

International Measurers Sub-committee Minutes



The International Measurers Sub-committee met at 0900 - 1330 hours at the Al Bandar Hotel, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman on Sunday 10 November 2013

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Please refer to the ISAF Council minutes of 15- 16 November 2013 for the Final Council decision on all recommendations and opinions contained within these minutes

<i>Present:</i>	
Dimitris Dimou (Chairman)	Nicola Sironi
Barry Johnson (Vice Chairman)	Jurgen Cluytmans
Jean-Louis Conti	Bruno de Wannemaeker (ISAF Classes Rep)
<i>Apologies:</i>	
Alexander Finsterbusch	
Hyo-Kyung Jang	
Andy Halcon	
<i>Also Present:</i>	
Rob Taylor (Technical Co-ordinator)	

1. Opening of the Meeting

- The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed committee members and observers.
- Apologies for absence were received from Hyo-Kyung Jang, Alexander Finsterbusch and Andy Halcon.
- The Chairman invited IMSC members to introduce themselves.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting and Agenda

- Minutes
The minutes of the previous International Measurers Sub-committee meeting held on 4 November 2012 (circulated and approved after the meeting) were noted.
- Matters arising
There were no other matters arising not covered elsewhere on this agenda.

3. Governance

- International Measurers and Equipment Inspection
The Chairman reported on the relationship between Race Officials Committee, Equipment Committee, International Measurers Sub-committee and Equipment Control Sub-committee and the division of tasks. The Sub-committee noted a paper produced by the Chairman on the roles and responsibilities of the International Measurer, and the division of responsibilities between the ROC/IMSC and the

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EQ/EQSC.

- (b) Delegation to Sub-committees
 - i) The Chairman presented the report of the ISAF Competitions Manager on the current delegations of responsibility to the Sub-committees.
 - ii) No changes were proposed to the Race Officials Committee.

4. Strategy and development

- (a) Current topics
 - i) Progress on current topics (as agreed last year).

The IMSC has a new strategic plan for 2013-2016, which has incorporated most of the topics agreed in 2012, and work is in progress.
 - ii) Recruitment and training of race officials, particularly in under-served areas. It has been noted that the main stakeholders are the classes and the MNAs.

Following sources have been noted as available for the identification of promising candidates:

 - IM reports: these documents shall describe the people the IM worked with and give an idea about their performance;
 - clinic and seminar instructors could help to identify potential candidates from among the attendants;
 - list of clinic / seminar attendants of the last 3 or 4 years: currently a number of attendants are disappearing from the scene. It therefore has been noted that it would be useful to contact the attendants, who didn't yet apply, after a pre-defined period of time to see what they are actually doing with regard to certification control and equipment inspection.
 - iii) Expansion of the seminar and clinic program in under-served areas. As noted during the IMSC meeting in 2012, Africa remains a target for clinics and South America remains a target for clinics and seminars, with a view to the 2016 Olympic Games. Asia remains in focus, as well as Scandinavia and Eastern Europe.
 - iv) Linkage with coaches and competitors. Not discussed
- (b) New topics
 - i) New strategic areas to Race Officials Committee

The 2013-2016 IMSC Strategic plan main points were presented
 - ii) Needs of race officials in each discipline.

The Chairman presented a report on the age distribution and geographic distribution of existing IMs. It has been noted that almost 50 % of the existing IMs is 61 years or older, which emphasises the need to attract young race officials to ensure that succession is guaranteed. The Sub-Committee however agrees that the age category to work on is "31-40" as the availability of even younger race officials is practically limited due to the absence of experience.
 - iii) Development of new ISAF Race Officials.

not discussed,
 - iv) Proposals for continuous training programs for existing ISAF Race Officials. In order to stimulate continuous development (including staying up-to-date with

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actual measurement/inspection techniques), the IMSC noted that it might be desirable to have existing IMs attending an IM seminar at least every 8 or 12 years.

In order to stimulate participation of existing IMs in seminars in their area, the IMSC notes that communications shall be sent in cooperation with the ISAF secretariat to existing IMs and their MNAs informing them about clinics and seminars in their area

v) National race official program packages.

