



INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF KITESPORTS ORGANISATIONS

Minute number five of the Fifth Assembly General Meeting

On the first day of October of two thousand and sixteen it was held at the Conference Room of Muchaxo Hotel, Guincho, Cascais, Portugal the Fifth General Assembly Meeting of the International Federation of Kitesports Organizations - IFKO.

The Agenda was as follows:

2pm – 6pm, Saturday, October 1st, 2016:

1. Opening of the Meeting with registration and welcomes;
2. Call to Members;
3. Reading of the Agenda;
4. Speech by the President of IFKO;
5. Approval of minute of the Fourth General Assembly;
6. Presentation, discussion and definition of the Kitesports discipline proposals brought by IFKO members, as required to be present in the Youth Olympic Games 2018 Buenos Aires;
7. Voting to choose the YOG Kitesports discipline;
8. Voting WADA Code acceptance;
9. Voting IFKO application to become WADA Code Signatory;
10. Reading and voting the Principles of the Olympic Movement (although present in the Statutes);
11. Affairs presented for information by IFKO Committees, Full members and Organisation members;
12. Matters brought of meetings between Members;
13. Other.

The AGM was properly announced by the statutes and the delegations present were represented by the statutes by:

Dominican Republic - ADK – Bruno Legaigoux;

Italy - AIKS – Giacomo Scalia and Vanessa Strappaveccia;

Argentina - AKITEAR – represented by proxy to ANEK Delegation made as Statutes;

Spain - ANEK – Daniele Olivieri;

France - FFVL – François Collin and Olivier Mouragues

Portugal - FPKITE – Diogo Paes Fernandes, Luis Nobre and Ricardo Pais;

Turkey - KSD – Husnu Baylav

And the kind presence of Mr Sebastiaan Velden as the Zian Kiteboarding representative.

Mauritius Member could not be present.

The Board of this AGM were: President of the AGM – Mr. Husnu Baylav; Vice-president – Mr. Luis Nobre; Secretary – Mr. Ricardo Pais.

The President of the AGM opened the meeting with the **1st point** of the Agenda. The Vice-president of the Meeting gave the welcomes to the presents that signed the Assemblies' Book of Presence.

Then the President of the Meeting followed the Agenda to the **2nd and 3rd points** calling the members and reading the Agenda. Therefore he introduced Dr. Paes Fernandes as IFKO President to the **4th point** of the Agenda. The President's speech made reference to the following points:

- To begin, an explanation that our Federation was built from the work of volunteer riders specifying that each one of the presents was coming to the AGM with own time, own money and commitment to the organization of our sport being a great value;

- Regarding last press releases from "IKA" and WS (UK) Ltd the President remembered some of Mr. Stephan Fox words during the SportAccord Convention Membership Session: "It's impossible to become a world champion without going to the gym". Through this perspective, "attacks" to IFKO's work and image are a good opportunity to show our value and what we are doing for the good future of our sport.

- Following his demonstration, Dr. Paes Fernandes reminded to everyone how important was this meeting to produce a responsible and coherent decision to define an Olympic discipline including a most suitable YOG

2018 Kitesurfing discipline, to be presented to IOC and Mr. Leandro Larrosa/YOG according to the letter he sent to IFKO.

- Then the President insisted on importance to not engage any war, despite legal rights of IFKO, continuing to keep its own path and to choose proper work that always talks for itself instead of media campaigns. Also, he underlined to everyone the importance of new Members, current works, perspective and objectives regarding new arrivals.

- To conclude, President of IFKO reminded to everyone the values of Democracy, Diplomacy, Transparency and Respect for the Kite community where IFKO stands; and how IFKO is to serve and help the Athletes at every moment, because they are the main objective of IFKO work and the image of our Sport.

Following the **5th point** of the Agenda, the minute of the Fourth General Assembly was read and approved unanimously.

Mr. Husnu Baylav then introduced the **6th point** of the Agenda - Presentation, discussion and definition of the Kitesports discipline proposals brought by IFKO members and Safety Committee, as required to be present in the Youth Olympic Games 2018 Buenos Aires (YOG) - and presented the letter from Mr. Leandro Larrosa that engaged this definition.

The files brought to be discussed had the main elements for an Olympic/YOG discipline candidature:

- Kite, lines, bar, release systems, safety gear, board, fins, straps, format of competition, name of discipline.

Mr. Olivier Mouragues as the Competition Technical Director took the word and gave the meeting some guidelines/values to decide the discipline: 1 – Safety, 2 – Visibility, 3 – Understanding, 4 – Popularity, 5 – Simplicity, 6- Affordability.

Dr.Sofia Guerreiro as General Director, shared what heard by IOC channels in an interview made to Mr. Christophe Dubi – IOC Executive Director - about YOG: “it’s a platform for testing new sports” and there is the aim of “processing most athletes possible” (he asked excuse for the expression but it was for a better understanding). Referred that, if this event fails anyhow, for example with an accident, Kite in Olympics is removed for sure from the Olympic Games, and therefore the importance of the organization be made by experienced multidisciplinary teams as IFKO Committees are.

Representing:

- **France - FFVL - Delegation** brought the proposal: Use of Foil Kites with a bidirectional board. Format of “first comes first” competition (to escape the human scoring), safety main concern for the Sport image, Boardercross as a possibility, close to the reality of the sport. Quick safety push away system.

- **Spain and Argentina - ANEK & AKITEAR - Delegation** brought the proposals for inflatable kites because are relaunchable, safer for Youth and near to what is the reality of our sport. Reference to Industry limitations to build equipment in short notice by Mr. Mariano Romero by phone conference.

