

INTERNATIONAL SAILING FEDERATION RADIO SAILING DIVISION



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AFFILIATE MEMBER

Minutes of Permanent Committee Meeting at 26 Ovington Street, London 12th - 13th January 2002

Present:

John Cleave	Chairman
Jan Dejmo	Vice Chairman
Keith Skipper	Gen Secretary / Treasurer
David Coode	Organisation & Policy Committee Chairman
Zoran Grubisa	Racing Rules Committee Chairman
Robert Grubisa	Technical Committee Chairman
Ron Watts	Regional Officer Americas
Bernard Merlaud	Regional Officer Europe

1) Apologies For Absence

Larry Robinson	Publicity Officer
Ken Dobbie	Regional Officer Oceania

2) Formal approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved.

3) Approval of the Minutes of Previous meetings

PC - January 2001
Electronic of July, August, September & November 2001
Were all approved.

4) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from those minutes that would not be taken up elsewhere in this agenda.

5) Chairman's Report

The Chairman read out his report.

Report attached

6) Secretary / Treasurer's business

Report (ST1)
Members - after no contact and no subscriptions from Belarus, Latvia & Monaco for two years it was decided to withdraw membership from them.
Japan, Singapore & Turkey are in default from 2001 (Japan have now paid).
New Members – Greece & Yugoslavia had applied to join, the PC elected both as new members.
Accounts – the audited accounts were approved.
Levies – A request from Poland to be placed in a lower category was agreed.
Trophies it was agreed that the IOM ICA would have the WC trophy on loan.
The future finances of RSD were discussed in relation to the formation of IOM ICA.

Report & Statement of Accounts attached

7) ISAF business

The future of RSD within ISAF
The ISAF Executive Committee has expressed concern whether affiliate membership is appropriate for the RSD and have noted that the name "division" could be misleading. The EC wants to secure radio sailing under ISAF's wing, and would like us to come forward with proposal on how.
The decisions ISAF have taken so far are to appoint a member of the ISAF RRC to liaise with RSD regarding the appendix for radio controlled sailing in the RRS. Investigate whether Class Association would be better. RSD would remain as an affiliate until the position is clarified.

As an ISAF Affiliate member we pay a fee but have no influence other than to hold world championships.

The suggested alternatives were -

International Radio Sailing Association – basically a class association for international radio sailing classes.

An ISAF Radio Sailing Committee – a committee of ISAF reporting to the ISAF Council to deal with radio sailing rules, with class associations administrating each of the classes.

An independent organisation – divorced completely from ISAF and full size sailing like the International Model Yacht Racing Union we had in the past.

It was concluded that JC & JD would talk further with ISAF and that DMs would again be encouraged to put their views forward. A report of the talks with ISAF will be published after the meeting.

8) Organisation and Policy

Organisation and Policy Committee Chairman's Report

Report attached

It was agreed that all committees should have Vice Chairman. The Constitution would be amended to cater for the possibility of the PC not having a quorum for a PC meeting immediately after a GA.

The committee of DC, RW, Jack Gregory (USA) & KD was approved with RW as Vice Chairman.

JD proposed some amendments to the Regulations to cover the interaction between RSD and ICAs seconded RW and agreed.

RRACIC - JD propose that in line with ISAF policy that these are worked into the RSD Regulations seconded JC and agreed.

9) IOM ICA

A discussion took place on the draft of an agreement on the change over from ISAF RSD to the IOM ICA. How the finances such as race levies and subscriptions would be split between the two, was also discussed. It was proposed and seconded that, once the ICA is up and running the DMs would be asked if they supported the ICA, if there were less than 10 objections RSD would hand over the IOM to the IOM ICA.

Lester Gilbert was welcomed to the meeting and after briefing him of the earlier discussions a point was clarified in the IOMICA report regarding the role of an ISAF RSC. It was pointed out that if the ISAF RSD does become a committee of ISAF it would be a reporting committee to ISAF Council and the ICA would deal directly with the ISAF and an RSC would report on the item to the ISAF Council.

LG reported that it was intended that the ICA would be completely democratic with the members making decisions on all matters of the class. There had been concern that even with a substantial majority in favour of a class rule change, when the proposal was then submitted to the RSC it would not agree. Now that the method of the RSC role had been explained LG felt the ICA would now have no problem. It was agreed that the method the ISAF RSD had worked in the past was the best that could be operated without access to the individual class members of the DMs.

