

Finn Annual Masters Meeting – Split

29<sup>th</sup> May 2010

Time of meeting start: 10:10am

**1. Opening by the Master's President**

All Finn sailors welcomed by Masters President, Mr Fons van Gent, with introduction of the committee, Mike Till (GBR 55), Henk de Jager (NED 11), Yves Zoccola (FRA 800) - Rolf Elsaesser (GER 202). Rolf was unable to attend.

**2. Announcements by the President**

A committee formed after last year's AMM to review the scoring system.

Security in the Split camper park would remain until Saturday 12:00am after the event has finished.

Apologies received from Andy Denison (GBR 20).

**3. Approval of the Minutes of the AMM 2009 Maubuisson**

Minutes of the AMM 2009 as they appear on the website were approved. Fons van Gent thanked Mr. Charles Heimler (USA) for making these minutes.

**4. Financial Report 2009 - 2010**

Jake Gunther, who did the financial check together with Detlev Guminski, announced that the accounts were in perfect order.

Additional costs due to 2 trips to visit Split and half models for presentation to clubs for running World Masters.

The cost for prizes is only for the Legends. All medals had already been purchased until the 2010 event by Mr. Lehnert (our former President), but next year new medals will need to be purchased.

**5. Proposal for changes in the Masters Rules**

The following changes were made and approved.

- Re-election of committee members and President following the resigning schedule.
- Decision on starting the race left with race committee.
- New items for the AMM to be announced to the president one month before the meeting.
- SI's to be provided 3 months before the event starts.
- Add prize of Gold medal to first lady.
- Amount of races and grouping the competitors.

**6. How to handle "no shows"**

The President commented that in the past three year's there had been "no shows" of 41 in 2008, 18 in 2009 and 12 in 2010. Lengthy discussion followed on how to handle "no shows" in the future. It was proposed that there would be a cut off date 6 weeks prior to the start of the event, and a penalty of an extra 50% of the entry fee to any entries received after the cut off date.

**7. Format and scoring Finn World Masters.**

The President thanked Richard Hart for the work done to date on the scoring revisions, by presenting him with two bottles of Croatian wine.

The daily random rescheduling of the fleets would continue.

A question from the floor that there was a possibility due to random re-scheduling two competitors might not sail against each other in the event, provided a response of 25%. It was agreed to review the scoring system at the end of this year.

It was proposed that there be a Gold and Silver fleet finals for 2011. This will be discussed at the end of this year.

#### **8. Resigning schedule Masters Committee members**

Rolf Elsaesser was re-elected to the Masters committee for another 4 years.

#### **9. Preview of the Masters venue for 2011, Punta Ala, Italy**

The President briefly explained he would visit to Punta Ala in June 7-9<sup>th</sup>, and his report would follow on the Masters website. A short presentation was given on the Punta Ala venue.

#### **10. Presentation of the Master's venue for 2012, Pwllheli in North Wales, UK 2012**

The President and Mike Till visited the venue in 2009 and were pleased with the facilities, and recommended them to the Master's fleet.

A short presentation and video was given on the Pwllheli venue by John Mackie (GBR 68). He stated that the organising committee were actively seeking reduced ferry crossing deals and support from the Welsh Assembly Government.

After a discussion involving the possibility of Cannes or Balaton as an alternative venues, it was agreed to hold the 2012 Masters Worlds at Pwllheli.

Cannes and Balaton will be visited by the President before they will become candidates for 2013.

#### **11. Possible Venues in future years.**

The President asked for agreement to change the Masters rules that Worlds does not have to go outside Europe every 5 years.

He also proposed to find 5 standard good locations which the World Masters could circulate, until new venues became available.

He also agreed to visit Cannes later this year to review their facilities.

#### **12. Proposal to visit new (unknown) venues in future before they become an official candidate.**

This was approved, after earlier discussion in item 11.

#### **13. Questions.**

Gabor Antal suggested that there was a basic rule of launching surface at the venues which included car parking and more launching ramps.

There were no further questions from the floor.

#### **14. The meeting closed at 11:25am**

Minutes made by David Potter (GBR 65).