

Minutes from EC meeting 7/9/2019

Tony, Cor, Rikard, Steve, Stellan, Tim attended via Skype

1 Talk with Tony Pocklington

Charger Technologies license cancelled. Not sure who owns the moulds. TP has been frequently speaking with Evert and continuing to import product and will build when market warrants, still has his moulds and tooling. Tony has offered to help Charger when Evert has a plan. Tony sold ten boats last year. Would like to continue his license / keep his license current etc. and continue to import boats.

Norlin non OD boats? ie extended keel, UK new build will be outside OD. Tony is only interested in OD product. Doesn't see how non OD benefits North America etc. Para Worlds and Para Europeans have been staged as 'open class'. TP not sure Para Worlds represents what is best for class. Stellan – don't see need for mixing, open and OD. EC doesn't have anything to say about licensing re: non OD boats.

Tony P Charger bankruptcy unfortunate and would like to see how things shake out with Charger. Tony is interested in keeping license current and has orders for boats pending.

RB builders don't necessarily need OD license, class needs licensed builders to keep the class going. OD is the only way we can be in Paralympics. How do we help OD builders so they can continue building OD boats.

English build / Super 3 build at Rondar Boats, currently have order for fifteen boats. EC has two classes to look after open and OD. We have worked hard to develop OD.

How do we encourage how to get people sailing OD boats?

OD boats have been through quality control through the class. History of other boats have been disappointing and people spend a lot of money on boats and get frustrated / leave. Class quality certification adds value to purchasers.

In Germany it's a matter of encouraging people to go sailing etc.

2 Approval of minutes

Minutes from the previous meeting are approved.

3 Matters arising - Norlin payments

Tim will ask Pekka about fee payments etc.

4 Future payments to Norlin Yachts and the Phoenix build

Agreement with Norlin is for OD boats only. Design rights for design have expired, Norlin MK3 design is a free design. EC is only one who can license OD boat. Class has worked out with class and have an agreement with Norlin Yacht Design to pay licensing fees for OD boats. This agreement is still valid. Seems unreasonable to continue to pay for building boats if design is expired. Purchaser's will end up paying additional for OD. Norlin gave us agency to license and collect fees. ICA pays for NM3 design. When we entered in to agreement, Peter Norlin was only one allowed to license building his boats.

License agreement for OD will be reviewed before August meeting.

5 Genoa Worlds

Only 24 boats registered at the moment. Genoa estimated 80 to 100 boats for the event. Entry system is not easy to operate. Each NCA should press sailors to get their entries in. Entry system doesn't show whether you have entered or not. Rikard entered two weeks ago and still cannot tell if he, or anyone else, ie other FIN sailors are registered. Should open up entry system.

6 Davis Island Worlds

Should combine discussion with EuroSaf Europeans and European Championship when Worlds are outside Europe. Open Worlds are in November so after European season has ended.

Some sail mostly locally ie days drive. There are other benefits to maintain International Class status. If we don't support International Class events we will have more difficulty maintaining builders etc., and participation, ISAF / WS recognition. If sailors want to be part of something more ie International Class, then they need to support events.

National championships are also always available to support class growth.

EuroSaf has encouraged inclusivity ie other Para classes. EuroSaf event in Austria had a good turn out but may have taken away from Kiel. We need to be strategic and World Sailing has been talking about including Para Sailing in their events.

Long term benefits of having 100 boats ie Worlds events attracting more people to the class and also builder interest.

If we only encourage local events then we will lose our global position.

EuroSaf Europeans shouldn't affect participation in World Championship. Finnish sailors went to Australia with thirty boats. Shall we have a bid process for Europeans? Ie central part of Europe? Should be room for Europeans in any country. Kiel has been very well organized for years and could possibly be Europeans going forward. If other events take away participants then existing events may close.

If National Championships become 'Europeans' then may be better attended than simply a National Championship.

Need to discuss EuroSaf's plans.

7 Tonsberg Worlds

Tim sent acceptance letter to Tonsberg.

8 Melbourne Worlds

No news

9 Tampere Worlds

No news

10 Eurosaf contact

11 IMs

Keith went to Para Worlds. Finnish measurer, Keith said Para Worlds not sufficient for Finnish measurer to attend but Finnish measurer will be attending Genoa. Accomodation and tickets to Italy are reasonable. May have a German IM attending as well.

12 TC update

TC is reminding WS of rule updates but no response yet. Difficult to get any response from WS. Many TC members are busy in the summer but will schedule a TC meeting befor AGM.

13 Class video

Cor's son has not yet been paid.

Video will again be updated with interview with Ulli Libor.

14 Genova AGM - dates – content

Next AGM notification date is September 13. Should have received resolutions / nominations etc. should send a reminder 30 days before. Need a proposal for subscription level and proposed budget for coming year.

EC can take topics for discussion at the AGM. If decisions required then a proposal would be needed. Should be a discussion point at the AGM for policy going forward but not necessarily needing a proposal.

15 AOB

None

16 Date of next meeting 12-13-14 August?

Next meeting August 13th 8:00pm