

MINUTES OF A CONFERENCE OF CONTESTANTS,
DELEGATES AND FINN OWNERS HELD IN THE CLUBHOUSE, TAKAPUNA
BOATING CLUB, AUCKLAND ON THURSDAY 2ND JANUARY, 1958 AT -
8.15 P. M.

PRESENT : Messrs. Henry Walker, Canterbury
 Kim. Goldwater, Auckland
 F. Steele, Auckland.
 H. Wheatley, Auckland
 Alan Ballintine, Otago
 John Chapman, Taranaki
 Maurice Amos, Nelson
 Ted de Grauw, Otago
 Ian Gibbs, Auckland
 Jim MacKay, Auckland
 Bob Wilkinson, Northland
 Ralph Roberts, Auckland
 Dennie Sheehan, Auckland
 P. Letcher, Auckland.

Mr. F. Steele Chairman of the New Zealand Finn Association in the chair,
declared the Conference open at 8.15 p.m.

It was agreed to discuss the proposed constitution and Rules of the New
Zealand Finn Association.

Rules 1,2,3 and 4 were discussed at length and accepted unaltered as read.

Rule 5 was discussed. T.de Grauw (Otago) proposed and R. Roberts (Auckland)
seconded that the annual charge be 5/- and that the subject be again discussed
at the next Annual Conference.

CARRIED

Rule 6 was discussed at length. T. de Grauw proposed and Jim MacKay seconded
that Rule 6 be deleted and the following substituted :

"That the N.Z. Fin Association shall submit to all Registered Finn
Owners" a list of interested centres willing to hold the Annual
Contest with this Authorities recommendations why they consider the
Contest should be held in any particular locality. That the
Contest be not held twice running in the same locality if avoidable.
That before the Annual Contest be held, a postal vote of all Registered
Finn Owners be taken to decide the location of the Contest. That
this Authority will act according to a majority decision and in the case
of no decisive result, this Authority will use its own judgment."

CARRIED

At this stage of the Conference, Messrs. T. de Grauw and J. MacKay sought
permission to propose an additional rule.

PERMISSION GRANTED

Jim MacKay proposed and T. de Grauw seconded that all future National
Contests be individual Registered Fin Owner Contests and that only one
sail be used during the Contest.

CARRIED

D. Sheehan and K. Goldwater at this stage sought permission to propose a further additional rule.

PERMISSION GRANTED

D. Sheehan proposed and K. Goldwater seconded that all Registered Finn Owners retain their own boats intact for the duration of the Annual Contest.

CARRIED

Rule 7 was accepted unaltered.

Rule 8 was discussed at length. T. de Grauw proposed and J. Chapman seconded that the rule be accepted with the addition of the following words :

"Subject to a minimum of 5 Registered boats, before application for affiliation."

Rule 9 was accepted unaltered.

Rule 10 was discussed. T. de Grauw proposed and P. Letcher seconded that Rule 10 be deleted and the following substituted :

"That a quarterly report of all affiliated bodies be submitted to this Authority and that this Authority submit a quarterly report to all affiliated bodies".

CARRIED

At this stage - 10.10 p.m. - the Chairman intimated that he had a long journey ahead of him next morning and thanking all present sought permission to leave the meeting. A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Steele who then retired.

Mr. Ian Gibbs was then unanimously elected to the Chair.

Rule 11 was accepted unaltered.

Rule 12, after very little discussion, was accepted as read with the deletion of "Auckland Province."

Rules 13 to and including Rule 26 accepted unaltered.

Rule 27 was discussed and accepted in principle but to be rewritten as follows:

"That the Annual Contest be a series of six (6) races to be decided by Olympic points system, dropping worst performance. All National Contests to be held over courses approximately equivalent to Olympic courses."

At this stage, the constitution having been fully discussed, R. Wilkinson proposed and R. Roberts seconded that Rules 1 to 25 (inclusive) plus the two additional rules be a recommendation to the National Authority for adoption.

CARRIED

No dissention.

At this stage J. MacKay requested the Secretary, through the Chair, to outline the position regarding the set up of the National Body.

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The Secretary stated that after the Olympic trials held in Auckland in 1956 the Auckland Finn Owners decided to keep together and form a Finn Owners Association with the idea of staging an Annual Contest. This eventually took place in June, 1957 this proving such a success that the Finn Owners decided that the time had now arrived when a National Body should be set up. In the meantime, the N.Z. Yachting Federation had granted control of the Finn Class in N.Z. to the Takapuna Boating Club.

The Auckland Finn Owners at this stage advised the Takapuna Boating Club to set up a National Body somewhat on the lines of the Cornwell Cup Committee.

The Auckland Finn Owners not wishing to have any part in the set up, were satisfied to leave the set up to the Takapuna Boating Club, and were happy to have one Auckland Finn Owner on the Committee. This was done and the National Body established.

The National Body then applied to the International Finn Association, Belgium for affiliation, which was granted, and published in their latest Bulletin. Under this affiliation this National Body is recognised by them as the Authority for New Zealand.

This year's Contest is being held under the jurisdiction of this Authority. Under the proposed rules now approved by this Conference, provision is made for Centres to nominate a resident delegate to this body.

There being no further general business ...

A. Ballantine proposed and H. Walker seconded that the meeting records its appreciation of the efforts of the Secretary of this meeting and the active Finn Owners from the beginning, and its recognition of the importance of their efforts in the establishment of the class in New Zealand.

CARRIED

A. Ballantine proposed and H. Walker seconded that the meeting records its appreciation of the efforts of the Takapuna Boating Club and its Members in organising the 1957-1958 Contest.

CARRIED

M. Amos proposed and R. Roberts seconded that this meeting records its appreciation of the efforts of the Protest Committee and its agreement with the decisions made.

CARRIED

A. Ballantine proposed and R. Wilkinson seconded that the meeting records its appreciation of the efforts of the Secretary.

CARRIED

There being no further business the Chairman thanked those present and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair at 11.15 p.m.