

Minutes of the Annual Finn Masters Meeting, June 3, 2009, Maubuisson, France

The meeting was called to order at 10 am.

1. Opening

Corrine McKenzie, Executive Director of the International Finn Association was introduced as in attendance.

Finn Masters President Fons Van Gent announced that 264 sailors were attending this year's regatta. He said that such large numbers can in the future make it difficult to find venues so we must guard against making our expectations too high and that, for instance, camping places will not automatically be on the club's premises anymore.

2. Presentation of the 2010 Finn Masters Championship by the representative from Split, Croatia: Mr. Luksa Cicarelli.

The dates are 23-28 of May, 2010. The prevailing winds are SW 8-18.

3. Minutes of the AMM 2008 Minutes as they appear on the website were approved. Fons van Gent thanks Mrs. Bernardine Müller for making these minutes.

4. Announcements by the President

The Master's Committee has been developing rules and guidelines for good sailing and good social events. Jan Kingman (NED) is to be thanked for producing templates for the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. Entries in the future will be done through the Finn Masters website. Mr Jan Kingma and Mr. Ewout Meijer have created this together and Fons thanks them for this.

5. New Masters Committee

The following Finn Masters have stated themselves as candidates for the new Masters Committee:

Rolf Elsaesser (GER 202), Mike Till (GBR 55), Henk de Jager (NED 11), Yves Zoccola (FRA 800), Fons Van Gent (NED 748)

The meeting gives them the faith the president asked for.

6. Financial Report

Mike Till is presenting the financial report the president created. There is currently a Euro 5,997 balance in the account from May 2008-May 2009.

7. Proposals:

Richard Hart presented a new scoring system that would become the standard for Finn World Masters events that would not change depending on host country. It was decided that a committee of people from the five nations with the most Finn Masters would study the proposal over the next three months.

Payment proposal—because of the problem with no shows failing to pay their entry fees, it was decided that a no show payment is due the next year you attend and sailors are allowed two no show payments—after that, pre-payment is required.

8. Presentations of venues for Finn Master World Championship 2011:

Pwllheli, Wales, UK, by Gareth Roberts.

Punta Ala, Italy, by Pietro Piram and Bruno Catalan.

By a vote of 64-32, Punta Ala was selected. Pwllheli Wales is invited to present again for 2012.

9. Questions: Howard Sellars requested to change the scoring in the Gold- and Silver fleet at the end of these Masters. Fons indicated that it is not a good idea to make changes again during this event.

There were no further questions from the floor.

10. Corrine McKenzie asked the Masters to think about how to use the expertise of Finn Master sailors to recruit and mentor junior sailors into the Finn; one suggestion is to invite juniors to fleet events and master events to give them time in the boat. She asked that Finn Masters pass their ideas for building up junior participation to President von Gent.

11. The meeting closed at 11:40 am.

--Respectfully submitted, Charles Heimler (USA)