

EC meeting November 4, 2014

Minutes of the EC meeting scheduled for November 4, 2014 via Skype.

9:00pm(2100 hours) Central European Time..

Circulation:

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1. Establishment of a quorum.

A quorum of all five members was established

2. Minutes of the last EC meeting for approval.

The minutes of the previous EC meeting, prior to the AGM, need to be addressed.

3. The year ahead.

Much good work was accomplished last year. We need to set priorities with the TC. Bruce will review his list of last year's priorities and welcomes the receipt of new items for the coming year.

4. New Secretary – transfer of documents

Tim has been in contact with Steve Bulmore and introduced himself to our webmaster and ISAF representation. Steve has forwarded some minutes and has Tim's mailing address to send OD contracts. We will continue our regularly scheduled meetings on the third Wednesday of every month and decide on the date for the subsequent meeting at the current meeting. Minutes should be produced in a timely manner, at least a week prior to the subsequent meeting, but better sooner so set tasks can be addressed.

We should set up a Dropbox folder for class business and set up an email address: secretary@inter24metre.org to enable controlled access. Tim will work on this with Bruce.

5. 2014 AGM Minutes

There was some voting controversy regarding proxy votes as well as the European Championships.

Proxy vote 26 September re: Netherlands note from Steve; Proxy votes carried and how voted? didn't do what was asked ie specific vote or general vote; Bruce will send a note regarding what happened and why and also respond to France's note immediately.

Cor is working with Nisse to retrieve old minutes missing due to website change. Cor will also work with our webmaster to keep approved minutes available.

We should approve / publish minutes prior to EC meetings. We can approve minutes via email rather than wait until subsequent meeting. Minutes should be received, commented upon and subsequently approved by majority vote.

6. 2014/2015 Budget

This is a 'proposed' budget and subject to change. Discussion ensued regarding proposed budget and values for promotion, number of new boats and OD Plaques may be low. The proposed budget may be too conservative as expectations are higher. We expect at least 40 OD boats and perhaps 41/42 total ISAF boats this year.

Norlin licensing is now handled differently. In the past license fee was paid directly to Peter Norlin's estate, now it is paid to ICA which pays Norlin's estate. Now we need to make sure mfg's pay ICA so we can pay Norlin estate.

We also discussed various proposals for marketing the class ie sending a container somewhere. This would cost approximately 1000 to 5000 Euros. It was suggested the best way to market the class is to get people in to the boats. Regardless of the method, marketing will require local commitment to organize. There are grassroots events happening ie Belgium and Sneek.

We have underutilized marketing funds, we can raise the amount in the proposed budget but should not consider the number a 'cap' as we always have made money. The proposed budget is a guide. Bruce said he would revise his numbers to 35 boats and 2000 Euros.

There is a budget item for expenses for the Worlds as there are always miscellaneous expenses associated with Worlds.

7. IM Applications

Discussion regarding Stephan's IM endorsement. IM's need endorsement renewed every four years. ISAF will ask for IM's endorsement from the ICA. We recently endorsed Keith Gordon as a measurer. Henrik attended an IM course in Poland. There was some discussion regarding a conflict of interest for those measuring their own boats. We need to have people at events who are frequently measuring boats.

Stellan will ask Madeline about Stefan's endorsement as well as the list of measurers and get back to Tim.

8. Europeans 2016

France sent presentation in August, either Steve didn't receive it or????

There is a timing issue with the application process and when things will be approved, ie summer 2016 would be approved at 2015 AGM in Finland.

We received France's proposal early but without a decision on Australia's Worlds we couldn't vote upon Europeans due to the practice of rotating major events to different continents so we don't have major events competing with each other.

Cor suggested we have an annual Europeans or a big event in Europe as many Europeans do not sail in the Worlds. Stellan and Rikard were not in favor as it could take away from the Worlds in years they are in Europe. Stellan suggested we could have a European Championship in years the Worlds are not in Europe. Also it is easier to organize a big event with a year's notice.

We need a clearly defined standard process regarding the approval process. We need to establish guidelines for submission and approval and distribute them to the NCAs.

9. Canada Worlds 2014 (post Regatta follow-up, RMM)

Bruce has received some comments from the RC and Jury and is updating the race management manual. We need a more complete race management manual as typically events decide to run things their own way and their practices are subsequently propagated to other events.

Current documents are stale: Race Management, Constitution. Both need to be updated.

We need better guidelines for the handling of proxies.

Proposals for rule changes must be formatted in such a way that they can be put in place.

10. Finnish Worlds 2015

There will be a meeting on November 12 and will post NOR immediately thereafter. EC should look at NOR prior to posting.

Facility has power hookups for motor homes etc. and plenty of space for containers.

There will be nine charter boats available.

There was some discussion regarding sponsorship from ferries/hotels/airlines for Finland as well as Swedish Nationals. Perhaps a package deal for ferries.

Rikard will send contact info to Stellan for ferries etc.

11. Tasmania Worlds 2016 (Letter, communication)

Bruce will send letter re: application has been accepted for 2016 Worlds and will receive assistance from the ICA.

12. Any other business

Bruce will respond to Jean-Marie via an open letter

If someone resigns from their own NCA then they should have to pay at least as much their own NCA. Need to check ICA Constitution regarding associate members.

Need to check ISAF regulations regarding Nationalities and sail numbers.

13. Date of next meeting

The date for the next EC meeting will be November 26, 2014 at 9:00PM (2100) CET

14. Date of following meeting 18-24th

The date for the following meeting will be December 16, 2104 at 9:00PM(2100) CET

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Ripley

Secretary International 2.4 Class Association

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