Finance was then discussed it was agreed that the costs to individuals would not be higher than present. The RSD costs would go down as the ICA took over so there should be no need for increased charges, as the present income would be shared. Methods of income for the ICA were discussed and reservations were expressed about the proposal of a £50 one off fee to the IOMICA for new members. It was felt by members of the PC from feedback they had received, that it would be a stumbling block. It was suggested that perhaps an alternative would be a one off payment that could be offset against future fees. ISAF Stickers / plaques for new boats was a suggestion put forward and ISAF would be approached to see how their scheme worked.

The issue of voting was discussed and the PC felt that it was down to the ICA to decide how they wished to take votes. It was pointed out that plenty of time should be allowed for the vote to take place.

With regard to the proposed IOM ICA Constitution and Regulations the points raised earlier by the PC had largely been taken on board.

A proposed agreement document drawn up by JD was accepted by LG subject to the approval of the ICA Committee.

There were then some small points to be dealt with on copyright issues; ISAF is the copyright holder for class rules, measurement forms and certificates, not RSD. The other issues will be discussed with ISAF.

The PC then approved the IOM ICA to approach DMs for National Class Associations to be formed. Within an agreed period of time and a required number of members, the PC will then ask DMs if they approve of RSD handing over control of the IOM class to the IOM ICA.

10) Technical

Technical Committee Chairman's Report

Report attached.

The Technical Committee as put forward by RG was approved with the addition of Val Provoost who after moving to NDJ met the requirements. Rick Martin was appointed Vice Chairman.

After a long discussion on the aluminium content of spars and booms for IOM class, it was approved that all types specified in TC paper would be approved for spars and booms.

IOM class rules final draft approved.

M class rule final draft approved.

R10R class rule final draft approved.

The rules would come into force on the 1st March 2002 and would be published on the web by the 1st February.

Certificates and Measurement Forms including a spreadsheet for M class were all approved.

A discussion then took place on the A class as to whether the rule should be put into the standard class rule format. It was pointed out that if the class became a Classic class it was ISAF policy to keep the rules in the original form.

Interpretations - OM 1 2001 was ratified.

Already published on the web site

11) Racing

Racing Committee Chairman's Report

Report attached.

The Racing Committee was approved and John Whitfield was appointed Vice Chairman.

An updated version of the Championship Regulations was approved.

An updated NofR was approved.

A new version of the SSI will be issued.

A discussion took place regarding "On the water judging" and the positioning of judges.

Revision of RRS App E - Concern was expressed that two submissions had gone into ISAF one from an MNA the other from the ISAF RRC WP without any reference to ISAF RSD on this occasion they were minor changes. It was agreed that our RC would study these and any other areas where the RC felt there was a need for change and after discussion with our representative on the ISAF RRC the RSD Chairman would submit direct to ISAF.

Conflicts in and between RRS App E & G – is still unresolved but a notice will be issued advising DMs of amendments they should include in their SSI.

It was agreed that any submissions for RRS App E from DMs and the RC should be submitted for PC approval before December 2002.

Racing Systems a long discussion took place on the pros and cons of the three systems in the RC report. It was agreed that HMS 2001 (*an earlier version is already approved for 2 heats*) could be used for all events subject to the approval by a sub committee made up of JC, ZG & DC of some minor amendments. It would then be issued as an ISAF RSD approved race system and future event organisers could select which of the approved systems they used.

Regatta Report - is included in the RCC report.

There are no applications for future events other than those already announced; there were possibilities for Greece but more information and contact was required.

12) Regional Officers Reports

a. Americas

RW was pleased he was able to communicate with all DMs and was able to have statistics of all classes. Very pleased to receive the national newsletters. The planning for the IOM WC in Canada was on schedule and as part of the plan there would be a pre WC regatta in 2002.

Report attached.

b. Europe

BM reported that he was very disappointed with the response from DMs regarding his letter of request for feedback and statistics. Most of his information was gleaned from web sites.

Report attached.

c. Oceania

In the absence of the officer, the Oceania report was read out.

Concern was expressed over the item in the report concerning the Australian Yachting Federation prescription to RRS 46. It would be left to the DM to negotiate but if they required assistance RSD would ask ISAF for help.

Report attached.

13) General Assembly

The date & time for the next GA is 10.00hrs 11th January 2003 in London.

14) Date of next meeting

The date for the next PC meeting is the 11th / 12th January 2003 starting at the conclusion of the GA.

15) Any other business

The difference between subscription categories was raised but no decision was made.

The committee thanked JC for the use of his house for the meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 16.24hrs.