

Wednesday, 4th of August, Leba/Poland

AGM, Leba '04

International Formula Windsurfing Class is pleased to announce its Annual General Meeting which will be held Wednesday, 4th of August 2004 in Leba/Poland, during the FW World Championships 2004.

PROPOSALS

1 . CLASS RULES .

1.(a) –to adopt the revision of the Class Rules , written in the new ISAF Standard Class Rule format (SCR): see Appendix 1 to the Agenda .

Proposed by the committee. **YES / NO / ABSTAIN**

If **1(a)** is approved , move to item 2.

If **1(a)** is not approved :

1.(b)- to increase the maximum sail size for Junior from 8.5 sq.m. to 10.0 sq.m.

Proposed by the committee. **YES / NO / ABSTAIN**

1.(c) -to increase the number of fins Youth and Juniors can register at an event from 2 to 3 .

Proposed by the committee. **YES / NO / ABSTAIN**

1.(d) –to reduce the maximum sail size for women from 11.0 sq.m. to 10.0 sq.m.

Proposed by Arnon Dagan . **YES / NO / ABSTAIN**

1.(e) –to approve a revision of the Class Rules, written in the new ISAF Standard Class Rule format , including amendments approved by the AGM .

Proposed by the Chairman (CW). **YES / NO / ABSTAIN**

2.CHAMPIONSHIP RULES .

2.(a)- to approve the Class Championship Rules , as written by the Committee and used in the 2004 Championships : see Appendix 2 to the Agenda .

Proposed by the committee. **YES / NO / ABSTAIN**

2.(b)-to amend the Championship Rules to include : “1.2 DIVISIONS .

1.2.1 Gender Divisions : (A) -MEN , (B) – WOMEN .

1.2.2 Age Divisions : (C) –YOUTH :a man or woman who is less than 20 years old;

(D) – Junior : a boy or girl who is less than 17 years old ;

(G) – Master : a man who has reached the age of 35 , a woman who has reached the age of 30 ;

(H) –Grand Master : a man who has reached the age of 45 ;

1.2.3 A sailor must have reached the minimum age limit in the relevant age division by December 31 st of the year before the year of competition . A sailor must be less than maximum age limit in the relevant age division at December 31 st in the year of competition . “

Note –Divisions highlighted in CAPITALS represent those allocated ISAF WORLD TITLES.

Proposed by the Committee(a previous AGM decision) **YES /NO / ABSTAIN**

2.(c)-to amend Championship Rule 7.1 (sail insignia) to revised Class Rule C.8.1

Proposed by the Chairman (CW) . **YES / NO / ABSTAIN**

3. PRIZE MONEY SPLITS

3.(a)-to approve the revised prize money split-Men /Women- , as per the NOR for 2004 Worlds (Leba) , for future Class Championships .

Proposed by the Committee. **YES / NO / ABSTAIN**

3.(b)- to link the percentage prize money split between men /women to the size of the fleet-for example :10 women and 100 men = 10% to womens fleets ; 50 men and 50 women = 50% to each fleet.

Proposed by Arnon Dagan. **YES / NO / ABSTAIN**

3.(c)-if the prize fund for women will be 30% or more , the money shall go down to the top 16, ie same as the men .

Proposed by Arnon Dagan. **YES / NO / ABSTAIN**

4. 2005 CHAMPIONSHIPS .

Proposed by the Chairman :

4.(a)- World : Melbourne ,AUS . December .Prize money (tbc) **YES / NO / ABSTAIN**

4.(b)- European : Rhodes ,GRE, May 7th to 14th . 20,000 euro. **YES / NO / ABSTAIN**

4.(c)-Festival , inc. Youth Worlds : Christchurch ,UK July 16 to 23rd . **YES / NO / ABSTAIN**

4.(d)- North American : Vancouver ,CAN. Date tbc. **YES /NO / ABSTAIN**

4.(e)- South American : Forteleaza , BRA. Date /prize money tbc. **YES / NO /ABSTAIN**

4.(f)- Oceanic : Melbourne ,AUS. January. **YES / NO / ABSTAIN**

Note – A representative from Sail Melbourne will present details of the bid to the AGM .

