

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the International Formula Windsurfing Class**

held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2013 in the competitor area, event site, Viganj, Croatia.

### **MINUTES**

It was agreed that in the absence of the Class Chairman Francesco Zarbo, who sent his apologies, the Class Secretary Ceri Williams would chair this meeting.

#### **1) Welcome & Registration of delegates and email votes**

Ceri Williams – committee, present  
Guido Verlaeckt – committee, present  
Andrea Cucchi – committee, present  
Arnon Dagan – committee, present  
Sean O’Brien – committee, present  
Francesco Zarbo – committee, email vote  
Steve Bodner – committee, email vote  
Marc Cardon – committee, proxy to Ceri Williams  
AUS – delegate, Sean O’Brien  
BRA – delegate, Wilhelm Schurmann  
DEN - email vote  
EST – email vote  
GBR – delegate, Dave Coles  
ITA – delegate, Michele Cicerone  
LAT – delegate, Janis Preiss  
LTU – delegate, Giedrius Liutkus  
USA – email vote  
17 votes available and the meeting was declared quorate.

#### **2) Minutes of Last Meeting and any matters arising**

There were no matters arising

#### **3) Chairman’s Report – see Appendix**

#### **4) Financial Statement**

- a) [2012 Accounts](#)
- b) Outline plans to develop a new website were in place, but depended upon sufficient income from the two final major events and a sufficient budget.

#### **5) Class Rule changes**

There were no proposals submitted to amend or change Class Rules.

#### **6) Championship Rule changes**

- (a) The proposal that a competitor may only win one division title was approved. 15 YES; 2 NO.
- (b) The proposal that the Class Committee further review and clarify the rules governing the award of titles was approved. 17 YES; 0 NO.

#### **7) Grand Prix Rule changes**

- 1.1 The proposal to accept a minimum prize fund of 8,000 euro, distributed to the top 10, was approved. 17 YES; 0 NO.

- 1.2 The proposal to accept an alternative minimum prize fund of 10,000 euro, distributed to the top 12, was approved. 16 YES; 1 NO.
- 2.0 The proposal that the Class Committee undertake a full review of the current Grand Prix Rules, with a view to introducing a new dynamic format for 2014, was approved. 17 YES; 0 NO.

### 8) Future Championships

- (a) The 2014 World Championship was confirmed for Praia da Vitoria, Terceira, Azores, from 28<sup>th</sup> April to 4<sup>th</sup> May.
- (b) The Youth & Masters Worlds have a potential organiser from Gallipoli, ITA, with possible date of end of June.

### 9) PWA

An "open forum" discussion regarding better and closer relationship with the PWA continued, with members wishing to understand more about the potential benefits to the class.

### 10) Elections

The current committee were re-elected:  
Francesco Zarbo (Chairman), Guido Verlaeckt (vice-chairman), Ceri Williams, Andrea Cucchi, Marc Cardon, Sean O'Brien, Steve Bodner, Arnon Dagan.  
The nomination of Roberto Boschetti (ITA) was not successful.

Meeting ended ... to go racing!

## APPENDIX

Chairman's Report:

"First of all I wish to thank everybody for my election.

This is my first real election. In the past I've been co-opted in the committee and then I got the chair, after Ceri decision to do a step back.

A special thank goes to Ceri Williams, because I'm learning every day from him and he is always available for every problem or question I can have.

I hope we can continue this experience to guide all together the class to renovate success.

The Committee is formed by his level personality with talent and vision of the future. Now it is time to transform this potential in concrete action.

I expect from everybody a real contribution to the life of the class.

In the truth **I'm convinced that every formula windsurfer have to feel active part of the class and promote the national and international activity in his country linked to the committee.** I will be ready, with Ceri to help every organizer to manage a perfect event.

Guys, be the main agents of the class!

Now the resources to organize a Grand Prix, after Viganj AGM, are not so difficult to find.

Please work for the class, prize our passion. FW did not show its full power. The class survived in a brilliant way to every trial to destroy it.

And this vitality depends upon us. We resisted to the marketing sirens and we stayed proudly on our boards.

The entries in Viganj showed to the world that windsurfers love FW and FW needs only to be supported to assert its primacy in the agonistic windsurf.

Let's work together for our future".

Francesco