

IFCA /Agenda & Minutes/1988 AGM

A BRIEF RESUME OF THE FIRST MEETING OF I.F.C.A

held on MONDAY, 5th DECEMBER 1988 at the BAHAI MAR HOTEL, FT.Lauderdale, Florida.

Chairman, Wolfgang Dittman and 26 representatives and delegates from 16 Nations present.

1. President elect,

Wolfgang Dittman welcomed everyone to the first general meeting of the International Funboard Class Association. The association had many matters to sort out and he invited everyone to state their opinions for betterment of our class future.

2. Honorary Secretary Elect,

Steven Schrier informed the meeting of the decisions of the International Yacht Racing Union at their Conference last month

a. The International Funboard Division would take its place alongside the three other recognised divisions, Div.I, II, and III

b. The I.F.C.A was recognised as the association which would officially represent the Class in almost all matters except the registration of boards

c. The racing rules (right of way) would from 1989 be printed in the main IYRU rules book together with the course racing rules and the special Appendix 2 Sailboard rules. Therefore Funboarders will only have to obtain one book to find out about our racing rules

d. The 1989 IYRU rules allow ALL boardsailors to advertise on their sails as per the old WBA rules, if their event organisers/associations agree it

e. The equipment rules for 1989 are basically the same as 1988, except that there will be no restriction on sail brands in national series or World Championship events.

3. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The IFCA sanctioned the German Association(DSV) to run the 1989 event at DAMP, Oest See, on 16-24 September. This decision is supported by the WBA. Applications are invited from all other associations and national organisers to host world championships in the years, 1990-93. The meeting approved the principle that any windsurfer should be able to qualify for a place in a world championships by taking part in a properly organised national series. Only countries with few Funboarders would be allowed to send qualifiers from one event only. World Cup sailors are welcome to try and qualify.

4. CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The IFCA would welcome applications from associations and organisers who would like to host Continental championships, in the continent where no World Championships are planned in that particular year.

5. YOUTH AND MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Some interest was shown in organising these events, either separately or in conjunction with major championships.

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IFCA-WBA RELATIONSHIP.

The interests of IFCA and the WBA run on parallel tracks. More boards for more sailors to take part in more events. The WBA has invited the IFCA to discuss future co-operation, which is written into our constitution. The WBA will continue to be responsible for registering new boards, in conjunction with the IYRU.

6. CUSTOM BOARDS.

The IFCA at present, is only concerned with racing for Series Production Boards, although it is fully aware that many associations and organisers, if not almost all, are involved in custom board events. Future plans may incorporate Custom boards but that is for the future.

7. IFCA ORGANISATION.

For the first year, the German and British Associations would combine their facilities to run the Class. The subscription required by the constitution is dependant upon the number of places taken up at the next World Championships. Associations and organisers who do not participate, would be invited to contribute a small sum to cover the cost of supplying regular newsletters and other assistance in promoting Funboarding.

IFCA is governed by an Executive of 5 members, elected by delegates from each country. Wolfgang Dittmann, Steven Schrier and Bruno de Wannemaeker (Belgium) have indicated that they wish to continue working for the IFCA, having been leading members of the steering committee which got IFCA started.

Nominations are invited for the two remaining places, in writing, with a seconding signature from a fellow national association member. Nominations should be handed to Steven Schrier, before the start of the special general meeting planned for Friday, 9th, after racing.

8. OTHER POINTS OF DISCUSSION.

NEWSLETTER.

It is planned to regularly distribute all members with an interesting and informative newsletter. We will feature information received from member associations and organisers especially important event dates and contacts.

1990 RACING RULES.

Some improvement to the rules, especially Slalom were contemplated. All proposals should be sent to IFCA by 1st July, latest.

BENEFITS OF IYRU RECOGNITION.

Several associations have already indicated that recognition advanced their national status. Some countries financially support the IYRU classes. Where no association exists, National Authorities are expected to promote the International Classes if possible.

1996 OLYMPICS.

The meeting showed no particular interest.

FUTURE BOARD REGISTRATIONS.

The meeting agreed that no new boards should be registered for use at a World Championships, less than 2 or more months before that championships.

End of Meeting.