

MINUTES



European Hovercraft Federation

Meeting Title:	AGM 2016
Meeting Date:	5 November 2016
Start Time:	10:00
Venue:	Flotsbro, Hiddinge Sweden
Next Meeting:	11-12 November 2017

Attendees:

James Lewendon (Secretary)

Michael Rausch (DE Rep) Magnus Ivanoff (SE Rep)

Michael Heinze (DE) Margret Heinze (Chairman)

Kenneth Osterland (SE) Bjorn Hall (SE)

Apologies

- Michele Scanavino (IT). Represented by Conrad Beale
- Christel Martens (NL) Vote given to JL.
- Denis Ragot (FR)
- Jaroslav Balaz (SK)
- Tony Drake on behalf of WHF

EHF Competitions AGM.

- Thanks
 - Thanks to SE from Margret Heinze for organising meeting.
- Election of officers:
 - Christel Martens (NL) re-elected as Vice Chairman. All in Favour.
- 2015 Minutes
 - Accepted, no Questions.
- 2017 Race Meeting Dates:
 - Allerton Park - UK April 29-30 –(combined EHF & UK event)
 - Grez Neuville – France 10-11 June
 - Slovakia –12-13 August
 - Saalburg – Germany 9-10 September
- Poland confirmed email address as info@poduszkowce.net
- Treasurers report
 - Countries Must submit receipts for meeting venues, asap after meeting, to allow accounts to be accurate.
 - 2016 Germany subs paid in cash at 2015 meeting. Cash used to pay for 2015 meeting room. (waiting for receipt)

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- 2016 Poland subs paid in cash (with Chris Barlow)
- 2017 subs for Slovakia and Italy outstanding.
- Bank statement to be published with treasurers report.
- Expenses 2017:
 - €150 to be claimed by the chairman
 - €150 to be claimed by secretary
 - SE, DE, IT, UK voted OK
- Expenses 2016:
 - €150 to be claimed by the chairman (not yet claimed)
- Secretary to ask Francois whether the treasurers report should be updated, or include next year.

Allerton Park

- Little bit cold!!!!
- Tree stumps on left bank need to be protected. Possibly with builders bags full of straw.
- Downhill into the corner needs to be slowed down, possibly with a chicane, or change in direction.
- Ends of the catch netting should be anchored.
- Costs:
 - Lots of discussion, it was proposed that there should be better notification of proposed meeting costs well in advance. This will be via a race meeting proposal form, these will be presented at the AGM meeting.
 - Form will contain all proposed costs.
- Bad behaviour will not be tolerated. If required, Race director will impose harsh penalties if required on abusive drivers.
- Drivers unhappy with other drivers must speak to the race director, not confront other drivers.

Flotsbro

- Because of the date change, some drivers planning to come could not. Date changes should be avoided.
- Big accident , craft crashed over pontoon, narrowly missing spectators.

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- All spectators removed from pontoon. 1st major incident at flotsbro in 7 meetings.
- It seemed that when craft ploughed in, driver could not control. Race director to observe.

Saalburg

- Lots of sand and dust.
 - Recommended organisers purchase a cheap water pump, to dampen the ground.
- Noise from the party is very loud.
 - This was well published so people can prepare.
 - Party is required to pay for the site costs.

Member proposals

- Proposal from Sweden
- SE1:-
 - See attached proposal
 - Proposal was modified with input from the meeting.
 - Minimum duct size of 750mm, to prevent craft with low thrust, but high speed from being developed.
 - Proposal to test craft after every race changed to "Craft may be tested at any time"
 - It is proposed to introduce this for the 2017 season
 - 5 in favour, 1 against.
- FR1:-
 - Propose to include Rotax 550 in F50
 - Lots of discussion, however agreed that the base formula is 50HP, if 550 is included, then every 503 becomes useless.
 - 550 is not an engine available to buy new, so must come from used snowmobile, like 503.
 - 2 in Favour, 5 Against
- Rule changes
 - Thrust limit in F1 and F2 for Novices
 - Similar to Junior idea, thrust limit to be set for new novices to improve safety of other drivers

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- Idea was accepted as a good way forward.
 - Craft testing proposed, maybe in UK.
 - Discuss again at 2017 AGM.
- Electric hovercraft
 - Concerns with safety.
 - No rule changes without proposal.
- Race Meeting proposal forms
 - To be referenced in section 2.2 of rule book. JL to create forms.
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Future Meeting

- 2016 15-16 October
- Venue to be determined, Weeze(DE)?