

Skandinavisk Seilforbund (SKSF) - ISAF Group G Annual Meeting - 23.-24. October 2009 Scandic Webers, Copenhagen

DELEGATES

Estonia	Ott Kallas
Denmark	Carl Gerström Kim Andersen Dan Ibsen
Finland	Kurt Lönquist Hannu Salo Marianne Pentti
Norway	Peter Larsen Stig Hvide Smitt Espen Guttormsen
Sweden	Annika Ekman Stefan Rahm

APPOLOGIES

Iceland Ulfur Hrobartsson

MINUTES Dan Ibsen - DSA

1. Minutes from Annual Meeting 2009

Item 5.4: SR will talk to UH; If they agree, SR will prepare the new website.

2. Nordic Championships

2.1 Status Championships 2009

EST: results received

FIN: results received

SWE: missing H-boat – OK – CB66

NOR: missing Europe - Snipe - JNOM

DEN: missing RSX – 29er -. 505

MNA's are encouraged to send the missing results to DSA.

2.2 Match Race Championships 2010

Proposal from FIN to have both championships in Finland in 2010:

MR Women – Elliott 6 M – Helsinki – 27-29/8 - Helsinki

MR Open – J22 – Wasa – 10-12/9

FIN asked for flexibility with regard to dates to coordinate with int. calendar

SKSF decision: FIN will arrange both championships in 2010.

2.3 2010 Listing of NOM's in each Country

FIN:

- JNOM, Helsinki, FIN – there are problems with the dates, which collide with with Europe Worlds in Sweden and Zoom Worlds in Estonia; Preliminary dates are therefore 3rd to 7th August. Classes expected be: Opti, Zoom, Europe, Laser 4,7 Laser Radial, 29er, 470; If interest RS Feva and RSX might be included.
- MR W – Elliott 6M – Helsinki – 27-29/8
- MR O – J22 – Wasa – 10-12/9

SWE:

- 29er – (westcoast – club/place) – (dates)

NOR

- Laser Standard, men – Moss Seilforening – 13-15 august (also ILCA Europa Cup)
- Laser Radial, women – Moss Seilforening – 13-15 august (also ILCA Europa Cup)
- Windsurfing – Combined Regatta for Formula Windsurfing, Kona Class, Race Board and Bic 293 – Sola Brettseilerforening, Stavanger – 13-15/8

DEN

- KDY is planning an Open Danish Championship with at least 4 classes. As many of these could also be NOM's. Will come back later when dates are fixed.

EST:

- No applications

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SKSF decision: above championships were granted. Later Applications should be sent to DSA with recommendation from the respective MNA.

2.4 **NOM statutes**

Proposal from FIN - with support from the DEN/SWE/FIN Optimist Dinghy Associations - to change "Rules for Nordic Championships" concerning age limit in Optimist Class.

Existing Rules for Nordic Championships
Appendix B – Nordic Youth Championship
B2 Age Limits

B2.1 All competitors shall be at least 12 years of age on 31 December of the year of the championship. However, in Norway a national regulation takes precedence.

Proposed change after amendment from FIN:

Appendix B – Nordic Youth Championship

B2 Age Limits

*B2.1 All competitors shall be at least 12 years of age on 31 December of the year of the championship, **unless they have been selected on the basis of sailing competitions; Selection procedure to be accepted by the MNA**; However, in Norway a national regulation takes precedence.*

It was noted that you cannot sail an int. championships in Norway until the age of 13 in the same year of the championship. This covers all nationalities.

SKSF decision: Agreement on the amended FIN proposal.

3. **ISAF matters**

3.1 **Report from Group G Council members**

Very good that ISAF seem to proceed with the strategic work and has engaged with an international consultancy company.

ISAF is also aiming to support education of race officers better in the future

Bill Bentsen USA have received the Beppe Croce Trophy for his job with the racing rules

Sailing did not get the 11th medal.

Concerning the IOC YOG in Singapore in 2011 following information was recorded to the minutes:

- FIN: will have national qualifications in Laser 4,7
- SWE: SOC supports the programme, even if it does not fit with the normal programme, selections in Zoom and in BIC 393
- DEN: not in the DS plans for talents; the zoom 8 class might organize participation themselves

3.2 **Womens Match Racing**

The different task force papers to the MR and Events committee was discussed. DI pointed out different items which ought to be adjusted in the documents. The discussions at the MR Committee and Events Committee should be carefully followed in Busan.

3.3 **Sailing World Cup**

ISAF has done progress with the SWC with regard to standard NOR, standard SI etc. But there is still no overall sponsor. ISAF Expect to change the scoring system in 2010.

Most Nordic countries focus mostly on the European Regattas, and do not have sufficient funding for the overseas regattas.

3.4 **Submissions**

All submissions were discussed including mandate to Council members. Final decision concerning mandate to be discussed at the meeting just before Council meeting on Thursday. The Rules experts from the Nordic Countries should exchange views and coordinate before and during the ISAF meetings.

Subm. 108-09 and 109-09

IRC applies for World Championship – this leads to a very important discussion about what sort of sailing we wish in the future; Should we allow all sorts of engine during racing; which direction to we wish sailing to develop. Should we allow World Championships, where the federation have no control over the measurement and rating system; What should be a WC in offshore sailing and what should it reflect? Those submissions are not the right way to deal with this important matter about World Championships.

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Many would rather like an ISAF controlled rule for world championships, where IRC is a commercial rule run by a company. Only WC to boats in a out-of-the-box rule or computer generated rating systems – NOT A SYSTEM WITH A BLACK BOX.

And there are in general already too many world Championships. Recognised by ISAF.

Patrick Linqvist will draft a proposal about a working party in order to deal with this matter.

At this stage the submissions should be defeated.

