



## MINUTES of the 2006 Annual General Meeting

Held in COLLEGNO Italy Wednesday July 5<sup>th</sup> 2006

### INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF MODEL AUTO RACING

#### 1- WELCOME by President.

Dallas MATHIESEN IFMAR President opened the meeting at 19h40 and welcomed all attendees.

#### 2- CONFIRMATION of personnes in attendance and block's voting representatives:

<b>Dallas Mathiesen</b>	IFMAR	President
<b>T. Tex Baldwin</b>	IFMAR	Vice-President
<b>Jean-Luc Retornaz</b>	IFMAR	Secretary/Treasurer
<b>Akimada Uchida</b>	FEMCA	Block Representative
<b>Frank Mostrey</b>	EFRA	Block Representative
<b>Chad Phillips</b>	ROAR	Block Representative

Bob Novak	IFMAR Associate Member	USA	NOVAK Electronics Inc.
Juergen Lautenbach	IFMAR Associate Member	Germany	LRP Electronics

Various attendees who did not signed the attendance sheet.

#### 3- APOLOGIES

Apologies from Kenny Bergshultz IFMAR Electric Section Chairman who could not attend for business reasons.

No other apologies were received.

#### 4- ACCEPTANCE of minutes of 2005 IFMAR Annual General Meeting held at 2005 1/8 IC World Championship track, Messina, Italy, September 9<sup>th</sup> 2005.

Seconded EFRA, that the minutes of the 2005 IFMAR Annual General Meeting be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

FAMAR:                      FEMCA: Yes                      EFRA: Yes                      ROAR: Yes

Vote: Accepted : Three (3) in favour

#### 5- MATTERS arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

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## 6- PRESIDENT REPORT:

First of all would I off course like to welcome everyone to this 2006 IFMAR AGM. I have to admit that even if I should have experience in off am I anyhow a bit agitated for my first official meeting as the new IFMAR President. So please bare with me if I'm getting a bit out of line.

It's not the easiest task to take over after the former President John Grant that together with his wife Marian has been running IFMAR for many, many years and almost have the organisation implanted in their spine.

Luckily did I manage to convince my friend and mentor since many years Mr Jean-Luc Retornaz to follow me and become the new IFMAR Treasurer/Secretary which means that even if it's lonely at the top do I at least have one person to lean on if things get to stormy.

As you can understand am I not prepared to promise you gold and green forest at this moment because it's out of my power to do so. The successful running of IFMAR activities depends a lot of the inflow and respond from our member blocks.

IFMAR is not the people you see up here on the front table, IFMAR, my friends, is in many ways yourself. The IFMAR board is only the tool to effect the decisions all of you have agreed should be valid for the successful running of a World organisation for Radio controlled Cars.

I have been asked if I will continue refereeing if I'm elected as President and my answer to that is yes. We don't have any rule in the handbook saying that the President is not allowing to be a referee and in my opinion is this one of the best way to be in close contact with one of our main tasks, the successful running of IFMAR events.

As your President I will keep my door, phone and email open for you all the time and you can contact me to discuss whatever subject you prefer regarding the general running of IFMAR. When it comes to sections matters would I prefer if you discuss it with the appointed IFMAR section chairman.

So what have we actually done since September last year when we were elected?

During the first period did we mainly concentrate on the fact of collecting (and understanding) as much information as ever possible. To be honest is the running of IFMAR not crystal clear and I can not say that we have received all documents in one package.

Unfortunately did Mike Reedy, due to health problem, resigned as the IFMAR Electric Chairman and it took a while to find a replacement and in the meantime did the EFRA Electric Chairman Mr Frank Mostrey put a lot of effort down to help us.

During this period has IFMAR also been registered in Sweden as a sport organisation and one outcome of this is that we have to look over the constitution of IFMAR witch will be brought up later on the agenda.

We have also moved all IFMAR money to a bank account in Sweden and according to our treasurer is it extremely easy to handle this via internet.

Finally have I also modified all IFMAR rules to a more modern format and published every one on the new IFMAR web: [www.ifmar.org](http://www.ifmar.org).

## 7- VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT:

T. Rex greeted everybody and expressed his enthousiasm concerning the new Executives he also expressed his thanks to all the members supporting the World Championships.

## 8- TREASURER/SECRETARY REPORT:

Good evening to all of you and thank you for attending this "evening event".

As the new Secretary/Treasurer of IFMAR, I will first express my thanks to the former Secretary/Treasurer for the work she has done through years.

Transferring the IFMAR business took a longer time than expected, as it appears after a while, that a bank account for IFMAR could not be open unless IFMAR was registered in the same country as the bank hosting IFMAR account.

