

## North American Formula 18 Class Association

### Meeting Agenda

09:30 EDT – 10 August 2010



## DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

### Attendance:

David Ingram – Chair - Present

John Williams – Vice Chair – Present

Don Atchley – Treasurer - Absent

Vacant – Vice Chair

Vacant – Secretary

Brent Carlson – Northern Area Rep – Present

David Ingram – Southern Area Rep – Present

Mike Easton – Eastern Area Rep – Present

Dan Delave – Western Area Rep – Present

Chris Green – Mid Western Area Rep – Absent

The meeting was called to order by John Williams (Vice Chair) and a quorum was established. David Ingram reported that the fleet finances had still not been fully transferred to Don Atchley and neither Dave nor Don provided a balance sheet, and a full treasures report would be provided as part of the final meeting minutes.

### Old Business:

David Ingram talked about Newport hosting the 2011 North American Championship and ABYC hosting the 2012 Worlds. At the time of the meeting we had 77 paid members.

### New Business:

**MOTION: Move the 2011 North American Championship from Newport to Hyannis**

**Motion Passed.**

John Williams presented the next agenda item regarding scoring and including non US regattas. After a fairly lengthy discussion the motion was amended as follows:

**MOTION: Include non US regattas (North America only) points are counted to include all teams in the scoring with no NAF18 (USF18) membership minimum.**

**Clarification on the membership minimum: Only teams that are USF18 members in good standing will be included/counted in the scoring and ranking. This basically changes the 3 active member minimum for the regatta to be included in the national ranking.**

**Motion Passed.**

David Ingram presented an idea to give special consideration regarding the 2012 Worlds for teams that attend the 2011 Worlds in Hungary.

**MOTION: Guarantee slots for the 2012 Worlds for teams that attend the 2011 Worlds.**

**Motion Failed.**

**MOTION: Honor non US memberships for at the US Nationals/North Americans.**

**Motion Passed.**

**MOTION: The 2010 NAF18 Championship Prescriptions remain active until the 2010 World Council Vote in December**

**41 in favor, one opposed, motion passed.**

**MOTION: Change the association name from NAF18 to USF18 to more accurately represent the class.**

There was a brief discussion detailing the motivation behind the name change. It was pointed out that the name change would not restrict us in any way from hosting the North American Championship.

**Motion Passed.**

The Election of Officers was conducted;

1. Chair – David Ingram
2. Vice Chair – John Williams
3. Vice Chair – Alex Van Brunt
4. Secretary – Dan DeLave
5. Treasurer – Don Atchley
6. Chief Measurer – Ela Sliwerska
7. Northern Area – Brent Carlson
8. Southern Area – David Ingram
9. Eastern Area – Mike Easton
10. Western Area – Dan DeLave
11. Mid-Western Area – Chris Green

**Slate passes.**

New Business:

The fleet was given the opportunity to express their wishes regarding the use of electronic devices during racing. Several people highlighted the concern about the ability to update a devices firmware which could make the device illegal and almost impossible to police. It was also pointed out that that class has always tried to control costs. A concern was expressed that if only time heading was allowed then there is only one electronic device on the market that could fill this requirement. After a lengthy and spirited discussion the fleet presented their input regarding electronic devices which is as follows:

**Electronic devices will only provide time and heading.**

**My understanding is that:**

*The US Class will support electronic devices that provide timing and heading. The US Class will oppose devices that provide VMG.*

**This leaves a bit of room for discussion in December, since some US members were in favor of devices that provide speed in addition to timing and heading.**

When this issue is presented at the World Council the US fleet will only vote in favor of a proposal that limits electronic devices to time and heading anything else will get a NO vote from the US Fleet.

**I disagree with the conclusion above – devices that provide timing and heading will get a “yes” vote, and devices that provide VMG will get a “no” vote. There was not a consensus on devices that provide speed – there was a straw poll, and it was clear that timing and heading were acceptable. The wording in italics above was voted upon by the class as a US Class position.**

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted –

David Ingram

Chair