

ISAF Mid-Year Meeting Summary SCIRA Olympic Committee Report

June 4-6, 2004

San Diego, California, USA

Commodore Jiro Yamamoto, Past Commodore Brainard Cooper and Executive Director Jerelyn Biehl represented SCIRA at the ISAF Mid-Year meeting held in San Diego, California.

The Mid-Year meetings only have the Event Committee and the Council meetings (open to observers) with Executive closed session meetings spread throughout. SCIRA representatives attended both the Event Committee and 2 Council sessions over the 3-day conference.

SCIRA prepared 40 printed copies of a condensed version of Pedro Garra's PowerPoint presentation and along with copies of the Snipe Bulletin and our International poster, placed the brochures in the hands of key members of the Events Committee and all members of the Selection Committee.

Summary of Key Points

Events Committee

Olympic Equipment Submissions

A chart of submissions for equipment for the 2008 Olympics was presented.

Double-handed Open Dinghy: 49er, Snipe

Double-handed Men's Dinghy: 470, 49er, Snipe

Double-handed Women's Dinghy: 470, Snipe

The voting procedure to determine the classes was presented to the Council and will be voted upon at the November ISAF conference.

A meeting was held between the sub-committee, consisting of Chris Atkins (GBR), Adrienne Greenwood (NZL), Dick Batt (GBR), Dina Kowalyshyn (USA), David Sprague (CAN) and the submitting classes, requesting each class to submit relevant data prior to July 1 to the committee for their objective report to the Council. SCIRA representatives felt that our handouts and submission were sufficient.

Regional Games

The most promising item to come out of the meeting was the creation of a list of "suggested" equipment for Regional Games. As a direct result of the Pan American Games problem in 2003, ISAF has now created the list to assist Regional Games organizing committees in selecting proper boats for their games & region. All current Olympic classes are listed, but the Snipe is included for double-handed dinghies. SCIRA should take advantage of this opportunity to encourage regional games organizers to consider the Snipe when they are planning future games.

The SCIRA representatives were told by various Council and Events Committee members that while our submission is good, the chances of the Snipe being chosen for 2008 Olympic equipment is very small. SCIRA does have a small following that will vote for the Snipe, but most likely the Snipe will not be chosen. However, all SCIRA representatives in attendance felt that the public relations of the Snipe was greatly elevated through attendance and the chance to meet various members of ISAF.

Respectfully submitted,

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