Alternate bid for Worlds from Arrow Marketing (Forteleaza,BRA) .

See also –"View of AGM from the Chair".

5.ELECTIONS.

5.(a)- that serving PWA Board members should not be elected to the Formula Class committee.

Proposed Arnon Dagan / Ceri Williams. **YES / NO / ABSTAIN**

5.(b)- that the FW Committee co –opt the Chairman of the PWA Board (or a PWA appointed representative) - without voting rights .

Proposed by the Chairman (CW) **YES / NO / ABSTAIN**

5.(c) -the following are offering themselves for election :

Ceri Williams (GBR) **YES / NO / ABSTAIN**
Didier Flamme (FRA) **YES / NO / ABSTAIN**
Phil McGain (AUS) **YES / NO / ABSTAIN**
Ian Fox (AUS) **YES / NO / ABSTAIN**
Andrea Cucchi (ITA) **YES / NO / ABSTAIN**
Marcus Huhtinen (FIN) **YES / NO / ABSTAIN**
Dorota Staszewska (POL) **YES / NO / ABSTAIN**
Pieter Bijl (NED) **YES / NO / ABSTAIN**
Gonzalo Costa Hoevel (ARG) **YES / NO / ABSTAIN**

The following has been elected by Womens Open Meeting ,Torbole, during the 2004 Europeans , to represent women sailors on the Committee. A voting position on the Committee requires AGM approval :

Lucy Horwood (GBR)

Proposed by the committee . **YES / NO / ABSTAIN**

5.(d)-the outgoing Chairman and Vice Chairman are offering themselves for re election to the posts , if re elected to committee.

Indicate your preference for Chairman in the space provided :

CHAIRMAN 1st **2nd**

[PROPOSALS](#) - MS Word doc file.

[Arnon Dagan submission](#) - MS Word doc file. **AGENDA**

1. Welcome , and registration of delegates and votes.
2. Minutes of the 2003 AGM –Dranske/Germany. ([AGM 2003 minutes](#))
3. Chairmans Report.
4. Financial Statement.
5. Class Rule changes: including the following committee submissions:
 - a. Revision in the ISAF Standard Class Rule format; this version has been updated to reflect the changes to ERS 2005-2008. [MS Word doc file - Appendix 1](#)
 - b. Increase maximum sail size for junior from 8.5 to 10.0 sq.m.
 - c. Delete additional limitations for Youth and junior- therefore Youth/junior can register 3 fins (at present limited to 2)
6. Championship Rules: to approve or amend Championship Rules introduced in 2004. ([Championships Rules 2004 - - Appendix 2](#) - MS Word doc file)
7. Future Championship venues:
 - a. Presentation by Sail Melbourne –bid for 2005 Worlds.
 - b. Options for 2005 Continental Championships and Formula Festival.
 - c. 2006, and beyond.
8. Formula website 2005-2008. Concept changes presented by webmaster KJ.
9. Formula competitors database, unified scoring system and electronic systems for improving regatta management –presented by KJ.
10. Elections:
 - a. Election of Class Committee.Current committee are standing down, but are offering themselves for re election.
 - b. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman.

NOTES.

[IFWCA Constitution](#)

[Delegate Registration Form](#) (- MS Word doc file).

Nominations for Committee, and submissions for the Meeting should be forwarded to IWA Office (iwaoffice@internationalwindsurfing.com) no later than 18th July.

[Class Rules changes 2005](#) MS Word doc file

Minutes.

1 . Registration of delegates and votes .

The Chairman welcomed delegates and observers to the 4th annual general meeting of the International Formula windsurfing Class . The format of the meeting and voting procedure was explained .