It has been noted that as part of the support to national race official programs the IMSC will work with the EQSC on the development of guides to Certification Control, IHC, Equipment Inspection and a guide for Certification Authorities. In addition, the chairman will seek the advice of the IJSC who are implementing such a system, to get an understanding of the extent and nature of the training materials they are using. [See also 10 a)]

vi) Linkage with classes. [Discussed together with 4 a) ii)]

vii) It was agreed that it is desirable to improve the link with the classes and to explain the added value IMs may have for their class. The link to manufacturer classes was noted as a special point of attention. It has also been noted that marketing of available resources (new people who have passed the test) to the classes could help. A letter will be prepared and circulated to the classes with the help of the ICC. In addition, the data from the 2012 Workshop presentations will be formally tabulated to help Classes and IMs streamline and optimize their certification and inspection systems and methods.

(c) Cost of officials at ISAF/high level events

It was agreed that Sailing is a highly technical sport and equipment control should be treated as a highly important part of racing. The current situation does not reflect that, and instead of looking at ways to reduce costs, ISAF should be trying to improve the quality of equipment control by encouraging the allocation of more resources.

5. Education and Development

(a) Seminars and Clinics

i) The 2013 program of seminars and clinics was noted by the Sub-committee, and concern was expressed at the lack of interest from the side of organizers to host such events.

ii) Potential venues for the 2014 program were discussed and the difficulties with securing MNA support for running clinics and seminars noted. It is desirable to link any future clinic or seminar to an event where attendees could be involved in the equipment inspection process. In case sufficient equipment is available to perform different types of measurement, that could however be considered as worthy alternative.

clinics:

- Europe (2 or 3): France, Croatia and/or Scandinavia were noted as desirable locations;

- Asia (1): either a clinic or a clinic/seminar; Hong Kong, Thailand or Malaysia were noted as desirable locations; Korea which will host the Asian Games is also a potential target.

- South America (1): Peru and Chile were noted as desirable locations.

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seminars:

- Europe: Belgium is noted as a possible location;

- Asia: see *clinics*;

- South America: in 2015 a seminar will be organised in Brazil, taking into account the Rio 2016 Olympic Games

(b) Conferences

The 2012 Workshop was a successful event, and should be repeated in 2015 or 2016.

(c) Publications

There are no plans for major updates of the IM Manual at this time.

(d) Challenges and support

The IMSC will contact the ISAF classes with the help of the ICC, to help them understand why they need to have IMs, and how they can be assisted in getting enough IMs.

(e) Language skills

The importance of developing English language skills of race officials was noted and the general feeling is that there is much room for improvement but this has to be done within the ROC planning..

6. Race Officials Performance and Feedback

(a) Race Official Groupings

The Sub-committee received a proposal from the Chairman on IM grouping. It was proposed by Dimitris Dimou, seconded by Barry Johnson and voted unanimously in favour of recommending the Race Officials Committee adopt the proposal.

Recommendation to the Race Officials Committee: Approve

(b) Race Official Reports

It has been noted that although they should be used / completed, at the moment it is not mandatory. The IM report offers, together with the annual class report, the opportunity to verify the experiences of applicants for appointment or renewal as listed on their application form. The digital form might be further developed to facilitate completion and data collection.

(c) Race Official Performance

The Sub-Committee noted that, taking into account the fact that IMs are often performing their function alone and so a peer-assessment is not always possible. This does not mean that ISAF Race Officials from another discipline could not be asked for their input, even if it would be limited to the general conduct of the IM and not covering the technical performance of the IM.

7. Reports

(a) The Competitions Manager gave a report on the following major events:

i) 2015 Olympic Test Event

ii) 2014 ISAF Sailing World Championships, Santander (ESP)

iii) ISAF Sailing World Cup

iv) Youth Olympic Games

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(b) Event Appointments

The IMSC noted that the IM Grouping System, as currently defined, will help the Events Appointment Working Party to select IMs for a particular event.

(c) Conflict of interests

The newly developed Q&A system was presented and welcomed by the IMSC and the observers.

8. Submissions

Please refer to the 2013 Submissions Booklet for details of all submissions also available online at www.sailing.org/meetings

(a) The International Measurers Sub-committee considered the submissions for which the Race Officials Committee is the Reporting Committee. On a proposal from Dimitris Dimou, seconded by Bruno de Wannemaeker and voted unanimously:

i) Submission 031-13 – Joint Rule 69 Working Party from the Chairmen of the Constitution, Race Officials and Racing Rules Committees.

Recommendation to the Race Officials Committee: Approve

ii) Submission 092-13 – International Race Officials Administration - Integration of Three Additional Disciplines – Regulation 6.9 and 31 from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee.

Recommendation to the Race Officials Committee: Approve

iii) Submission 093-13 – International Umpires Administration - Regulation 31.12.1 from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee.

