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I am pleased to inform all paddlers that the IDBF were admitted to Membership of the GAISF (General Association of International Sports Federations) by a vote of 38 for and 33 against to give a majority vote of 50% for the IDBF. The required Yes vote was 50% + 1 vote (36). The Yes vote came despite a strong objection from the ICF (International Canoe Federation).

The IDBF is now a fully accepted member of the international sports family, on an equal footing with the ICF and we look forward to developing our sport for all those who wish to take part in it.

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