Committee :

1. Ceri Williams
2. Didier Flamme
3. Phil McGain
4. Gonzalo Costa Hoeval
5. Markus Huhtinen
6. Pieter Bijl
7. Ian Fox (Proxy –PM)

National Association represented :

8. AUS –(Proxy PM)
9. AUT –Margit Germany
10. BEL –(Proxy DF)
11. BRA –Willhelm Schurmann
12. BUL-email vote
13. EST –email vote
14. FIN –Markus Huhtinen
15. FRA –Didier Flamme
16. GBR –Lucy Horwood
17. GRE –(Proxy CW)
18. IRL –email vote
19. ISR –(Proxy CW)
20. LAT –Maris Smiltenieks
21. NED –Lieuwe Faber
22. NOR –Erik Rondeel
23. POL –Piotr Jankowiak
24. USA –Micah Buzianis

2. Minutes of the 2003 AGM .

The minutes as published on the class website were taken as read , and approved .

3. Chairmans Report .

3.1 General :

- committee achieved most of the goals set by last agm(except constitution review) ;
- 34 countries from 5 continents represented in national association membership;
- the committee met formally only once during the year , at Torbole, all other business conducted by email ;
- biggest championship ever in history of class at 2004 Europeans with 146 men and 21 women competitors ;
- close co operation with ISAF concerning Production Board scheme and verification procedures for 2005 ;
- no Womens Cup series planned for 2004 , progress still slow in developing womens racing outside of Olympic format ;
- Tour agreements signed with Choppy Water for Euro Cup and DMI for Grand Prix . No agreement with PWA.
- further improvements made with website , excellent coverage of the Europeans;
- continued growth of the class worldwide .

3.2 Championships :

- change in the scheduled venue for the Worlds to secure prize money championships and experienced organiser ;
- continentals schedule began with the first Oceanic Championships in Melbourne (January); followed by North Americans at Calema Mid winters (early March);
- Europeans , successful championships on Lake Garda , hard but rewarding racing schedule ;
- Formula Festival (inc. Youth Worlds) moved to Dranske on Rugen in mid sept ;
- the year concludes with Asian Championship in Taiwan and finally the South Americans in Columbia .

3.3 Tours :

- a disappointing start to 2004 season in Europe with the cancellation or postponement of all planned Euro Cups , the only confirmed events being Lisbon and Dranske ;
- it is anticipated that 3 formula Grand Prix events will take place in 2004 , with the goal of increasing to 5/6 events for 2005 (one per continent) ;
- no agreement with Pwa for formula world Tour ,but it looks likely that 4 formula racing events will take place ;
- continental tours are developing (eg Australia) as well as regional tours (Baltic Cup and Formula Super Cup) and national tours (eg Brazil);
- some further rationalisation required in Europe with 2 competing "European" tours (PWA and Euro Cup) which is not healthy for the sport , and is affecting the regeneration of national tours .

4. Financial Statement .

- a financial statement was not available to the meeting ; detailed accounts were already on the IWA website for 2003 , and the class was operating on budget for 2004 to date;
- the Formula Class is a net contributor to IWA budget , after the Olympic Class it has the largest income ;
- whilst contributing to the overall budget , and therefore promoting the well being of windsurfing generally , the class also had sufficient funding to manage its own projects eg the class website ;
- the outstanding income from 2001 has still not been returned to the class .

5 . Class Rule proposals.

5.(a) –to adopt the revision of the Class Rules , written in the new ISAF Standard Class Rule format (SCR) -posted as appendix 1 to agenda :
Proposed by the committee. YES 16 – approved

Items 5 (b) to (e) not applicable .

6. Championship Rules proposals .

6.1.(a) -to approve the Class Championship Rules , as written by the Committee and used in the 2004 Championships : posted as Appendix 2 to the Agenda :
Proposed by the committee. YES 23 - approved

6.1.(b)-to amend the Championship Rules to include : "1.2 DIVISIONS .

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Proposed by the Chairman (CW) . YES 23 - approved

6.2 PRIZE MONEY SPLITS

6.2.(a)-to approve the revised prize money split-Men /Women- , as per the NOR for 2004 Worlds (Leba) , for future Class Championships .

Proposed by the Committee. YES 12, NO 4 , ABSTAIN 8.