Recommendation to the Race Officials Committee: Approve

iv) Submission 094-13 – International Measurers Administration – Regulation 31.13.2 from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee.

Recommendation to the Race Officials Committee: Approve

v) Submission 095-13 – International Race Officers Administration – Regulation 31.14.1 from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee.

Recommendation to the Race Officials Committee: Approve

vi) Submission 096-13 – International Judges Administration – Regulation 31.21 from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee.

Recommendation to the Race Officials Committee: Approve

vii) Submission 097-13 – Race Officials Performance – Regulation 32.10 from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee.

Recommendation to the Race Officials Committee: Approve

viii) Submission 098-13 – Conflict of Interest – Regulation 34 from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee.

Recommendation to the Race Officials Committee: Approve

(b) The International Measurers Sub-committee considered submissions for which the Race Officials Committee is an Other Committee except Racing Rules submissions. On a proposal from Dimitris Dimou, seconded by Barry Johnson and voted unanimously (with the exception of submission 011-13 in which Barry Johnson abstained and submission 012-13 in which Bruno de Wannemaeker abstained):

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- i) Submission 006-13 – Race Officials Committee – Terms of Reference – Regulation 6.9.6 from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee.

Recommendation to the Race Officials Committee: Approve

- ii) Submission 007-13 – International Measurers Sub-committee – Terms of Reference – Regulation 6.9.8.3 from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee.

Recommendation to the Race Officials Committee: Approve

- iii) Submission 010-13 – ISAF Advertising Code from US Sailing.

Recommendation to the Race Officials Committee: No Opinion

- iv) Submission 011-13 – ISAF Advertising Code from the International 49er Class Association.

Recommendation to the Race Officials Committee: No Opinion

- v) Submission 012-13 – ISAF Advertising Code from the International Kiteboarding Association.

Recommendation to the Race Officials Committee: No Opinion

- vi) Submission 013-13 – Payments for Umpires from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee.

Recommendation to the Race Officials Committee: Approve

- vii) Submission 014-13 – ISAF Technical Delegates from the Executive Committee.

Recommendation to the Race Officials Committee: Approve

- viii) Submission 034-13 – ISAF Regulations – Regulation 11 and new Regulation 38 from the Chairman of the Constitution Committee.

Recommendation to the Race Officials Committee: No Opinion

- ix) Submission 035-13 – Appointment to Events – Regulations 25.8.10, 25.8.13 and 25.8.15 from the Chairman of the Constitution Committee.

Recommendation to the Race Officials Committee: Approve

- (c) The International Measurers Sub-committee considered submissions on the Racing Rules of Sailing for which the Race Officials Committee is an Other Committee - submissions 104-13 through to 136-13

Recommendation to the Race Officials Committee: No Opinion

9. Annual Report

The Vice-Chairman presented the Chairman's report on activities during 2013, thanking the Chairman for the work done to date.

10. Any Other Business

- a) Relationship between ROC, EQ, IMSC and EQSC:
The Chairman gave some further explanation about the relationship between Race Officials Committee, Equipment Committee, International Measurers Sub-committee and Equipment Control Sub-committee and the division of tasks creating guides to Certification Control, In-House Certification, Equipment Inspection and a guide for Certification Authorities.
- b) Race Officials and social media:

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It was noted that race officials should always keep in mind their role and carefully evaluate their presence and activity on different types of social media, under the guidance of the relevant ROC working party.

- c) Race Official uniforms
Atlantis is contracted till 2015 as uniform manufacturer.
It was noted that new race officials need to get a standard kit as a minimum.
- d) MNA forum
The information to be provided during the MNA forum will be defined after the IMSC meeting.
- e) Olympic manual review
The Olympic manual is currently under review. Review with regard to equipment inspection, in consultation with the Olympic Classes, might become part of the tasks of the EIC chairman.

11. Summary of meeting

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked the Sub-committee members and the observers for their contributions and asked all observers to leave the room for the closed session.

The meeting was closed to observers from the following item onwards.

12. Performance investigations

The Sub-Committee received a report from the Chairman regarding investigations undertaken in accordance with Regulation 32.

13. Commendations

The Sub-Committee considered proposals for commendation.

14. Seminar / Clinic Instructors

The instructor team will remain as is.

15. Exams

- (a) The Chairman presented a description of the test.
- (b) The test administrator team will remain as is.

16. Appointments

The Sub-Committee considered the applications for the appointment to IM status, and the applications for renewal. Recommendations will be forwarded to the ROC.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 13:35