

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – Feb 6th, 2024

Present: Heiko, Bruce, John, Niko, Fia

- 1) Approved previous meeting minutes.
- 2) Heiko informed the committee of his sending our past treasurer a note of the class's best wishes in his endeavors as he chases new adventures after leaving the class.
- 3) EC members discussed the organization and process of the AGM in detail. The committee acknowledged it will be a long meeting and made sure the team is ready to go through the agenda professionally with the World Counsel. John covered the countries which hadn't responded with who their representatives are, and no country has sent in a proxy request.
- 4) Heiko is in touch with Giancarlo for Italy's application for Worlds next year. Thinks everything looks good for Lake Garda event.
- 5) John mentioned some information that he saw of a new boat appearing at a Boat Show in England and covered some social network page information.
- 6) Bruce covered what items during the AGM can be changed due to be commented on previously during the approved period prior to the meeting. Covered what was received from NCAs after the deadline and, if there is pushback, why we are not addressing their comments. Covered concerns of what technical difficulties we might see and might need to deal with. Recognition of the slate of candidates has only single candidates so will be addressed with a single vote.
- 7) TC reported that World Sailing has accepted our class rule changes which were submitted. Discussed the amount of work which has been done so well by the technical committee this past year and the items that have been completed that couldn't be done in the past. Peter Russell has done a phenomenal job leading and managing everything the team had to work through. Talked about the need for those who have done so much this last year must be recognized during our AGM in front of the World Counsel, including Paul who stepped in to handle the finances of the class.
- 8) Bruce spoke to the Marketing Committee which needs to be reactivated and talked to Fia about her leading that committee. Recognized the quality report of the Australian event and the number of boats that participated and improvement in their NCA.
- 9) John asked about boat building. Bruce spoke to needing to check in with Australian boat building and their ability to host a world event anytime soon. Brian is supposed to have a couple boats measured by Keith in the next few weeks and talked about "a fair amount of interest" in his boats. Germany's builder will be checked in on by Heiko when he visits the shop next week. Heiko spoke about our quality checks associated with the NOD agreement and the verification process. Discussed current production at Skim Kayaks. There is a mold in England, Germany, and one in USA as well.

- 10) Heiko mentioned that Thomas our measurer is thinking about the upcoming Worlds and speaking with Heiko about his concerns. International measurement requirements is part of his concerns and Bruce spoke about Peter Russell working with Thomas. Seems the largest barrier is the test and Peter is concerned about the tricky wording of the test which is in English. EC discussed the need for measurers at our Worlds in Kiel and the process, including facilities, to accomplish the necessary measurements. Reviewed past issues at Worlds and what changes could be considered to alleviate. Spoke that there might be budgetary support of measurement support needed at Kiel. Covered some NOR corrections and the plan for measuring versus checking. The Kiel YC will have good support for social event side of things and has a hall to have food and drinks in. Need to get the NOR and registration post on the international page.
- 11) Did a last-minute review of the AGM with Bruce and John running it verifying that it will be recorded. The need to verify that every item gets reviewed and considered during the meeting. Addressed the need to speak slowly and make it as easy as possible for the non-English speaking folks. Covered the need to manage time tightly. Recognized that the budget will probably get adjusted during the meeting due to Marketing etc. Bruce will send out an agenda which has a projected timeline to use as a guideline which will help the AGM be managed and orderly.
- 12) Heiko spoke about the boat show where he spoke to Kiel City leadership and media which will help make Worlds a well promoted event. He covered the initiative with Ukraine and thinks he got some support for that as well.

Everyone is looking forward to our AGM!

Next Meeting: March 5th, 2024