

Fireball Open/Council meeting of Sept. 2023 in Portoroz

Minutes

Present: Heather Macfarlane, Jakub Napravnik, Dave Hall, Linus Eberle, Christina Härdi, Ruedi Moser, NCAs: AUS, BEL, FRA, GBR, IRL, ITA, SLO, SUI.

Agenda

1. Minutes (published)
2. Flag officers for next term: will be elected electronically in October
3. Next Events: Europeans 24 in Maccagno ITA, Worlds 25 in Riva del Garda ITA
4. Worlds Geelong
5. Fireball Future
6. Feedback from the IM
7. AOB (Perpetual prizes..)

1. all minutes (executive, Council, Open Forum) are published here: <https://www.fireball-international.com/admin/executive-documents/>
2. Since no FI Commodore was nominated by the end of August 2023, Council will appoint the FI Commodore as stated in the constitution.
3. Europeans in Maccagno will be organized in cooperation of the Club Unione Velica Maccagno and the Italian and Swiss NCAs. The Worlds 25 are planned in Riva del Garda, however no definitive answer came so far from the club, therefore a plan B for Imperia is kept in mind.
4. Heather Macfarlane states that the preparations for the Worlds 24 in Geelong are ongoing, 1 container from GBR and 2 from continental Europe are organized. FI will subsidize each with 5000€ per container. Since there are still a few open slots left, late entries for the continental containers are possible.
5. Fireball Future: Dave Hall informs that no boats (Winder and Weathermark) have been built since several years. New ideas to bring the boat back to a modern and attractive shape are discussed. Minor changes such as in-deck jib-sheet cleats and major ones such as allowance of carbon fibers, double floor, and abandonment from the bulkheads and separated air tanks are discussed. Most attendants agreed upon the need to keep up with modern classes to keep the Fireball alive.
6. The International Measurer Chris Henderson is now officially endorsed for the Fireball Class. He explains the findings of measuring the centreboards and aims at using these data to come up with a championship-weight in the future. Further he reminds that main sails must not be hoisted above the top mark of the mast. Competitors may be disqualified, if such a fact should be seen during racing.
7. Any other Business: A proposal is made, that general recalls could be prevented by splitting the fleet and by changing the race course from triangle sausage to sausage triangle. While the first point is refused by most attendants, the second possibility could be and has already been discussed between race committees and FI at other locations.

Portoroz, 18th Sept 2023

Christina Haerdi