

EC minutes from the August 16, 2017 meeting via Skype.

1. Welcome - establishment of quorum

Steve, Rikard, Heiko, Cor, Stellan and Tim were in attendance. Steve Bullmore was welcomed as the new president of the International 2.4mR Class Association.

2. 2017 AGM minutes - Tim

Minutes from the 2017 AGM were not yet available at the time of this EC meeting.

3. Sneek Worlds review

The Worlds in Sneek were well organized with two fleets and a total of 91 registered boats. Social functions were also well arranged. Sailors enjoyed the regatta with many compliments to the organization and two fleets format (though some were not completely happy with the two fleet format) which was required due to the size of the sailing area. Sailing conditions were challenging with some boats requiring assistance. Discussion followed regarding Sweden Worlds in 2019 and safety boats, sailing area, and a suggestion for the application template\* for World Championships to indicate sailing area size and how large fleets will be split/handled etc. It was also noted although regatta organizers attempt to provide adequate safety/pump boats it is the sailor's responsibility to have a support boat if required. It was also noted measurement compliance is also the sailor's responsibility.

\*The class race management manual should include measurement protocol / details to assist regatta organizers.

4. Charger Technology license renewal for the coming year. 1 year on similar terms?

The renewal of Charger Technology license was discussed and a meeting in Kokkola will be organized to fully explore the options.

5. Charger Technology license renewal at 2018 AGM. Length? Territories?

There was discussion regarding Charger Composites' past problem and the difficult position of the class should there be future problems with Charger Technologies. Charger has a significant investment in the class and exclusive rights to Europe but with relatively small volume no builder would survive only building 2.4mRs. Subsequent discussion regarding marketing for the class and a proposal for a temporary reduction in licensing fees ie a 'sale period' to help attract sailors and stimulate sales. Other ideas were presented such as allowing more assemblers so Charger could sell hulls with major points installed instead of a complete boat and purchaser could complete rigging etc.

\*Steve and Rikard will meet with Charger and discuss marketing ideas as well as licensing going forward.

6. Update of video production – Cor

Two marketing videos will be produced with a ninety second ‘eye catcher’ version as well as a more complete seven to ten minute video. The EC voted to allocate approximately two thousand Euros for marketing video production. Video created would be free for others to use for marketing.

7. Establishment of a marketing subcommittee.

A marketing subcommittee will make proposals to the EC for marketing and also invite the press officer from Germany’s NCA as their class is growing and getting attention with their ‘triple racing’ format. The marketing committee will create guidelines for NCAs to market the class in their respective countries.

8. Inclusion of guest NCAs to future EC meetings

World Council member representatives are welcome and invited to participate in meetings of the EC.

9. Obligations to World Sailing. Outstanding issues and possible meeting to be arranged

It is worthwhile for Steve Bullmore to attend World Sailing’s annual meeting.

10. TC update – Stellan

The TC will be meeting in September. Topics include measurement at the Worlds. Jorg Federer has been elected to the TC.

11. Paralympic update – Heiko

Heiko has been in touch with Massimo. There were thirty nine nations represented at the Para Worlds in Kiel. There have been suggestions regarding different divisions ie a woman’s division or a division based upon severity of disability etc. The 2.4mR seems to be safe as far as equipment selection, the other classes are not known at this time. The decision regarding reinstatement will be made next year in Sept/Oct.

12. 2018 Worlds at Gavle - set for 4-10th August - pre-regatta 3-4th Stockholm

\*Need to notify WS regarding dates and location for the 2018 World Championship. The IM for the event must come from a different country than Sweden so we cannot use Stephen Riot. We can use Keith Gordon. We just need to provide him with ‘process parameters’ regarding measurement.

\*Stellan will be speaking with Pekka regarding measurement in Sweden.

### 13. 2019 Worlds - next Europeans

The 2019 Worlds should be held outside Europe after having had them in Holland in 2017 and Sweden in 2018. France, Italy, USA, and Hong Kong have expressed interest in hosting the 2019 Worlds.

Germany is interested in hosting the European Championship in 2019.

World Council representatives are welcome to submit bids for Championship regattas at any time.

### 14. New Business

The organizers from Sneek are planning to publish hosting guidelines to assist in the organization of future world championships. This will be an open or living document similar to a Wikipedia document that can be updated and grow every year and will include information such as budgeting, measurement, financials, support boats, follow up surveys etc.

The next EC meeting will be held September 21 at 7:00pm UK Time

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