

Fireball Executive meeting of 26 August, 2019; Montreal Worlds

Minutes

Present: Christina Härdi-Landerer, Debbie Kirkby, Ben Schulz, David Laing, Frank Miller, Tom Egli, Guy Newson, Mianne Erne (minutes).

No set agenda

Future events

Nice might be subject to discussion because of disagreements among FRA sailors.

Sponsorships for events – it helps if you know how to do it. Find someone who has experience and connections!

It takes time to get sponsors – decide on Nice now.

Fee for Worlds participants to FI – It used to be put in the budget if FI had any expenses, they'd have money set aside to reimburse it.

There used to be a levy at Worlds, but at the same time the membership subscription fee was lowered. As for memberships, each country has a different membership fee, but some money goes to regional and/or national organisations.

Perpetual prizes

- "catch-and-release": Competitors get to have their pictures taken with the trophy but give it up again to be kept safe by FI
- if we keep them in UK, they can be shipped with the container. But there needs to be a keep-sake trophy. This should be written into organization notes for Worlds.
- If someone wants to take it home, do we allow that, but they have to sign a form stating conditions including the date by which they have to get the trophy back to FI. There used to be a book that had to be signed.
- If we send them home with the winners – we should get signatures. Insurance is likely to be a lot more expensive.
- At the moment there is no insurance. Get insurance for all the trophies. Guy will look into it.

Executive votes for "Catch-and-Release"

Note: Suggestion made at the Council meeting: send the trophies onward to the next Worlds organizers, they could be exhibited there and draw attention to the event beforehand.

Yearly championships?

World sailing wants classes to have yearly championships, but they will make allowances for southern hemisphere. So we'll keep the rule as it is now: at least 12 months between Worlds.

Carbon poles

Tom Egli has tried one for 5 years without problems, has changed his mind and is now in favour of allowing carbon poles.

Prices have come down to almost the same as the glass or kevlar ones. There are more manufacturers for carbon nowadays. We'll discuss it at the open meeting. Afterwards have an email vote in Council.

Plans for home-built wide-bows

It would be expensive because today boats are built in a different way. Before we spend big dollars on new plans, we'd like to know how many more competitors we could get out of it and how many of those home-built boats are mere "projects"

Pointe Claire, 28 August 2019

Mianne Erne