Not approved

6.2.(b)- to link the percentage prize money split between men /women to the size of the fleet-for example :10 women and 100 men = 10% to womens fleets ; 50 men and 50 women = 50% to each fleet.

Proposed by Arnon Dagan. YES 5, NO 13, ABSTAIN 6.

Not approved

6.2.(c)-if the prize fund for women will be 30% or more , the money shall go down to the top 16, ie same

as the men .

Proposed by Arnon Dagan. YES 7, NO 7, ABSTAIN 9.

Not approved

7. 2005 Championships .

7.1 Worlds.

- Sam Maffett ,attending the 2004 championships as representative of the Sail Melbourne organisation , presented a comprehensive bid for the 2005 Worlds.
- a great venue ,and an organiser with a track record for delivering first rate regattas ;
- With over 16 months to prepare , the organiser would strive to attract sponsorship /support that would pass on financial benefits /incentives for all competitors , and increase the prize money available .
- Fortaleaza ,Brazil , were also bidding for the championship ; they were not presenting their bid personally to the meeting , but also have a good track record for event management ;
- despite the extra cost that most competitors would incur , it was decided that it was in the best interest of the Formula Class ,as a global class , to select Melbourne for 2005 . vote YES 24 –approved .
- the event will take place in December ,provisionally 13th to 19th , to be confirmed by Sept 30th 2004.

7.2 Europeans.

- a strong case for Rhodes was presented by the Chairman ,supported by Arnon Dagan (ISR) for a 20,000 euro event in May, which was scheduled as a Grand Prix event in 2005 ; vote YES 10 , NO 2, ABSTAIN 12 . Not approved.
- Tallinn,EST, also expressed interest in this event (probably July) , but were unable to offer prize money ; Markus Huhtinen strongly recommended the venue , in a region that is rapidly developing formula racing ;
- Selecting a venue for this championship was now a priority for the committee.

7.3 Formula Festival.

- Ceri Williams presented a bid for Christchurch ,Dorset (UK –south coast) , a popular venue with UKWA racers , the facilities ideal for this type of event ;
- It was agreed that the optimum dates for this Championship would be 25th to 31st July . vote YES 22 –approved.

7.4 North Americans.

- It was proposed that Squamish ,Vancouver ,CAN would be the venue for 2005 and that it would be scheduled for July, close to the US Nationals , and therefore of benefit to both events . vote YES 19 – approved.

7.5 South Americans.

- It was agreed that the SA national associations continue to select their next championship , usually confirmed at their annual championships (this year scheduled for Columbia in September);
- Proposal for Fortaleaza : vote NO 20 –not approved
- It was proposed that the scheduling should permit the development of a SA Tour which would include Fortaleaza and the Brazilian Nationals .

7.6 Oceanic.

- Melbourne ,in January, was proposed for a second consecutive year ; important in the build up to the 2005 worlds . vote YES 22 –approved .

8. & 9. Website developments , and other improvements:

- the webmaster ,KJ , presented a brief overview of potential improvements that could be made to the class website ;
- the presentation included compiling a competitor database , unified scoring system and electronic systems for improving regatta management (some had been applied during this championship , and had worked very well);
- a full and detailed investigation would be initiated by the committee.

10. Elections for committee 2005/2006.

10.(a)- that serving PWA Board members should not be elected to the Formula Class committee.

Proposed Arnon Dagan / Ceri Williams. YES 5, NO/ABSTAIN 19.

Not approved

10.(b)- that the FW Committee co –opt the Chairman of the PWA Board (or a PWA appointed representative) –without voting rights .

Proposed by the Chairman (CW) not applicable

10.(c) -the following are offering themselves for election :

Ceri Williams (GBR) YES 14 -elected
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Phil McGain (AUS) YES 11 -elected
Ian Fox (AUS) YES 11 -elected
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Proposed by the committee . elected

10.(d) Chairman – Ceri Williams : YES 14 –elected
Vice Chairman-Markus Huhtinen : YES 16 -elected