

**Minutes for the EC meeting scheduled for February 4, 2015 over the skype link.
9.00pm(21.00 hours) Central European Time**

1. Establishment of a quorum

Bruce Millar, Stellan Berlin, Rickard Bjurstrom, Cor de Graff, Tim Ripley were present via skype.

2. Minutes of the last EC meeting for approval (dropbox)

Minutes from Dec 16 meeting should reflect decision to solicit bids for 2017 Worlds to be decided in Rauma, failing that then Hobart. Website should show we are soliciting bids for 2017 Worlds.

3. Decision to drop 2020 Paralympic Sailing

Discussion regarding the IPC decision to drop Paralympic Sailing from the 2020 Tokyo games caught everyone off guard as there was no problem from previous games in Weymouth so what changed? IPC information is difficult to access and IFDS minutes show no panic or concern. Rikard forwarded information to the EC members from Charger showing they have sold 2.4's in 41 countries. Most, if not all, of which have sailors with disabilities racing 2.4's. If the decision is upheld, Paralympic Sailing should be allowed as a demonstration/invitational sport.

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Paralympic classes should be better represented within IFDS and IPC. We need questions answered regarding how exactly are countries counted etc. and 'disabled sailing' versus IFDS events.

2.4's could also be sailed with more adaptations to allow more adaptive equipment ie sip-n-puff, jib boom, seating etc. Our rules allow for additional weight for adaptive equipment etc, and could have more divisions etc to accommodate various adaptations.

4. TC Meeting

The website is a priority for the TC which has a tech tab running with sub tabs for each class and general listed documents?

Hemrik is?is to be? recertified to replace Charger as OD certifier.

- *The TC is setting up its own separate Dropbox folder for TC minutes
- *Web section for Q&A to TC

5. Use of Dropbox

We may need a commercial Dropbox account in the future to allow for more control, permissions etc. and more storage space. Current commercial account pricing is about 700 euros per year.

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Bruce has been working with Dropbox and has set up folders for organizing documents.

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6. Bruce's Paper on bidding for Europeans (Approval?)

Bruce's document on World Championships is on Dropbox to help NCA's understand the process for bidding and approval for Worlds.

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We have two countries interested in hosting European Championships. The documentation is being published and we're also seeking proposals.

The procedure will be to have bids received by April 1st and we will vote in May as outlined in European Championships documentation.

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7. Worlds Rauma

Everything is going smoothly and they are close to securing a major sponsor.

8. Worlds Hobart

Preliminary web page looks good. Many of the cheaper accommodations are already taken due to Sydney Hobart event. There are University accommodations available. There may be housing issues.

*Need to send a note to Hobart organizers. NOR should be reviewed by EC. Also race management manual should be sent.

Bruce can do site inspection while 'close by' for IFDS event in November.

9. Problems with sail certifications in Miami specifically from North Sri Lanka

Primarily a NA lofts problem. Class members need to be aware of sail certification requirements. Ultimately it is the sailor's responsibility to make sure their sails have been measured and properly certified and they should inquire of their sailmaker regarding certification stamps.

10. Six Metre class wants to share web links

Good idea to share web links and reciprocate.

11. Edge Sailing Contract

Defines territory and assembly rights. There was a discussion about contract wording regarding building and assembly rights.

*Bruce will send proposed contract to the EC: original signed Charger agreement, original Edge agreement, latest Edge five year contract.

12. Update of Class rules documents. 2.4mR/OD/K

*AGM decisions should be reflected in rules document.

*Make sure web documents are current.

13. 2016 European Championship – Kiel Germany

2 Bids have been sent out and we are encouraging more for a May vote.

The next meeting is scheduled for 4th March 2015.

Action Items 'Punchlist':

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