

INTERNATIONAL SAILING FEDERATION RADIO SAILING DIVISION



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AFFILIATE MEMBER

**Minutes of
Permanent Committee Meeting
held at – 26 Ovington Street, London
11th / 12th January 2003**

Present:

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

1) Apologies For Absence

RO Oceania Ken Dobbie

2) Formal approval of the Agenda

Item 2 of chairman's business vacancies on PC moved up to next on the agenda.

3) Approval of the Minutes of Previous meetings

PC - January '02

Electronic –	02/02 <i>Fleetwood entries</i>	03/02 <i>New Class Rules</i>
	04/02 <i>Champ Regs</i>	04/02 <i>HMS</i>
	05/02 <i>CR Amendments</i>	09/02 <i>Sail Marks</i>
	11/02 <i>GA Motion</i>	11/02 <i>Ratification</i>

Proposed by RW and seconded by JD that all the above minutes be approved, proposal carried.

4) Matters Arising

It was noted that an interpretation had not been ratified, item to be included in TC business.

5) Chairman's Business

Chairman's report

Vacancies on PC - proposed by JC seconded by RW that KS be co-opted as General Secretary/Treasurer.

The vacancy for PO was discussed and it was agreed that the chairman would write to two people that had been suggested.

Nomination Committee

Proposed that a sub committee of three be formed and at least one member to be outside current PC. It was agreed that the committee would be chaired by Torvald Klem NOR and he would be invited to find two other members.

6) Secretary / Treasurer's business

Report as GA report

Accounts as GA report

Subscriptions – Members, new & defaulters.

It was proposed and agreed that applications as per RSD constitution from new organisations applying for DM status would not be responsible for debts of a previous organisation.

SIN - new membership as DM from 2002 after MNA had resigned in Jan 2002.

TUR - membership withdrawn MNA to be notified.

It was proposed and agreed that the minutes should record thanks for the good work that has been done with the RSD web site.

7) ISAF business

JD gave an update on progress through the year and after discussing the various options available to radio sailing within ISAF (*described in 2002 minutes*) except that the option for a stand alone RSD committee will not be an option, it will be an existing ISAF committee. It was agreed for a paper to be issued to DMs after 31st March '03 listing pros and cons of the options available to us. There will then be a period of time for discussion until 30 June '03. Space will be available on the RSD web site for DMs to put their point of view so that all DMs have the opportunity to see all opinions and comment on them. The PC will then formulate a proposal by the 15th July for DM voting which will then take place until 31st August '03. The result of the ballot will determine the negotiating position RSD then take up with ISAF.

8) ICA business

The Chairman welcomed Lester Gilbert IOM ICA Chairman to the meeting and asked him to give a brief status report of the ICA. It was felt that, although the ICA had been trying very hard to get the DMs to join the ICA, progress was still very slow. The PC decided that it would be proactive to encourage DMs to join by announcing that the class would be handed over to the ICA after the IOM World Championship of 2003.

The proposal by DC and seconded by RW and carried

That on the 1st July '03 IOMICA will take over control of the IOM class, unless there are 10 or more objections by 31st March and that in mid 2004 the M & 10R class ICAs will take over their respective class.

At the WC in Ravenna JC canvassed skippers for a committee to form an ICA for the Marblehead Class. Roger Stollery was to be chairman with Jeff Byerley AUS, Des Fairbank RSA, David Coode, & Torvald Klem NOR. RS had since withdrawn after taking up an office with his DM; David Coode was then nominated as Chairman.

9) Organisation and Policy

Organisation and Policy Committee Chairman's Report

There were no nominations received for new members to the committee, the existing committee was approved.

A new draft of Regulations was presented to cater for ICA and RRACIA some modifications and corrections were proposed. A final draft will be circulated to the PC for approval.

It was proposed that the status of the International A Class be changed to a classic class, subject to the new Regulations. This will allow the class to continue and retain its present rule.

Proposed by DC seconded by JD and carried

Concern was raised at the timing scheduling of the GA in relation to January PC meeting. If there had been contested elections all those people would have to attend in order to be there for the PC meeting immediately after. It was also felt that there should be a PC meeting prior to the GA so that any outstanding business could be tidied up. The numbers attending GAs is very low (3) and would not be able to alter the voting received by posting, which also was not very high (5). It was agreed to look into the scheduling of future GAs and to make them entirely postal.