Failing to have an easy way to register in France, where I am living, so that to operate with a French bank, we were led to register IFMAR in Sweden were the present Constitution was accepted in English language as it was.

That task was completed in December just in time to receive the first fund transfer from the Australian accounting bank.

A second and final transfer occurred in February; after all accounting closing works have been done in Australia.

One bank account has been open to receive the 75 000 USD compulsory safety deposit. Another one has been open as the transactions account.

It later appears that, out going payments from the USD account was costly on one hand and on the other hand could not match exactly the amount to be paid in a currency different from USD.

Therefore we open a third account in SEK so that to solve these two problems. This is the necessary explanation to understand the three columns balance sheet presentation, attached to this report.

As you may know the IFMAR financial year is based on the period July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> the following year. This is not by far a very convenient timing as these dates are just in the middle of the period where we have the biggest flows of money in and out.

Indeed the racing season starts in July and by that time; IFMAR is still collecting the money for the entry fees and have not paid all these entrees to the organisers. We will study a proposal to move the accounting dates to more appropriate ones (most probably the calendar year).

The only extra spendings so far have been:

- Costs of one trip of the Treasurer to Sweden for accounts opening.
- Cost of a working meeting held in April at this track with the new Electric Section Chairman Kenny Bergschultz.
- Buying a new set of National flags as the old one (donated years ago) have quite a number of flags severely worn out.

This is the end of the Treasurer report and, unless there are questions from the floor, I will now make a short Secretary report.

My activity as such as been low, as all Section matters has been dealt by the respective Section Chairmen or substitute.

As Mike Reedy resigned last year and that it has been quite difficult to find a new Electric Section Chairman, Dallas took care of the related business until Kenny was elected. This provisory situation has led to some communication problems but they are now past history.

As secretary I failed to send out a reminder to member blocks and associates members before the sixty days limit written in the rules. Indeed there are no rules that make compulsory to send out these reminders. The rules say that the members have to send their proposals sixty days prior the meeting.

I missed that task and will avoid it in the future and send out reminders.

Therefore the only proposal on the agenda is the one related to the IFMAR Constitution.

Thank you for your attention.

## 8- IFMAR Worlds Championships 2007 and 2008 –

### **2007 WC's**

Reports from Australia (2007 WC 1/5<sup>th</sup> Scale IC Track) and Japan (2007 WC 1/10 Electric Buggy) have been received and will be posted on the IFMAR web site [www.ifmar.org](http://www.ifmar.org)

No report has been received from FAMAR covering the 2007 WC 1/8 IC Track.  
A reminder will be sent to FAMAR so that to receive this missing Stage one report .

### **2008 WC's**

No applications have been received.

The Secretary will send reminders with time limits in the coming days.

According IFMAR World Championship Rule 1.5.1 the 2008 organising blocks should be:

<b>FEMCA</b>	<b>1/10 Electric Track WC</b>
<b>EFRA</b>	<b>1/10 IC Track WC</b>
<b>ROAR</b>	<b>1/8 IC Buggy WC</b>

## 9- PROPOSALS

No proposals were received from members blocs or Associated members within the sixty days limit.  
This situation is most probably the result of the no sending by the Secretary of reminders prior to the sixty days limit. Though these reminders are not written in the rules, it is now obvious that they are usefull.  
This situation will be corrected for tha next AGM.

Proposals from Executive Committee:

### **IFMAR Constitution and Standing Orders.**

The Secretary has already explained in his report, that the present IFMAR Constitution was written and registerd end of year 2002 in Australia.

That new registration was necessary then, as the former registration in United Kigdom was no more valid.  
As written, the present Constitution includes specific Australian features which do not match with the registration of IFMAR that has been made in Sweden November 2005.

### **PROPOSAL:**

The 2006 IFMAR AGM ask the present Committee to prepare, for next AGM, a proposal to adapt the IFMAR Constitution and if necessary the Standing orders covering (but not limited to):

- Objects and Powers of IFMAR
- Registration of IFMAR .
- Insurance and liability.
- Membership
- Finance and Accounting

Seconded ROAR

FAMAR:                      FEMCA: Yes                      EFRA: Yes                      ROAR: Yes

Vote: Accepted : Three (3) in favour

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**10- ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The position of Vice President is due for re election.  
T. Rex Baldwin, IFMAR Vice President offers himself for re-election.

Seconded FEMCA

FAMAR:                      FEMCA: Yes                      EFRA: Yes                      ROAR: Yes

Vote: Accepted : Three (3) in favour

**11- ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20h20.

Chairman  
Dallas MATHIESEN

Vice-President  
T. Rex BALDWIN

Secretary/Treasurer  
Jean-Luc Retornaz

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