

MINUTES -Annual General Meeting of International Formula Windsurfing Class
held on Tuesday 15th September 2009 @ 20.00hrs. Santa Pola, Spain.

1) Welcome & Registration of delegates and votes.

Ceri Williams – committee chairman
Steve Bodner – committee member
Sean O’Brien – committee member
Arnon Dagan – committee member
Sarah Hebert – committee member
Marc Cardon – committee member, proxy to Ceri Williams
Alain Enault – committee member, proxy Pablo Carmona
AUS – Brett Morris
BEL – Jeffrey van Hoe/ email vote
BRA – Willhelm Schurmann
DEN – Kasper Larsen
ESP – Pablo Ania
EST – Johannes Kaju
GBR – Xavier Ferlet
ITA – Alberto Menegatti
LAT – email vote
NED – Eric Kling/ email vote
POL – Wojtek Brozozowski
SWE – email vote
USA – Steve Bodner

There were 20 votes in the room; 11 votes constituted a “simple majority”.

2) Chairmans Report.

A storm delayed the start of the meeting, consequently the report was waived.

3) Financial Statement.

- a) The [2008 IWA Accounts](#) show an improvement on the previous year with a small surplus recorded. [Income and Expenditure](#) by class show the Formula Windsurfing Class as net contributor to IWA finances.
- b) The 2009 budget makes provision for an increased surplus at year end, and the IWA Treasurer provided a summary of [Income and Expenditure](#) for period 1st January to 31st July 2009 which projected a surplus of 8,097 euro.

4) Class Rule changes. (*Appendix A*)

- a) To approve the updated version of the current class rules. **APPROVED**
- b) To authorise the committee to finalise the 2010 class rules. **APPROVED**

Note- Item 7) was brought forward and heard before item 5).

5) Championship Rules amendments.

- a) Group Racing (*see Appendix B*)
 - (i) It was proposed that the initial split for Group Racing be decided by a ‘selection’ or ‘ranking’ committee. **NOT APPROVED**
 - (ii) It was proposed to introduce new scoring system for group racing **APPROVED**
- b) Authorise the committee to finalise Championship Rules for 2010, taking into account the views of the AGM. **APPROVED**

The following “friendly amendments” were accepted by the meeting:

- At a world championship the initial group split shall be based upon the previous years world championship ranking.
- The qualification series shall consist of 4 races.
- The Qualification Series result shall be carried forward as the first race in the Final Series, and shall be scored as one race.

Note: the committee were asked to investigate new options for managing the qualification series eg. a “matrix” system for splitting into groups per race.

6) Prize money split (Appendix C)

- a) It is proposed to amend the prize money split for women. **APPROVED**

7) World Ranking

- a) It was proposed that the current “continuous” ranking system be changed to an annual ranking system. **APPROVED**

The following “friendly amendments” were accepted by the meeting-

- The annual ranking begin with the World Championship.
- All sailors from the previous ranking to be added to the new ranking.
- That Continental Championships with prize money and Grand Prix events with of prize money greater than the minimum be weighted with factor 1.75

8) Future Events. (Appendix D)

The Chairman gave an update on championship venues and the Grand Prix Tour.

9) Any other business.

- a) Formula One Design.

The meeting agreed that the class support a FOD proposal as equipment for the 2016 Olympic Games. The Chairman stressed the need to start the campaign in 2010, and the need for national formula associations to actively petition their ISAF MNA to support a change.

- b) Youth Policy.

The development of junior racing under the Techno 293 class afforded a great opportunity to recruit new formula racers. Suggestions put forward included- combined events (formula and T293); coaching /event support.

- c) Masters Windsurfing.

Masters represented a significant number of class members and a further opportunity to develop “Masters” specific events alongside other classes and formats. Masters Championships where combined with “open – senior” division to be added to world ranking.

- d) Sail Identification.

It was agreed that the Windsurfing Competition Rules Appendix G be enforced at class championships from 2010.

- e) Class Fees.

It was proposed that class fees could be raised to ensure the class has surplus funds for new projects to develop/ promote formula windsurfing.

APPENDICES.

A. Class Rules.

No proposals to change the Class Rules were received.

- a) A revision being prepared with ISAF officials was not available, however it is merely an updated version of the current class rules. The revision takes into consideration new ISAF Regulations (eg #20 Advertising Code) and the new Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS).
- b) To allow the class committee to react to any further recommendations from the ISAF Class Rules Sub Committee. No fundamental changes to the Class Rules are proposed; the revision will come into force from January 1st 2010.

B. Group Racing Format.

(i) Split Fleets Proposal:

Current Rule (GR.1.1): Racers shall be divided into two Groups, of approximately equal ability, according to the current **Formula Ranking**.

(ii) Qualification Series Points Proposal

- Qualification series will consist of 4-6 races in split fleets (as per current rules).
- A sailor's 'position' after the qualification series will be their 'final score' going in to the Gold/Silver Fleet racing (all scoring before that is discarded and in case of a tie, the usual tie-splitting rules are applied).
- Once in the Gold/Silver fleet racing, scoring begins again as do normal discard system – (discard after 4 races in Gold Fleet etc).

C. Prize Money Split.

Case I (less than 5 women)	no prize money for women
Case II (5 to 9 women)	10 % of the prize money for women
Case III (10 to 14 women)	15 % of the prize money for women
Case IV (15 to 19 women)	20 % of the prize money for women
Case V (20 to 24 women)	25 % of the prize money for women
Case VI (25 and more women)	30 % of the prize money for women

Reason- to redress the imbalance between numbers of men and women participating in championships and the percentage split between men and women, whilst maintaining 'positive discrimination' in favour of women to encourage participation.

D. Calendar update.

Wind Brasil Grand Prix – Ilhabela, Sao Paulo. 20>25 October.

Wind Brasil Grand Prix – Fortaleza, Ceara. 24>29 November.

2010 World Championship – Mendoza, Argentina. 21>28 March.

The Notice of Race for above events will be published before the end of September.

2010 Europeans and 2010 GP Tour –to be confirmed.