

U.S. Formula 18 Class Association 2016 Annual Meeting
Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey
Wednesday, October 21st, 2016 6:00PM

-Call to order: Todd Riccardi USF18 Chairman

-Old Business:

-Incorporation and bank account Developments

-Insurance

- Plan was taken out this year for officers for \$810 split ½ with NENSA
- Would still like to develop National plan through Gowrie Insurance
- How many areas would take part? Meet with Todd after meeting

-Area Reports:

-Northern – Uli Gollwitzer

-Southern – Dick McDonald **good year. Hiram's Haul, fun sail not a lot of F18s. Steeplechase in December reversed the course. Tradewinds good participation. Small distance races in Melbourne from Falcon Marine. Florida 300-5 F18s, Dutch team even came. Juanas Good Time-8 F18s. Fleet grew by 3.**

-Eastern – Mike Easton **good season as well. Madcatter started it off, 10-12 F18s. Madison-10-12 boats. Wickford hosted in N. Bay light wind to survival winds. Lost some sailors due to school and kids. 3 new boats in the fleet. Want to reach out to Laser and c420 juniors to try to get them involved.**

-Western area

-North- Ken Marshack **Seattle to Vancouver. 2 new boats. More races in Vancouver. 15-18 boats most of the time.**

-South- Scott Miller **San Diego/Long Beach. Long Beach has been dying down. San Diego has grown by 2-3 boats. A Cat sailors coming back to F18s. 15 F18s in San Diego. Cat Fight are their big regattas, F18s are the biggest fleet there now. Looking for used F18s.**

Bay Area-Delta Ditch Run-70 mile run, extreme conditions. Leukemia Cup coming up this fall. 2 new boats coming, but losing to San Diego. 27 F18s but 5-6 boats per event. Taking the time to train people.

-Mid-Western area: **No area rep present? Chris Tuckfield Michigan has some growth. Some inactive people coming back. 2 new Nacras bought. Participation has been stable 5-15 boats/regatta.**

CRAW-10-20 boats/regatta. Minnesota fleet broke off and race every week. F16 Nationals but no F18s showed up. Doing well on growth and getting people to regattas.

-Wyoming: Joe Bouchard

Crew list to get people crews/skippers? Send me write ups! Put a button on the home page that says "How to Join the Fleet/Get Involved" – Red Gear Racing, boats already set up.

-Treasurer's Report: Sandra Tartaligno \$12.9 thousand in the bank. \$10,000 of income (measurement fees and membership). Down in membership until Nationals. 60 down every year about. 30% new members each year, renewals aren't really happening. 2014-96 members, 73, now 60. How do we get the people not doing Nationals to join the membership? T-shirt? Hat? Add value to membership.

-Membership Report

- How can we get you remember to join?
- Would a date later in the year be better than calendar year?

Rankings get you into Worlds, have to be a member to get ranked. It also determines how many berths you get in Worlds. Needs results and members, any regatta, more points for more boats. Maybe penalty if you sign up too late?
Send a reminder at the beginning of the year. Automatic payment? Discount for 5 year membership?

-Measurement Report

Replace the scales, talk to the company. Enclosed tent?

-Fleet development:

- Still not getting any local feedback to USF18 for social media and website
- Who can we appoint to actually handle this?

Clear job description, actual job, x amount of posts (\$75-100/month). Put something together...Laura Muma?? Vote on it ASAP as soon as we get a clear description.

Pay for a portion of charter to rope in some kids?

Send out survey results.

Mixed Trophy at all events? Expand awards.

Market to youths on F16s. F16s combined with F18s for Nationals? Unify with other classes?

-2016 Worlds Argentina, October 28-November 4th

- Not too late to go!

-2018 Worlds, Sarasota, Florida – Dates TBD Mid-late October possibly.

Worlds are in Denmark in 2017. Container going over there or charter boats. Talk to Steve Strobel. Free beer during the entire event.

-Class Leadership Elections:

-Board Members

- Chairman: Todd Riccardi
- Vice Chairman: Mike Easton & Blair Tolland
- Treasurer: Sandra Tartaglino, Chris Tuckfield
- Secretary: Arielle Darrow
- Media & Marketing Director: New Role to assist Secretary? Kieran's crew,

Kieran

- Class Measurer: Dave Ingram
- Area Reps:
 - Northern: Ulli Gollwitzer
 - Southern: Dick MacDonald
 - Eastern: Blair Tolland
 - Western:
 - North: Ken Marshack
 - South: Steve Stroebel
 - Mid-Western: Steve Piche

Meeting adjournment: Todd Riccardi USF18 Chairman