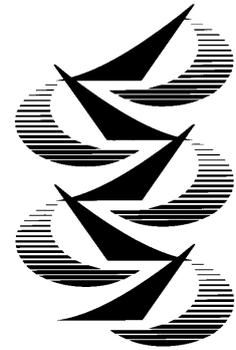


INTERNATIONAL SAILING FEDERATION RADIO SAILING DIVISION



I S A F
AFFILIATE MEMBER

**Minutes of the
Permanent Committee Meeting
held in London
15th 16th January 2005**

Present John Cleave (JC), Jan Dejmo (JD), David Coode (DC), Robert Grubisa (RG),
Zoran Grubisa (ZG), Bernard Merlaud (BM).

Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Ron Watts (RW), Ken Dobbie (KD) and Keith Skipper (KS).

Approval of Agenda

The content of the agenda was approved, although the order of items was changed.

Minutes of meeting held in London January 2004

These were noted.

Matters Arising from the above

JC reported that he has been in communication the RSA, who were keen that the South Africa Cup would continue to be presented to the Winner of the World Championship for the IOM class.

Secretary/ Treasurers Report

It was noted that a number of DMs were in arrears. Since contact had been maintained with most of these and since it was unclear whether they had been sufficiently chased up, it was agreed that it would be left to the Secretary/Treasurer to follow them up this year. The accounts showed a small surplus, but some officers had yet to submit their expenses. It was expected that with these expenses and collection of the arrears, the accounts would broadly balance. In view of our satisfactory financial position, it was agreed (pJC, sJD) to reduce the race levies to £10 for World Championships and £5 for Continental Championships. It was noted that now IOMICA was in funds, we could expect that our loans to be repaid.

It was also agreed (pJC, sJD) that David Coode should be added as the third signature to the bank accounts with Lloyds TSB (30-91-49, 1800960) and Halifax plc (D/99818593-9)

Approval of the accounts

The accounts were approved (pJD, sRG).

Future of RSD re ISAF

JD started this item by relating the history of RSD within ISAF. He explained that the current situation and that this was not an ongoing option from ISAF's viewpoint. It was considered unsatisfactory by ISAF because we are the only division and do not fit it to any category on their overall strategy, and from our viewpoint because

- a) it placed an enormous burden on our TC committee and
- b) we have no submission rights.

JD said that there two possibilities either to be in ISAF and comply with their wishes or go back to the seventies when we had our own racing rules and class rules. After a lengthy discussion, the PC unanimously agreed that the second option would be an extremely retrograde step. JC agreed that he would write to all Division Members to explain the PC thoughts on all this and the PC's view on the way ahead.

It was agreed that the following motion would put the General Assembly in July:

That Division Members vote for either A or B:

A That the PC takes steps to reaffirm its relationship with ISAF by forming an International Radio Sailing Classes Association to represent Radio Sailing Classes. This body to replace RSD in the ISAF structure.

B That RSD becomes an Independent body, hosts no more ISAF World Championships, ceases to use the RRS, and asks ISAF if could have the class rules for our back.

Organisation and Policy Committee Report

DC apologised for having no official report but he spent a large part of the year moving house and preparing a new multi-class association constitution. He read from four documents, The IOMICA agreement, IOMICA's constitution and from our constitution and regulations and was of the opinion that entries should not be accepted for IOMICA Continental or World Championship from DM who were in arrears with RSD. To make this clear he proposed a clause to be added to RSD's regulation 8.1 so that it would read:

8.1 International Class associations are entitled to conduct World Championships. Approvals are given by ISAF-RSD subject to ISAF Regulation 18.4 Entries for World and Continental Championships, conducted by an International Class Association, shall only be accepted from countries that have paid their subscription for the current year. (ISAF -RSD Constitution 5.6 and 5.7 applies)

This motion was passed (pDC,sJC)

IOMICA Report

A draft report had been received from IOMICA that had been circulated amongst the PC. Whilst agreeing with most items in this report, some items were thought to be either inaccurate or unsuitable. JD agreed to communicate with Lester Gilbert on these particular items. It was noted that the NOR for the 2005 WC had not been sent out and it was agreed that JC would communicate with KD to ensure that the NOR reflected the changed clause to our regulations.

Technical Committee Report

RG's report had already been placed on our website. The PC congratulated him on his report and for his and his committee's onerous work throughout the year. He explained in detail the problems with interpretations with both the 'A' and 'M'. The PC sympathised with him and suggested that some of his problems might best be solved by emergency rule changes. Problems with the 'A' class arose because the class rules were not up to date and not subject to ERS of whatever year. In addition the same terms were used for different parts of boats in different classes.

The PC then discussed the alterations to the class rules for the IOM, M and 10r to put back in a clause relating to movable ballast. This had been removed from RRS as it failed to allow boats to remove their fins and ballast during an event. The alterations allowed boats to remove fins/ballasts providing there were replaced in the same position during an event.

The grandfathering of boats with sails measured before 1.1.2005 was discussed at length. After much discussion it was agreed that the amendment to SIM should go into the class rules.

The motions were carried unanimously (pJC, sJD). It was agreed that this should be posted on the website as soon as possible.

A similar amendment for the 'A' class was carried (pRG, sJD)

The PC formally ratified the interpretations the TC had already issued in 2004 and the motions that had passed at emergency meetings

Racing Rules Committee Report

The Chairman of the RRC presented his report. He stated that, as had happened many times in the past, the Sailing Instructions for the Spanish IOM event were changed at the last minute; in particular, the umpiring system had yet again been altered. Skippers had sailed to different umpiring systems in Croatia, Canada, England, Italy, Spain; some had been proactive, some reactive and some a combination of both with or without an increased penalty for those who failed to take their penalties correctly. This was unsatisfactory. ZG was to have a meeting with David Lees later this weekend to discuss alterations to our umpiring system after input from a number of skippers in Spain. It was hoped that this would result in a revised system with which both the skippers and umpires would be happy. It was agreed to ask David Lees to join our Racing Rules Committee.

A long discussion followed regarding the merits of walking the bank or a fixed raised sailing position. A further point discussed was the merits of the gold/silver/bronze fleet system as against HMS. ZG agreed to discuss these matters with his committee.

JC stated that in April this year, he had received a new version of Appendix E from the Appendices Working Party. Although our submissions were included in principle, a large number of changes had been made to the wording. JC managed to get most of these changes reversed. The overall result was deemed to be a success. No complaints, apart from the items in the TC report, had been reported.

The revised application from GBR to host the Marblehead WC at Fleetwood was approved, subject to the date being approved by JC and DC.

Regional Officers Reports

BM presented his report. He pointed out that the Marblehead was alive and well in Europe but regretted that it had not been possible to host a planned European Championship for Marblehead class at Viry Chatillon as the lake was undergoing repairs to its banks.

A draft report had been received from KD; RW's report was received and been posted on the website.

Nominations for GA 2005

JC, RG, and JD had all indicated that wish to resign at the end of this period, however JD thought it essential that JC should continue in office for a further period to see through the planned constitutional changes. As this period should be relatively short, JC agreed to stand again on the condition that both RG and JD did as well. RG and JD so agreed.

Any other Business

A problem with the allocation of reserve places in the CR was discussed
The date of the next potential PC meeting was fixed for 14th and 15th January 2006.

The meeting Closed at 1410 January 16th 2005