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World Hovercraft Championships, 2002

Early in March 2001 the World Hovercraft Federation received a formal proposal from the Hovercraft Club of America via its President, Cecil Scalf to hold the 2002 World Hovercraft Championships in the United States of America on September 13th, 14th and 15th, 2002. This proposal together with a voting form was delivered to the WHF voting members with a deadline for response of April 13th, 2001. I am happy to report that the voting was in favour of the American proposal and the 2002 WHC will be held at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in DuQuoin, Illinois, USA. Start making your travel plans!

The return on this vote was very encouraging with 61.5% of the possible votes cast! It is heartening to see the maintained interest in the WHF and its activities as exhibited by this vote return. The overwhelming support for the Hovercraft Club of America's WHC bid should also be mentioned as ***all** votes cast were in favour of the proposal!*

Financial

It is that time again – when the country WHF membership fees are due. As per Article 5C of the WHF Constitution, Annual Membership fees are due for the year 2001. Please submit \$20US to the WHF office. In the past, I have asked that you send International Money orders payable to the World Hovercraft Federation. However, several European member countries have found that the fees for procuring an International Money Order can often be more than the value of the money order itself!! To defray this extra cost, several member countries preferred to send a \$20US bank note well concealed within a standard envelope. Please choose whichever method you'd prefer, however, the WHF *cannot* accept responsibility for cash lost in the international post. *Please also remember that each country **must** pay annual dues to remain a part of the World Hovercraft Federation. Failure to pay your dues may result in expulsion from the federation and the inability to have pilots from your country compete in future World Hovercraft Championships.*

WHF Achievement Award

There were no proposals for the WHF Achievement Award hence no selection procedure was done at the Weston Park meeting. Please let the WHF know how you feel about this proposed award. The purpose is to recognise individual achievement for the advancement of hovercraft on a global scale.

WHF Web Page

It has been suggested that we add 'mug shots' of all of our WHF representatives to the web page (such as those we currently have for the WHF Executive). Please e-mail a scanned image of yourself to the WHF and we'll put it up on the web page so that we'll all know who each other is!

If you have any upcoming announcements that you feel should be included in either the WHF Bulletin or placed upon the WHF web page, please contact the secretary.

Items to be discussed via e-mail

The first round of the e-mail discussions went very slowly with little participation. At the time of this writing the second round appears to be static. Any ideas you have to get things moving will be greatly appreciated. Remember, if these discussions *don't* proceed, there will be no changes to the regulations and nothing will have been achieved.

A letter from Luke Sedzikowski

British Hovercraft Pilot Luke Sedzikowski, who could not attend WHC 2000 due to an illness that kept him in the hospital, has asked that the following letter be distributed to the WHF member clubs.

Dear all members,

I would just like to say a big thank you to everyone in the hovercraft clubs around the world who sent me all the wonderful gifts I received while I was in hospital.

At the time I was extremely ill in intensive care when the large box arrived, I got my sister to open it and when I saw all the gifts and the cards that were signed all over it brought tears to my eyes.

It cheered me up immensely and made me realise what a great club I was part of and how much every one cared.

I then got the nurses to hang all of the caps, T-shirts and posters etc around my bed.

Thanks a lot
Luke Sedzikowski

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