10) Technical

Technical Committee Chairman's Report

The TC Chairman noted that there were some technical documents on the web site that needed updating; he would update these and send them to KS for putting on to the web site.

There were no new nominations received for committee members the existing committee were approved.

Two Interpretations were proposed for ratification

2002 – IOM - 1 proposed by RG seconded RW and carried

2003 - M – 1 proposed by RG seconded DC and carried, (both are now on the web site)

2003 amendments to the IOM Class Rules were well in hand, it is planned for them to come into force on the 1st March '03.

11) Racing

Racing Rules Committee Chairman's Report

After accepting the nomination from SWE for Eva Andersson to join the Racing Committee the committee was then approved.

Regatta Reports

Fleetwood GBR IOM CC report received.

Ravenna ITA M WC no report was received but a lengthy discussion took place on how future events could be improved. It was agreed that JC would write to the ITA DM.

It was agreed that a report would be required from the RSD delegate at future events.

Future Regattas

Vancouver IOM WC: a letter from the organising committee was discussed and replies to requests and questions would be reported back via RW along with comments on various topics.

Query over levies, on checking back through minutes. It was established that levies were increased in the year 2000, before Canada were approved in 2001 to run the event.

The query regarding CCR and entry fees is entirely up to the organisers, the CCR rules are all there to support the organisers. The entry fees for second stage were not asked for so as to negate exchange rate and bank charges if entries were not accepted.

A committee of ZG chair, JC, DC, KS, Don Martin and Peter Valentino would oversee the proposed modifications to the umpiring rules for the Canadian event. More umpires are required.

A request from GRE for M Europeans in 2003 was discussed; it was felt that it would be better to wait until an International radio sailing event had been run successfully by GRE before agreeing to them hosting a major event.

A request from ESP for IOM Europeans 2004: it was agreed that IOM ICA will look after the selection of this and future IOM events.

Umpiring and all its aspects were discussed at length and would be discussed further as more experience from events was gained. Topics discussed included, umpires in or out of the control area, active or reactive umpiring, number of umpires required, cost of providing that number, different decision called by umpires for same incident, umpires outside of control area not hearing discussion between skippers, size of heats/ number of judges/ visibility at marks.

The draft submissions to RRS 2005 – 2008 Appendix E as previously circulated to DMs were discussed in great detail, a revised draft will be circulated to DMs prior to submission to ISAF. It was agreed that RSD 02 Umpiring would not be included as it was likely that there would be many changes before an ideal system was established.

Standard SI – updated for 2003

N of R The standard N of R will in future include type and size of Control Area in order that disabled competitors can be aware before deciding to enter. To encourage disabled competitors control areas should be small so that walking is not a problem.

Racing systems:

HRS 2003 - new revised text to include heat allocation in preliminary rounds as specified in SSIs, also agreed to standardise the time out periods of both HRS & HMS.

HMS 2003 - new revised text was presented, it was agreed that as it was a system created by the UK DM that it would be sensible to check proposed changes with them. Working party of ZG, JC & DC would continue to check detail and propose final draft for approval.

Class Championship Rules:

Proposal for 84 boats when HMS is used was carried.

Compiling an approved list of Race Officers and Umpires was considered RC will discuss and put forward proposals.

Deletion of zero in front of single digit numbers, there was a long discussion on this subject with no decision it was decided to check back on previous discussions over many years and complete the discussion with an electronic meeting.

Requirement that all sail numbers on white sails should be black, other colours such as reds, blues etc should be prohibited. This topic was also to be included into an electronic meeting.

The use of a gate for the leeward mark in Radio Sailing Events was suggested and it was agreed that it was an acceptable method of setting a course.

12) Regional Officers Reports

a. Americas

The RO report was given and discussed.

b. Europe

The RO report was given and discussed.

c. Oceania

No Report

13) Date of next meeting

17th – 18th January 2004

14) Any other business

There was no other business

Meeting closed at 17.20hrs