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Message from outgoing FI Commodore Steve Chesney

Hello everybody

As you know the term of office of the Fireball Executive and Commodore expired at the end of November 2017. Since there was only one candidate for each elected position on the Executive no election was necessary. The elected positions on the Executive are therefore as follows:

Commodore: Christina Härdi-Landerer <maria-christina-haerdi-landerer@ethz.ch>

Rear Commodore Australasia: Ben Schulz <ben@schulz.com.au>

Rear Commodore Asia: Hiroshi Kato hiroshikato009 <hiroshi.kato009@gmail.com>

Rear Commodore Africa: David Laing <laing@pathcare.org>

Rear Commodore North America: Debbie Kirkby <dbbkirkby@gmail.com>

Rear Commodore Europe West: Cormac Bradley <cormac.bradley@rpsgroup.com>

Rear Commodore Europe East: Jakub Nápravnik <kuba.nappravnik@centrum.cz>

Our New Commodore elect has asked me to continue in the role until the end of 2017 and I have been happy to so.

As outgoing Commodore I'd like to give you my perspective of the events of the last 3 years. Firstly I'd like to thank all of you and all Fireballers for the support that you given me in what have been some difficult times. I believe that even those who disagreed with some of my actions now accept that I have behaved sincerely and that the Fireball Class is in a much better place than it was 3 years ago, the fact that we've had no elections for Executive posts is I think a sign of this.

My style is perhaps a little laid back for some tastes but if we look back over the last 3 years we have in fact made the most radical changes to Fireball International since the Organisation was formed 50 odd years ago. Fi is now a much lighter weight organisation, run by volunteers and is now most definitely the servant of the NCAs, not the master. As a consequence of this re-organization FI is taking less money from each NCA and is putting more back into the Class. We have frozen the FI Levy for World and European Championships at 10 GBP per boat, this is lower than it was 5 years ago. There is no need to raise subscriptions. Also we are creating a professionally produced training video which should be available by the end of the first quarter of 2018. We have a new constitution which is far more robust and will ensure that our democracy is protected. We also now have a clearly laid out programme of International Events:

2018 Worlds - Carnac France

2019 Worlds - Montreal Canada

2020 Worlds - Howth Ireland (provisional)

2022 Worlds - Melbourne Australia

The UK has expressed an interest in the 2023 Worlds but I think that is best left to the incoming Executive to handle.

I wish smooth seas for our new Commodore Christina and the new Executive and will always be available to help them if that is what they want.

Best Regards

Steve Chesney