

2023 International Formula Windsurfing Class AGM - Minutes

12 Dec 2023, Online

Registration of voting delegates and email votes

Committee members present:

Francesco Zarbo (ITA)
Witold Dudziński (POL)
Sean O'Brien (AUS)
Marc Cardon (FRA)
Matthias Regber (GER)
Miguel Martinho (POR) / email vote
Fernando Martinez (ESP)

The following national class associations delegates were present or submitted votes:

ARG	NED
AUS	LAT
AUT	POL
FIN	SUI
FRA	SWE
GBR	NED
GER	

The meeting was quorate with a total of 19 votes in the room.

Previous Minutes

Piotr Oleksiak, Class Secretary, reminded the AGM about the goals set in 2022 to work on a multimanufacturer windsurfing proposal for the 2032 Olympic Games. The secondary goal, which would be achieved in the process was to grow the global class distribution.

The mechanisms to achieve the goals had been named as:

- 1) Involving opinion leaders
- 2) Organising attractive regattas
- 3) Communication with riders
- 4) Making the equipment more attractive– (ie reduce width of board to 95cm)
- 5) Investigate organising events before IQFOiL events
- 6) Introduce new courses
- 7) Communication with manufacturers

There were no matters arising or questions

Chairman's report

Francesco Zarbo informed the Committee he was stepping down from his role of Class President and thanked Witold Dudziński, who agreed to take on this challenge and move the Class forward.

Francesco together with Ceri had navigated the class through ups and downs for over 16 years. Francesco is staying on the board and will work to support us onwards in the new role.

Witold thanked Francesco for his commitment and reiterated the challenges that are ahead of the Class showcasing the fact that only by working together as a windsurfing community we can achieve the goals, which have been set.

Financial Statements

Piotr Oleksiak presented the financial statements for 2022 and draft statements from 2023 – there were no matters arising.

Class Elections

Marc Cardon has stepped down from his role in the committee

The first FWC Chairman since IBSA created the Class. Marc has been a pillar for windsurfing during the last decades and has contributed to the growth of the sport, like no other. As a larger windsurfing community, we have already expressed our gratitude to Marc, when he received the Ceri Williams award in 2022. A well-deserved honor.

The standing members were voted in unanimously with Witold Dudziński as new Class President.

Maciej Rutkowski, an opinion leader and top level athlete campaigning in both PWA and the Olympic Class, has agreed to take on a role in the Executive Committee, bringing the somewhat divided world of windsurfing closer. Maciej was introduced into the committee by the Executive as per constitution.

Class Rule change submissions for World Sailing

[Submission 1 – Age Divisions](#)

Approved unanimously

[Submission 2 – FR1 for Youth and Junior Divisions](#)

Approved unanimously with friendly amendment to introduce a change down sail for the Junior division.

Other Matters

Formats for Foil events

The question of allowing the same formats for foil events as the iQFOiL Class was raised. It was concluded that a Working Party will work on formats and make a proposal for the Executive Committee to be implemented before the European Championships in March.