3.5 Other matters

No comments.

4. European matters

4.1 European Sailing Federation (EUROSAF)

DI informed about present matters:

The EUROSAF Match Racing European Championships in 2010 will once again be a combined event (Open and Women) and is being held at the Yacht Club Hard, on Lake Constance, Austria. The dates have yet to be finalised, but these will be announced shortly along with the Notice of Race. Because this event has become so popular, it may be necessary to hold one or two qualification events, because the entry is likely to be limited to twelve teams for each event. More news will follow in the near future and will be announced on the EUROSAF website.

EUROSAF Executive Committee has also agreed that **a combined youth classes European Championship** should be introduced from 2011. This will become an annual event. This event will be open to all classes approved for use in the ISAF Youth sailing World Championship. France will be hosting the inaugural event in 2011 and several other countries have already indicated their willingness to host future events. More information will be made available in the early part of 2010.

SKSF decision: There should be a discussion at the EUROSAF meeting in Paris in April about this possible new youth event.

The first EUROSAF Youth Team Racing European Championship will be held in Venice, Italy in 2010. The boats to be used will be the RS Feva and teams will be invited from all EUROSAF Member National Authorities. Expert coaching will be on hand to help those countries less familiar with the Team Racing discipline. The Notice of Race will be published in a few weeks time.

The main topic for consideration at the 2010 EUROSAF Annual meeting will be **Access to Sailing in Europe**. Speakers will be invited from various educational, marine industry organisations, plus MNAs, to address the meeting on this subject and to help increase awareness of the sport of sailing in member countries. The format of the meeting will be similar to that successfully adopted at the annual meeting in Copenhagen earlier in 2009.

There will be elections at the next EUROSAF GA in April 2010.

SWE expect to nominate Kjell Borking as EUROSAF President. There is at this stage no information on other candidates. EUROSAF ExeCom will propose SHS to be audit committee, instead of CG

4.2 European Boating Association (EBA)

CG informed about present matters:

- EBA is discussing a possibility to include more nations and maybe also other organisations related to boating matters.
- Inland Water Ways regulations is still an important topic for many countries; EBA will try to separate the discussion into forums, since all countries do not take so much interest in these discussions as others.
- Driving license for pleasure boats is still an issue, and there will be a conference in Poland discussion coastal driving licence, but not necessarily as a common system in Europe.
- Environmental issues – antifouling is a big issue in many countries, while waiting for the Biocide Directive.
- Windmill parks at sea is problem for some countries, especially Germany and UK, where sailing boats not are allowed to pass them, due to a security zone; EBA plan to take this forward to IMO through ISAF International Regulations Commission. Countries must follow this closely. There will be corridors for bigger boats.
- IMO – ballast water is a problem; more normal also in pleasure boats and this could lead to spread of different species to different parts of the world, where they might influence and change the environment more dramatically.
- Piracy/terrorism – some countries see pleasure boats as danger to security.
- AIS – some areas this is required for pleasure boats; The boating and sailing organisations have to speak up in this matter.

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- Rules for preventing collisions at sea - We have to speak up to avoid rules for big ships to be exposed on smaller boats.
- EBA is trying to build a database with information for Europe on statistics, rules, regulations etc.
- UK is starting a system "E-boarders" where pleasure boats must send mails to customs at both arrival and departure.
- Baltic Sea Cruising Network has been formed – same subjects as EBA. The group is at present DSV Kreuzerabteilung, Cruising association (UK), Svenska Kryssar Klubben & DSA; Next all countries around the Baltic Sea is expected to join a meeting in Finland; This is not a political organisation, but the goal is to exchange information; Holland will also be invited next time; A problem is that very little happens between the meetings.

5. Other Scandinavian matters

5.1 Nordic Youth Sailor Exchange – submission from Iceland

ISL had sent a proposal for discussion.

The idea is good. Foreningen Norden is a typical cultural organisation and they could have funding available. There should be a better description about the vision, idea, goals/purpose and expected results for the projects. Probably the age group should only be 15-18 year
The MNA's and the SKSF cannot support the programme financially

Decision: Support in principle and ask ISL to finalize and send the application.

FSF informed about an idea to follow up with coaching seminar on a Nordic level, which could be organised at a "Nordic Safety Training Center" outside Helsingør. The seminar should include the persons that teach/train the instructors/coaches; FIN already has a safety part of their education programme, and a possible long term plan could be having something similar as standard.

This could be the focus topic for next year for the group being responsible for education programmes in the MNA's and would allow for an opportunity for FIN to show how they integrate safety issues in their programmes.

FSF will distribute a proposal and a programme, including possible dates.

6. Future meeting schedule

Spring meeting - 23-24/4 - Iceland

Annual Meeting - 22-23/10 - Copenhagen

7. Any other matters

- 7.1 SR presented a new SKSF website. One person per country should have access to the website in order to have a more dynamic and flexible routine for updates.

The question was raised about a possible standard website for regattas.

SSF informed that they before Christmas will decide about a system including entries, payment, list of competitors etc.

- 7.2 FSF informed about their online magazine which now include active links, which makes it much easier to find information on other websites.

- 7.3 FSF has had a discussion with Finnish Boating Association about cooperation or merger of the organisations. Questionnaire will be sent to all clubs, 70% answers and 70% wish to start a discussion about one common organisation. It was last discussed 15 years ago without success.

NSF and KNBF have established a forum for discussion of boating matters: "Norsk Båtråd".

SSF have tried a merger with SBU 15 years ago, but decided not to go further with this.

- 7.4 SSF has applied for the ISAF World Youth Sailing Championship to be organised in Malmö.

- 7.5 SSF is now using flags with numbers 5-4-1-0 in the starts. We should on a Nordic level form a working party, which can discuss this and come up with a proposal.