

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – Nov 21st, 2023

Present: Heiko, Bruce, John, Niko, Fia

- 1) Discussed Ukrainian dialog with class started regarding establishing a class presence in Ukraine. Someone has stepped forward to donate a boat. Talked about a social cause and doing a fund raiser campaign. Would like to see opportunity to raise money for another boat and transportation there. Discussed various methods to raise money through something like GoFundMe. Good inexpensive way to create goodwill and public attention with good sentiment. We will stay in contact with the Commadore of the club and see what develops. If we do this should draw people to our webpage and there are concerns over current conflict. Concerns over directly funding these things but could be directed by individual NCAs as they could say 500 euros could go to this purpose. Would provide a way for all sailors worldwide, in all classes, to be able to help do a good deed for the sport.
- 2) Discussed the new Constitution changes showing where we currently were, and the restructuring was reviewed. Got into details of the various changes which were made as well as the order of things within it.
  - a) Made the document flow properly with the information not jumbled throughout but within their appropriate areas like an instruction book.
  - b) Changed the Treasure to Account Financial Manager with the direction of a director with specific financial responsibility for oversight.
  - c) Defined Director areas of responsibility which must be assigned, finance, marketing, assets between the directors to be assigned at first meeting after AGM.
  - d) AGM and SGM are better defined considering Zoom capabilities and other items.
  - e) Determined the AGM is the right place for the review and acceptance of the new Constitution and not a SGM.
  - f) Acknowledged the length of time AGM's take but accept the time management challenge with the Constitution element.
  - g) Established dates for AGM and the various requirements leading to it. Voted to have AGM on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, to allow for the 60 days review.
  - h) This gives December 13<sup>th</sup> as the cutoff for inputs and gives some which have indicated they have inputs to provide them.
  - i) Evaluated the new constitution to ensure it was kept short and concise.

- j) Discussed that while there were multiple areas of focus for the directors it did not increase the number of directors which the directors can determine which roles they have or share. These roles can change as wished or necessary during the year but make things more formal and structured.
  - k) Discussed what the financial compensation is for the management of our bank account or certification process and to be specified within the budget.
  - l) Current Constitution effort is at version 16 in its change management.
  - m) Discussed the expenditure controls we want specified within the constitution including the thresholds for holding a SGM and quorum. Due to ease of Zoom meetings to remove voting by email discussed. Removed EC as gatekeeper of if it is something worthy of an SGM. Determined the timing of items and schedule requirements before meeting. Changed to allow changing of class rules and constitution but at a higher level than AGM to minimize occurring unless necessary.
  - n) Discussed term limits and whether to continue limits with qualified committee members which have served 20 years now. Decided to remove the term limits as we have significant experience on TC and class is not experiencing many being put forward to step into service roles.
  - o) Discussed jurisdiction of World and Regional Ranking lists. Nice idea to have ranking lists but concluded it shouldn't be within the constitution. Also discussed the difficulty of doing ranking lists and always an issue when done. Discussed, we as a class should oversee our ranking but not it is a marketing item not within our constitution. Expressed ranking lists should have a minimum standard and the importance of World Championships. How would we do it and who? Which regattas should be included? Should be national, continental, and world championships the which are used. Should be discussed at AGM and if the NCAs want the ICA to do ranking if EC puts forth a motion.
  - p) Discussed the minimum number of members to have an NCA and recognized that there is no minimum number of members.
- 3) We agree to send out notification of Feb 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, date for AGM and the sequence for inputs in accordance with current Constitution. Will allow reopening all submissions for the AGM with enough time to engage NCA membership. Discussed when the Constitutional modifications will be complete. This will let the NCAs provide input so that only the final item is presented to the NCAs to not confuse our members. The finished constitution will have to be completed by December 13<sup>th</sup>. Want all the NCAs to know that the processes which govern us are being followed.
- 4) The marketing budget mentioned and determined to be another motion to be made along with Class & Structure, and Treasurer change to Account Finance Manager.

Next Meeting: Dec 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023