

### **Executive Committee meeting June 1, 2023**

Fia Fjeldahl, Bruce Millar, Heiko Kroger, John Seepe (Niko Salomaa absent – have prior obligation)

All attending via Zoom.

Approval of May Meeting Minutes - Unanimous

EC Work Items:

#### Status of Banking/Treasurer Items - Heiko

Heiko has reached to Paul Shroader to fill Simon's spot (Treasurer who resigned 3 days after election) on the bank account as first signature till a new treasurer has been found. Still need to find a 2<sup>nd</sup> signature and in the local area of the bank in England. EC is looking into establishing the International 2.4mR Class Association as a non-profit organization. This is due to the ever-increasing scrutiny of accounts which receive and disburse funds internationally among other things. The class will be discussing with an attorney about this. Figure we will have this discussion in the next 2 weeks. This will be another item of importance to address in our Constitution. Paul to wire with Simon the funds for payment to firm who conducted the scanning of the hull and file manipulation/cleanup. The preapproved amount was \$2968 Euros and the final cost to the class came to 2928.35 Euros. EC approved unanimously to have this paid immediately. Additionally, the Zoom account for the class is due to pay the annual payment which was approved as well to be paid by John Seepe and reimbursed later after banking has been transferred over to Paul.

#### TC Items – Bruce

Accredited Builders Agreement Bruce explained the agreement has gone out to both Brian Harding (English Builder) and Evert Aartsen of Skim Kayaks (Finland Builder). The Class has not received back signed agreements and the EC will be reaching out to them for the completed agreements. Heiko will be reaching out weekly to the builders.

One-Design Certifier, Henrik Johnsson, has served the class for years and we are looking to find another individual to fill his role to the Class. Discussed whether the certificate should be signed by The Class rather than an individual. Discussion favored the class without final determination. The EC needed to approve additional funds for artwork for the printing of the new OD Stickers and a "Not to Exceed" amount of 200 Euro was approved for this purpose. The vote was unanimous. Comment on a new builder of a Super 3 Mark II that "looked Great", an Etchells Builder in England.

#### The Hague – Heiko

Heiko discussed providing an input to Hannah at World Sailing regarding the certification of 2.4mR boats and that it is their responsibility and event. He did remind them of what is in the current NOR specifies the 2.4 to be One-Design. John Seepe will be attending the next meeting with World Sailing on the 14<sup>th</sup> where more info may come out.

#### Class Constitution – Fia

Fia has been busy and will be so for another couple weeks before she can start working with the various inputs and sorting through what she has. Henrik has agreed to help among others such as Peter Russell and Loic. Again, TC inputs have been received for both technical items and non-technical items. Fia discussed and asked which way the EC thinks the process should go. Discussed small group approach or just gathering inputs and summarizing them. EC members were in favor of gathering

inputs for sorting and determining what we must provide substance for further thought and dialog. This is due to members not wishing to be on a working group but some willing to provide their personal thoughts or inputs in. Bruce discussed how the original constitution was created between 2 people due to the lack of engagement of members. Ideas can be received but if not moved along by personal involvement they might not be developed and finalized as perceived by the individual who provided original input. Heiko mentioned several things that are not worth discussing and are easy changes such as Zoom meetings being allowed. Bruce suggested we need to try to make some areas flexible to allow for variation which may be necessary such as number of races in a day etc.

#### 2024 Worlds

Two bids have been received for the Worlds, Gran Canary & Germany. Bruce had the TC's input as Kiel Germany being the most sensible due to being centrally located. He also mentioned that the most sailors for this year's Worlds were Finland, then Norway, and then Australia which was surprising. We wanted to have it within 1000 km of the most boats. Heiko mentioned that currently Germany has about 130 boats active so there should be more boats available for charter. Bruce mentioned that maybe the German boat builder will be up and running by then so folks might be able to pick up some boats too. Kiel was voted unanimously by the EC for the location of next year's Worlds.

#### Trophy – John Seepe

The Class has not had access to the Para World Champion Trophy (Queen Silvia of Sweden Cup) which has been in John Ruf's possession and needs to be obtained. We need a document from the Crown gifting it to the 2.4mR Class for the purpose of a perpetual trophy. Need to know when it was given to The Class and what the approximate value is of it. If there are pictures of it, we need to gather them as well as who won it prior to and following John Ruf. There are all those who have won it but have not had their opportunity to see their name on it or pictured with it which need to be added to it once we get it. John Seepe has made multiple attempts to reach John Ruf and has been ignored till now. We are hoping that we do not have to take this to a more formal level with the involvement of law enforcement etc. He is ready to travel the 800 miles to obtain it once he has reached John Ruf and arrangements have been made. Heiko and Fia will work to reach the Queen regarding the letter to prove ownership of a high value item of The Class that has not been returned since the Worlds in Ft Meyers Florida. Shocked that this is being done by an individual who was Awarded the Para Sportsman of the Year in 2010! Heiko thinks his mother has pictures of it as he won it before John Ruf.

#### Class Building

Discussed the success of a small group of sailors which has started a new 2.4mR local group on a small lake near Hamburg. Started with 2 boats and have been growing nicely. The World event in Europe will be on the Continent so there will be no European Championship next year. John Seepe mentioned he bought 3 boats and left 2 of them in Maryland to help start a fleet near Annapolis as a Yacht Club which has hosted past Star Worlds. Bruce talked that the Victoria group now has 20 boats and sails weekly.

Next meeting date (July 4th)

Meeting was adjourned.