

Minutes for the EC meeting of December 16, 2014 over the skype link. 9.00pm(21.00 hours) Central European Time

Circulation:

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1. Establishment of a quorum
Stellan, Rikard, Cor, Bruce and Tim were in attendance.
2. Minutes of the last EC meeting for approval (dropbox).
Changes will be in red from the last minutes. We will have five days to make comments and will notify everyone when updated.
3. New Secretary –progress and procedures? –
*Tim has received OD license information and will scan and place in DropBox.
4. Use of Dropbox / Notifications of meetings / Action sheet from meetings – Tim

Bruce – DropBox security may be an issue. We may need a commercial account. We need to control usage/ownership of account information ie access rights etc. Nisse should have access to minutes folder on DropBox.

*Tim will summarize an action punch list to be appended to minutes.
5. The year ahead –still reviewing – all
Bruce has added last year's action items to DropBox, many were accomplished despite all the work which went into OD.

Rikard sent suggestions to Bruce.

We need to update templates for NOR's etc. and the website, ie content, drawings, TC info, meeting minutes. ICA builders declaration form (TC and Stellan). Harold made one and sent to Stellan. It should be posted and builders informed.

We need to engage more measurers.

Trim Open Class Rules (Cat C) ?, Mainsail Foot/Roach, Peterboom to Headsail boom undefined. Minimum weight required by rule, 254kg, is too high, ie max is 254kg in Open rule, 253kg is 2.4mR maximum number but is not stated in the rule. We have a long list of rule changes which we need to focus upon to clean up the rules.

We need to promote International 2.4mR sailing and should send inquiries to NCAs regarding their individual promotional plans.

We need to update race management manual procedures on the website. We should solicit input from sailors for discussion and voting so we can have their opinions considered. Revisions and additions are necessary. We should also incorporate input from the Jury / RC from Toronto regarding suggested changes.

*Bruce is working on revisions to the constitution subject to voting at the AGM.

Event hosting guidelines need to be revised and more specific regarding pre approval, dates of selection etc. The host for 2017 Worlds will be made in Hobart, approximately 18 months in advance. We should have two years advance for Worlds and one year for Europeans. We need to clarify deadlines and applicant procedures. We should have general guidelines and procedures with target dates but also need a backup plan in case of no applicants. EC can vote via internet and does not need to wait for the next meeting.

*Bruce will forward Rikard's comments with his task list.

We should all forward our ideas regarding the upcoming year's tasks and get them on to the website.

6. TC Meetings ? – Stellan
Stellan will update us regarding TC meetings.

7. IM Applications – follow-up? – Stellan
Keith and Stefan are listed on ISAF website. We should make sure everything is in order and dealt with properly.

It is good to have IMs and should have cooperation with IFDS. We need to follow up if anything to work on with measurers, Stefan, and IFDS contacts.

8. Edge Sailing – follow-up re inspections? Bruce/Stellan
Edge Sailing's new contract is valid for five years starting February 1, 2015. Bruce has spoken with Tony Pocklington regarding inspections. Tony was the top US finisher at the US Nationals. Tony has indicated first quarter 2015 is suitable time for inspections as he is retooling and tweaking his process. *Stellan should be in touch with Tony regarding scheduling an inspection.

9 Europeans 2016 – Bidding info sheet / follow-up with Jean Marie – Bruce

*Bruce will respond to Jean Marie's note.

Europeans should be held during years when Worlds are not in Europe and should solicit bids a year in advance so they can be voted upon at AGM. France placed their bid and we've had other bids. We need to tell them it hasn't yet been decided as the vote will not happen until the next AGM. France wants to promote etc. and can do so after the vote at the AGM. We have not made our host process clear enough. We need to develop a bidding sheet with parameters for choosing

Europeans and post it on the website. The current process can create a problem for organizers if they are not being notified soon enough. There isn't really a full year from the AGM depending upon scheduling. If we are deciding on Worlds two years in advance we can also decide on Europeans at the same time. France's bid was in time for the AGM but Europeans were not discussed this year. We should post guidelines in a few weeks. We can also vote over the internet. Europeans are a summer event, ie June to September. We can make decision to give host fourteen or fifteen months. We need flexibility when we have several applicants so they can promote summer events in advance. We should have our vote in the beginning of May one year prior to the Europeans at least. *Bruce will answer France re: procedures.

Recommendations re: SI/NOR. Should we always schedule ten races? In the past we've had fourteen scheduled which is OK as long as race area is close to shore and does not make for too long a day. Normally eleven races scheduled. We need to review instructions. We should review but be flexible depending upon conditions. We do not want to be on the water for ten hours. We used to have seventy five minute races and should have long races if we have many boats. If the course is too long it is difficult to find marks.

9. Finnish Worlds 2015 – NOR? Rikard/Stellan

Should we have a lay day at the Finnish Worlds? The issue of a lay day is still unresolved as is the number of dropped scores, and use of a protest flag. We need some discussion regarding protest flags. It may be difficult for some to put up a flag. Many want a lay day to have a break from sailing. The organizers have planned a lay day. This is an issue for those taking time from jobs and families ie best to have four race days to allow people time to travel and be back at work Monday. We want to attract younger people and make it easy for working people. Some think the lay day is a waste of time as they are there to race...why stay ashore? OK to have activities planned for days we cannot sail due to poor conditions ie a reserve day if problems with the wind. We should be flexible. It would be nice if we can compromise if needed to schedule races on the lay day in case forecast is for little or no wind, schedule can change to use the 'reserve day'.

Sponsors will be at clubhouse and will see 100 boats at the jetty and will be helpful to club. Good to keep the event within a week's time. This is a small venue hosting a big event and worth a try to see how a lay day works, travel day or good opportunity for bonding with other sailors or having a party. It also gives something back to the club.

Should we have a second throw out?

Many classes do not allow a second throwout. It may be good not to have a second throw out as will provide better control of starts with one hundred plus boats. This along with the flag issue needs more discussion. Sometimes two drops seems like a lot but also good to have in case race is ruined by someone

who doesn't know what they are doing. Our current race manual has two drops. Sailors shouldn't rely on two drops. We should discuss with sailors before we make changes and not a huge issue because we can always change SIs. Why have a race management manual if the RC/Jury can easily change it? We need to have this discussion with the entire fleet and add to next AGM as a decision point. For now we will keep as eleven races with two drops as per the existing race management manual.

Finland Worlds website is up and running.

10. Hobart Worlds 2016 – Tim/Bruce

Rikard has started looking in to a container. Both SWE and FIN will have container going to Hobart Worlds. Nine or ten boats from Finland, about seven from Sweden, which is good for Hobart participation.

Bruce has sent a letter indicating their application has been accepted by the ICA.

*Tim should contact keep in touch and offer ICA's help ie setting up NOR and let them know we are working on Race Management revisions.

11. Any other business – All

There are nine boats registered for Tasmania.

12. Date of next meeting ~~22nd January 2015~~? (Tim conflict with training camp?)

The next meeting is scheduled for 4th February 2015.

Action Items 'Punchlist':

*Tim: Hobart letter and S. Korea letter
Scan OD license and place in DropBox

*Bruce:
Constitution updates
Race Manual updates
DropBox security
Forward Rikard's suggestions for year's tasks
Respond to Jean Marie

*Stellan/TC
Update EC re: TC meetings
Contact Tony Pocklington / Edge Sailing re: inspection

Tim Ripley
31 January 2015