

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – Aug 23rd 2023

Present: Heiko, Bruce, John, Fia

1. Officially approved July EC Minutes.
2. Banking status:
 1. No news from Heiko, he will contact a guy who may know good way of registering the class as a Non-Profit in Europe.
 2. Paul notified Bruce during the meeting that he was approved by bank and can act as temporary treasurer.
 3. Niko asked if we could use some of the class money to pay a consultant to create a non-profit. Bruce stated that we should have something to share with membership by AGM, whether it is Europe or North America. This is taking too long to get answers about. John mentioned we can call an emergency meeting to approve the cost of a consultant due to too much time lost trying to solve this problem.
3. Technical Committee Items:
 1. Heiko has finally gotten the signed Builders Agreement from Evert.
 2. John mentioned these documents from Brian and Evert were supposed to be turned over to him at Worlds and asked what the plan is for obtaining copies of these signed agreements.
 3. Heiko to send copies to the class secretary for retaining.
4. Constitution:
 1. Heiko likes the current progress on the constitution. John and Bruce committed to reviewing and providing feedback to Fia by the 28th and consolidating everyone's notes. John to send out draft to NCA's for their review and comments. Fia mentioned some informational exchanges with the French NCA president which she has considered. Constitution should be shared with the TC as well and it was discussed making it something so changes could be tracked making it easier to understand where modifications have been made. Bruce will send the TC the current version of the constitution for their review and comment. Fia not have time to consolidate till after Sept 1st additional comments due to her schedule.
 2. Heiko mentioned NCAs are members of the ICA and what about if NCA haven't paid dues, but their members have paid NCA dues which should be covering NCA dues for voting. Can an individual sailor pay for membership if NCA is not? How do we manage individual email addresses and acquire their information? Do we reach out to NCA's for their individual members to improve communications as discussed during

the Sailor's Forum at Worlds? How do we manage the info and how do we handle the flow of communications back to ICA if we are flooded with emails from individual sailors? Important that NCAs pass information out to their members. A newsletter should be the method of pushing information to sailors through the NCAs but struggling to get information back from the NCAs. Need information back from NCAs on Nominations and Resolutions and can put a spot on the ICA webpage for signing up for notification of webpage changes and updates so sailors get timely updates from ICA. Would help with awareness within the class of new items posted of minutes or report of event on our website. This is something we need to pursue and get up and running. Autogenerated email of website updates needs to be discussed with our Webmaster. Can ask our NCAs for their members information or direct them to spot on our website for signing up. Sailors don't have to own a boat to be members of an NCA.

3. Secretary to speak with Virgil about setting something up on webpage for sailors interested in receiving information and finding out some details such as if they are a member of an NCA if there is an NCA where they are located, location, contact information and setting up a notification system for updates. EC approved getting this set up with Virgil.

5. Worlds:

1. Worlds went well, weather, food and drink was good but Heiko mentioned the measurement portion could be better.
2. John brought up Safety and Insurance issues discussed during the Sailor's Forum. Bruce mentioned that the insurance levels are a barrier to individual participation in regattas. Many are unable to obtain the large amounts that are currently required in various areas of the world. Heiko mentioned to get insurance levels in Australia he became a member of the Australian Sailing Federation to get the required insurance coverage. John mentioned that some places are not even looking at insurance documents because there could be liability if the document later is determined to be fraudulent.
3. 500 Euro bill for Repair and Engraving of the championship trophy submitted by Finland. Approved unanimously.
4. British NCA submitted request for 1,000 Euro for trailer maintenance of NCA trailer. Bruce asked, "If the ICA is to determine use of requested funds is valid". John mentioned that it has been up to now only available for going towards Class Promotion and this is a maintenance item. We also have a limit that we have self-imposed of 500 Euros. Discussion ended up modifying our requirement of promotion of class to if we approve 500 Euro, that is your limit for the year, don't come back asking for 500 euro for class promotion etc. "Not up to us to determine how you as an NCA promote the class in each individual country." Motion made to approve 500 Euro towards this request. Approved unanimously.

6.The Hague:

1. Heiko mentioned that he spoke with Hannah and Betsy about Para Worlds and there being an application for it to be concurrent with our worlds in Kiel. There is also a push for it to be held in Weymouth, England. The measurement process could have been better and it was good Tom was there to help Keith particularly with pulling lead. John discussed the large number of sails that required modification onsite of batten pocket material over the 680mm limit on the batten. Bruce is taking this as a TC item and John is including his sailmakers in the dialog by emailing them and the Hague measurers. Heiko mentioned that if the battens are glued on then there isn't even a pocket and would be "legal". Will be discussed on the 31st TC meeting. Sailing Instructions were released at the last minute and the One-Design requirement designated early for next year's event. John spoke with Hannah about how the British didn't have a para competitor and that there is even an IM in England. She said she is working on it. Bruce spoke of needing the Para World Event during the Open Worlds to get participation and numbers that are higher. We discussed the problem with the lack of funding due to sailing not being included in the Paralympics. There was some discussion about the new Open boats being designed and built. John mentioned that the rules allow both One-Design and Open which confuses him on why there is an issue for both to get along together. Bruce asked about the discussion he heard happened concerning Worlds being every 2 years that was brought up at the Sailor's Forum. This was driven by shipping costs but when Heiko discussed this with some shippers he found the costs were much lower than what folks thought and discussed at the Forum. John mentioned the discussion of using class funds for covering shipping cost that occurred during the Forum and how difficult that would be to do fairly. He would rather see money spent to create quality video of our events and asked if Heiko could summarize the information he found on shipping so it could be shared with the NCAs. Heiko will check on getting costs from Europe to a place like Australia so it can shared with NCAs.

7.Trophies:

1. John went to Stockholm and worked at establishing a method to approach the Royal Family for a Letter of Gift.
2. Secretary to approach some local yacht clubs etc, regarding John Ruf's continued retention of the Perpetual Para World Trophy.

Next Meeting: Oct 3rd 2023