

U.S. Formula 18 Class Association 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes
Port Charlotte, Florida
Wednesday, October 21st, 2015 8:00PM

-Call to order: Todd Riccardi USF18 Chairman

-Area Reports:

-Northern – Uli Gollwitzer

- CRAW (JJ) – contingent from Minnesota (5F18s) 7F18s from WI. (Putting together an event for 2017 or 2018)

- CRAM is very active. Fleet size increased by 50%. Lots of sailing with other people to get them involved.

-Southern – Dalton Tebo – Absent (Dave Ingram filled in)

- Steeplecase, FL300, Tradewinds, Charlotte Harbor – mostly a winter series. Bringing up new sailors. Starting a sailing center in clearmont.

-Eastern – Mike Easton – Taking notes (Blair Tolland filled in)

- Pretty active, Taylor and Ravi have come to sail with us. Lost Jeff and Brooks due to Jobs ☹. Volvo was ok, not really as well as we want.

-Western area

-North- Ken Marshack

- 6 in British Columbia. Coaching clinic. 3 active races in Washington and 1 in Oregon. 1 new boat in the fleet. Jerico sailing center – sea plane base 200-300 cats. 6-7 active F18s. Seattle isn't growing.

-South- Scott Miller

- 8-9 active in SoCal. Trying to get everyone up to the same speed. Did the Red Gear Clinic. Very active with races every couple of weeks.

-Mid-Western area: No area rep present?

- GT300 everyone needs to go! Steve P. is awesome!

-Wyoming: Joe Bouchard

- 2 boats in Casper, WY 1-2 in CO, 1 in NE. Bring your dry suit!

- Canada

- Quebec fleet – 15 active boats. Hard to do every event. Need to go to all the different events. Working a lot on getting involved with a lot of the junior sailing events (Lasers, 420s, etc). Need to show that we exist so the kids can get the Cat bug!

-Treasurer's Report: Sandra Tartaligno

2014 Finances YTD (as of 2014 AGM) summary

Started year at \$16,100 Current balance \$15,850

Project year end \$11,900

Assumes \$1K for Nat's/Jasper, \$1K scales, \$1500 International Class membership payment & few other smaller items

Year end estimate lower than Feb'14 budget due to lower measurement income

- Membership dictates our pull with the world council.
- Join at the beginning of the year.

- Set up system to remind members, recurring membership?

-New fleet scales

- New scales seem more sensitive

-Membership Report

- 73 Members

-Measurement Report

- Dave Ingram is awesome! Keep doing it!
- You are responsible for your measurement cert! Talk to Dave to get it done.

-Fleet development:

- Submission of event reports
- Please send event reports
 - Event promotion prior to events, what is working?
 - What can class do to promote the class as whole and grow local areas.

-New business:

-2016 National Championships

- Sail North Carolina (2 votes)
 - \$575 entry fee, Sept. 21-24. Same that hosted the NC – Acat north Americas.
 - Ken – there’s an airport and grassy field, 20ft. wide ramp that everyone launches from. Big enough area to hold a course. Not a whole lot around the area. Gunboat is around if its open.
 - NC has done the budget without additional sponsors.
 - NC doesn’t have many facilities.
- Sandy Hook Bay Catamaran Club (Atlantic Highlands, NJ) (20 votes)
 - Distance race to NYC and back.
 - Short drive to NYC for families.
 - \$350 entry. Free kegs! Local legends.
 - Beach style club.
 - Where they hold the Statue of Liberty race.
- Jill - Clearwater community sailing center interested in hosting an event in the future.
- Trying to spread out where nationals are held each year.
- Email out to the class to ask why they didn’t come. We will do a survey after this event. Class asks all attendees to respond.

-2016 Worlds Argentina, October 28-November 4th

-Show of hands who would like to go, need to determine where containers would ship from.

- 7 – 8 teams interested in attending – ship from Port of NY/NJ to ARG

- 2017 Worlds in Copenhagen, Denmark.

-2018 Worlds, Sarasota, should be voted on in December

-Movement to incorporate the USF18 fleet. – Approved!

Cost is approximately \$500

Is there anyone in the fleet that can help with this?

-Movement to transfer class funds from Paypal to a Bank account (requires incorporation) – APPROVED!

-Insurance approx. \$2,500 (also requires incorporation)

- Through U.S. Sailing Gowrie Insurance

- How many areas have insurance and what is each paying?

- Cram, Craw, NENSA, Texas (each area is playing \$1000+)

- Would it make it more practical to have a national policy with each fleet using this national policy?

- USF18 is happy to do the book keeping necessary to put this forward.

-Class Leadership Elections:

-Board Members

-Chairman: Todd Riccardi (Confirmed)

-Vice Chairman: Mike Easton (Confirmed) & Blair Tolland (Confirmed)

-Treasurer: Sandra Tartaglino (Confirmed)

-Secretary: Jeff Dusek (Nominations from Scott Miller (1.5) and Arielle (15 votes))

-Chief Measurer: Dave Ingram (Confirmed)

-Chief Scorer: Alex van Brunt (Confirmed)

-Area Reps:

-Northern: Uli Gollwitzer

-Southern: Dick McDonald

-Eastern: Jeff Dusek & Blair Toland (to be decided at Eastern area meeting)

-Western:

-North: Ken Marshack

-South: Phillip Meredith (NorCal), Steve Stroebel (SoCal)

-Mid-Western: Steve P.

New Business –

Steve Stroebel – Wind limit for the class?

- o Robbie – percentage of the fleet not finishing, race doesn't count.

- 50% finishing limit?
- Sarah – Agrees with Robbie, but doesn't think people should
- Evan – liability issues of officials when the OA sends out sailors in above the "wind limit"
- Blair - Safety equipment checks/recommendations (Knife, line, VHF or Cell phone) on windy days – making sure teams are as self-sufficient as possible to there isn't as big of a burden placed on rescue boats.

Issue tabled for further discussion. Executive committee to work with Area repos to make recommendations for safety and bring up Wind Limit discussion to WC.

Meeting adjournment: Todd Riccardi USF18 Chairman 9:13pm