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WORLD HOVERCRAFT CHAMPIONSHIPS 2012

I am very pleased to be able to tell you that we have just received a bid to organise a WHF World Hovercraft Championships from Germany and details follow later in this Bulletin.

The purpose of this Bulletin is to give you details of the bid and to invite our Member Country Delegates to vote to accept or reject it.

Also we are able to report on our recent consultations over various issues.

As usual this Bulletin will be circulated to as many people as possible but please pass it on to anyone who you think may be interested.

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GERMANY'S BID TO ORGANISE THE WHF WORLD HOVERCRAFT CHAMPIONSHIPS 2012.

Venue and Dates:

It is proposed to hold the World Championships at Saalburg in Germany, from Wednesday the 12th until Sunday the 16th of September 2012. (Saalburg has previously been a European Hovercraft Federation racing venue in 2010 and a further similar event is planned for 2011).

You will note these dates fall in the schools term time in the UK and most of Europe including Germany. This has been raised with Germany and we have been assured that these are the only dates available to them in 2012 due to other regular and on going commitments on the site.

Endurance Racing (ER):

Because of noise considerations at Saalburg there are limited operating hours each day. Consequently Germany very much regret they are unable to include Endurance Racing (ER) in their proposals.

Formula 3 (F3):

The WHF Competition Regulations, section 12, paragraph H, allows an application for F3 to be omitted from a World Championships and Germany has asked the WHF to consider this for their bid in 2012. Both your President and Secretary firmly believe that we should, within reason, be as inclusive as possible and F3 should be included but this will be a matter for our Member Country Delegates to decide.

Formula 35 (F35):

Germany would rather not include F35 at the World Championships but have been advised that, unlike F3, this is not an option under the current WHF Competition Regulations unless too few craft register. It is likely that F35 will be included very early in the programme of events. Unlike most other formulae it is difficult to predict how many drivers will enter F35 Germany suggests that it may be possible, that they switch to Formula 50.

Determinations:

If you are a Country Delegate you will, in the very near future, be invited to vote on the following:

- (A) Do you accept the German bid to host a WHF World Championship at Saalburg from Wednesday the 12th until Sunday the 16th of September 2012
- (B) Do you accept or reject Germany's application to omit F3 from the 2012 World Championships.

Comment:

If you have any comments on the vote please contact your Country Representative as soon as you can. Details of all Member Countries Delegates are given at the conclusion of this Bulletin.

OTHER WHF ISSUES

You will remember we recently consulted on several issues that were outstanding from the last full Delegate meeting held following the World Championships in the United Kingdom.

Six have been resolved as follows:

- The Race Course Rule 7.0 ~ D. This will not be changed. The maximum number of craft on the grid will be at the discretion of the Organisers.
- SCORING AND RESULTS Rule 10.0 ~ C. All drivers completing a race will be awarded a minimum of one point.
- WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RACES Rule 11.0 ~ C. This was re-affirmed. A craft with the same driver can only go in one formula. This does not prevent the same craft with a different driver taking part in a different formula which is suitable for the craft. This rule may be relaxed on application to the WHF by a host country if for example the numbers of participating drivers are low. This rule will not apply to Endurance Racing (ER).

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- Protest Procedure. Rule 16.0 ~ D. The protest fee will be raised to 50 Euros. (For simplification the protest fees in Appendix D will also now be in Euros) and there will not be any further changes to the existing rules regarding the timing of appeals.
- Protest Procedure. Racing will not be held up while protests are decided.
- Time trials ~ Appendix E. It was re-affirmed these will continue at future World Championships.

This leaves two remaining issues: A maximum engine RPM for F35 of 3600 and the colour of crash helmets.

As there has been so little consultation response regarding F35 it is proposed to leave the F35 definition as it stands for a further Championship and then reconsider after that.

Regarding the colour of crash helmets as there is such a wide variation in opinion it is difficult, if not impossible, to arrive at a consensus. However, taking a neutral over view of the responses the following seems to emerge:

"Crash helmets should be of very bright colour such that they can, depending on the nature of the racing environment, be very easily seen. Reflecting (fluorescent) colours are highly recommended. If relevant any countries legal requirements will take precedence over this rule but event Organisers will be required to make this known twelve months in advance".

Your Country Delegate will be asked to vote on this in the near future.

And finally ~

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