representative. He is managing the IFJO website at this moment and made a PR film for the class. His contact information will be made available on the IFJO website. Mitja Nemeč is thanked for his efforts in looking after the IFJO website.

### 5. Re-elections

The President re-elected

The Treasurer re-elected

PR official / representative elected (contact information on website)

### 6. Proposals officials 2017: International secretary.

See point 4.

### 7. Future championships

1. 2017 WC to be organized by Slovenia (24<sup>th</sup> 2017 – 29<sup>th</sup> 2019). Will be combined with National Championship 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017). Club is 4 km from camping.



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2. 2018 EC to be organized by Germany at Travermünde during the Travermünder Woche.
  3. 2019 WC to be organized by Italy. Where is to be decided at the end of August during Italy's national meeting.
8. Reports of the counsellors of the different countries
- USA will send a written report.
- NED has some new teams, but a lot of old teams are not coming. Between 15 – 20 team are now active.
- ITA has 7 – 8 boats in regatta's. There is potential for new boats and training camps. The schools that use FJ to teach sailing work well and are a stepping stone for the class. Big downfall in class since 2010. There seems to be discussion about the decisions made by the counselors during previous meetings about the sail plan of the FJ. The meeting seeks as much transparency and openness as possible and it is therefore decided to place the minutes of the last 5 counselors' meetings on the IFJO website.
- GER constant between 20 – 30 boats. Regatta's have over 10 boats. The way to attract teams to regatta's is to always have an event during a regatta. Also combine regattas with other classes as to have a bigger volume of sailors with more possibilities.
- SLO organizes all regatta's together with fireball class. There are six active boats at this moment.
- BEL has lost a lot of FJ's. There are only FJ's still sailing in Antwerp. They to try to associate themselves with sailing schools as to attract new sailors. The class has two FJ's at their disposal to lent to new teams. An effort is made by GER and NED to sail as many BEL races as possible.
9. Rules status
- Martijn Aarts has received a version of the Rules with the notion final on it. This means that ISAF now agrees with the new rules. Martijn is again thanked for his efforts. It is decided to send these Rules to all nations. The national representatives are asked to distributed these Rules among their members with the request if there are any remarks. Per nation these remarks will be combined and send to the Secretary and Martijn for review. The Rules will also be posted on the website combined with a brief history how these rules came to be so individual members can read the Rules. It is decided that all remarks should be in before September 15<sup>th</sup> 2016 as not to delay the ISAF process further.
10. Internatinal measurer
- The meeting is asked to recognize Mitja Nemeč as an official measurer. The meeting recognizes Mitja as an official measurer of the class and the President will send an official letter to SLO to stipulate this.
11. Additional points to the agenda
- The Secretary notes that it is essential to have more nations present at the WC and asks SLO to see if there are Croatian sailors willing to participate in the 2017 WC. Magdalena states to do her best to be able to sail under the Polish nationality at the next WC.