- **Dominican Republic - ADK Delegation** - brought the proposals inflatable kites with substantially lighter weight to increase light wind performance, format of competition with batteries of 4 riders like Skiing. Dedicated kites for competition purposes with less expensive materials. Special wetsuit with protection characteristics. Less than 2 minutes estimated competition time.

- **Portugal - FPKITE - Delegation** brought the proposals PILOTKITE for the name of discipline, “first comes first” for simplicity, near shore for better audience understanding, upwind floating platforms for audience, circuit in “Z” or “W” bordered by buoys, safety standards as main priority to reduce probability of severe accidents and injuries, confirming all efforts to avoid existence of “blood or bone injuries” to athletes. No specific kind of Kite demand as long as an approved production Kite (athlete’s free choice considering the course). 20meters from the tip of the bar to the tip of the kite. For Youth use of bidirectional board with volume and soft edges keeping rail shape for better performance. For senior Olympic discipline, the use of Hydrofoil boards with new materials construction. The use of thinner “Boardercross” buoys transversal in YOG course to increase technical difficulty and popularity of the discipline.

- **Turkey - KSD - Delegation** brought the proposals of inflatable kites, the use of technology GPS for scanning results, the use of dedicated inflatable boards, and a discipline with jumps like Boardercross.

Extensive discussion followed the presentation of proposals.

Following the **7th point** of the Agenda, it was approved the discipline to be presented to YOG 2018:

- Name of discipline: **PILOTKITE** (unanimous voting):

- **PILOTKITE** competitions under 19:

- **Kite** – Riders choice with no kind specification (Spain and Argentina voted Inflatable kites, zero votes for foilkite and five votes for “riders choice”), Riders can register previously no more than 4 kites for the

competition, must be production kites (with serial number) in order IFKO can provide an authentication label number for each kite before the competition, polyester or polyamide construction (unanimous voting);

- **Lines** – no more than 20 meters between bar and kite tip (for safety purpose - unanimous voting);
- **Bar and release systems** – 4 line bar, quick safety release system with push away to front (not back or side) by direct movement (not round movement), system by AFNOR standards, safety leash connected to the front line, with easy release by both hands (unanimous voting);
- **Safety gear** – sea water resistant helmet (standards to be decided by Safety Committee), protection special wetsuit mandatory (unanimous voting),
- **Board** – approved production board (with serial number), bidirectional, soft edge rails made of EVA material (that can be sharpened) between 4 to 5 cm, outline by Riders/Industry choice, size open box, no more than 162 cm length and no more than 58 cm width (with a negative vote of Dominican Republic with 160x60 proposal), rigid bottom, rigid top, board thickness between 3 and 6 cm. (unanimous voting about kind of board);
- **Fins** – edge made of silicone, size 6 cm width maximum (unanimous voting);
- **Harness** – with no metal on surface, the hook must be covered (unanimous voting);
- **Straps** – rider's choice, boots or similar not allowed (for safety) (unanimous voting)
- **Format of Competition** – First comes first, IFKO racing rules, course to be defined in 2017 but keeping guideline to simplify the “under 19” course format for example as “Z” or “W” courses. Estimated time of competition also to be defined in 2017 keeping a guideline to be shorter than usual Kitefoil competitions. Guidelines to be asked to YOG Buenos Aires like available space of competition and integration with other water sports.

For **PILOTKITE 19** years old (and above) Olympic competition:

The same decisions were taken but with increased difficult competition format, “up and down courses” and the possibility to use special high performance new hydrofoil boards (new shapes and flexible edges in case of collision, to be defined in 2017). It was decided to consult opinions of high level experienced Kitefoil Riders to evolve the Kitesurfing Summer Olympic Discipline.

General mandatory guidelines were decided: no surfaces of metal or rigid plastics with sharp or exposed edges (unanimous voting).

Rigidity and materials density specifications will be given by Safety Committee and it will be measured at any time during the competition (unanimous voting).

Efforts to reduce equipment costs near the Industry (unanimous voting).

In the **8th point** of the Agenda the WADA Code acceptance was approved unanimously following the building of a clean sport and tolerance zero for doping, work that started in the 3rd AGM.

In the **9th point** of the Agenda the IFKO application to become WADA Code Signatory was approved unanimously. The Doping-free Committee Director Dr.Sofia Guerreiro informed the meeting that the 4 doping controls made to 2 male athletes and 2 female athletes in the Freestyle World Championship in Rodrigues Island came all as negatives.

In the **10th point** of the Agenda the Principles of the Olympic Movement (although present in the Statutes) were read, applauded and approved unanimously. IFKO is highly committed to bring Riders to the Olympic Movement.

During the **11th point** of the Agenda, the Members took the opportunity to exchange about organisation of next IFKO 2017 World Championship, which are already in drafts and final conversations with Organisers, and Mr. Olivier Mouragues informed that the 2017 Calendar is almost ready with water, snow and land events.

For the **12th point** it was brought the general strategy plan for 2017 and it was confirmed unanimously to continue to increase actions that lead to the self-determination of Kitesports, the better promotion of Kitesports, the information of Kite community about real international positioning of “ika” and WS in our Sport, the protection of the interests of Athletes, Riders, National Kite Associations, Organizers of events, Industry, Media and all Kite stakeholders, all with an important role in the development of our sport.

Mr. Husnu Baylav followed the **13th point** of the Agenda and the Member Number 16 (Full-Member) – AMK – Asociación Mexicana de Kiteboarding was unanimously approved with an applause; it was decided unanimously actions in order to build an Industry association of kite products brands to protect the interests of Kite Industry and make the association integrate IFKO to be part of decisions of the sport.

No more discussion was given and was closed the Fifth General Assembly Meeting of IFKO.

5th AGM Secretary – Mr. Ricardo Pais
Cascais, October 1st 2016