

## Annual Finn Masters Meeting – Punta Ala

June 15 2011

Time of start of meeting 10:10

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

Finn sailors were welcomed by the Masters President, Mr Fons van Gent. The Masters Committee was introduced, Henk de Jager, Yves Zoccola, Mike Till and Rolf Elsaesser.

### **2. Announcements by the President**

The pre-pay system to collect entries for the 2011 FWM worked particularly well and provided the organising committee at Punta Ala with some useful information enabling them to be prepared for the event. It will therefore be continued in 2012. This item will also be discussed later in the agenda.

Competitors were reminded to ensure they sign to state they have completed each race they sail. Several competitors had neglected to sign off causing concern for their safety.

The president asked members to use the Finn World Masters web site [www.finnworldmaster.com](http://www.finnworldmaster.com) when they wanted information rather than just contacting him with questions.

### **3. Approval of the minutes of the AMM 2010 Split**

The minutes of the 2010 AMM, as they appear on the website were unanimously approved. The President thanked Mr David Potter (GBR) for taking and writing the minutes.

### **4. Proposal to add entry and payment text to the masters rules**

The President followed up his opening comments on the importance of encouraging all participants to enter and pay early for the FWM event to enable the organising committee to be fully prepared for the all aspects of the event. The pre-pay and early entry system has been significant on helping to manage the 'no shows' of previous years. To help improve the process the President proposes an amendment to the current entry rules to include a cut off to the pre-payment opportunity capped at 2 weeks prior to the start of the FWM. This amendment has been approved by the meeting.

### **5. Financial report 2010 - 2011**

The financial report was presented to the meeting. Lazslo Szindeli (HUN) and Detlev Guminski did the financial check and Detlev reported that the financial check showed that the book keeping was correct. The report clearly indicated that the FWM is in a strong financial position. There were no questions regarding the financial statement.

### **6. Format and scoring for future FWM events**

The President opened the discussions by reiterating the importance of providing a FWM event that met the needs of all sailors and the importance of maintaining a maximum of 90 boats in any one race. He also spoke favourably of the system being used in Punta Ala.

Two proposals for change were discussed. A final proposal was agreed that fleets, to a maximum size of 90 boats, would be sailed if sufficient entries required fleet sailing; that allocation to each fleet would be by random selection on a daily basis; a maximum of seven races will be sailed before the final day; the final day would provide fleet racing for all sailors except for the top 10 plus competitors with equal points with nr. 10 who will race separately in a medal race after the fleets. The inclusion of a medal race did pose several problem especially in splitting the age group sailors. The President said he would ask the Masters Committee to consider this before the event in Pwllhelli in 2012.

Minutes taken by Martin Hughes (GBR 567)

## **7. Election of Masters Committee members**

Mr Henk de Jager is the only committee member due for re-appointment in 2011. He was re-elected for a further four years.

## **8. Integration of the Finn European Masters into the Masters organisation**

The President explained the history behind the request to integrate the Finn World Masters with a Finn European Masters Championship. He explained that an electronic survey of Finn sailors had received little response from Finn sailors, and he had asked the Masters Committee to consider the proposal. They recommended that the continued growth of the FWM event was not likely to continue at its current rate, and the risk of introducing a new European Championship would be detrimental to both the WFM and each countries own Masters Championships. They therefore recommended: no proposals for a European Champoinship should be considered before 2014, as this would be unfair on venues already selected for the WFM; the IFA should be approached to include a European Finn Masters event in the IFA European Championships and the European Masters Championship will not become a responsibility of the Masters Organization. These proposals were agreed and accepted by those present.

## **9. Presentations for Finn World Masters (FWM) event in 2013**

Presentations were made to host the FWM in 2013 by:

- Cercle de Voile de Bordeaux, Maubuisson
- Soci t  des Regates Rochelaises, La Rochelle,

The meeting voted to sail the 2013 the FWM in La Rochelle.

## **10. Potential venues of the future**

The President informed the meeting he had received several proposals to host future FWM 2014 - Tihany in Hungary; Poland; Royal Queensland YC in Australia.  
2015 – Bracciano in Italy; Cannes in France; Schwerin in Germany; Athens in Greece

## **11. Questions – presented to the President before 10:00 on June 14 2011**

There were no further questions.

## **12. Preview of Finn World Masters Venue 2012**

A presentation was delivered by Mr Gareth Roberts from Pwllheli SC to introduce some key aspects of sailing in Pwllheli in 2012. the presentation is available to view at <http://www.finnworldmasters2012.info/> Additional information is also available on the Pwllheli Sailing Club website <http://www.pwllhelisailingclub.co.uk/psc/>

A special discount has been arranged for accommodation at the Butlins Haven Camp (2km from the sailing club) for anyone booking before the 29<sup>th</sup> of July.

Discounts have been arranged for ferries to the UK – as long as they are booked sufficiently in advance

## **13. Close of meeting**

The President declared the meeting closed at 11:35