

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – July 4th 2023

Present: Heiko, Fia, Bruce, John (Niko absent)

1. Officially approved June EC Minutes: Will send out with email to NCAs with a letter covering AGM items and other things.
2. Banking status:
 1. Heiko discussed the continued trials over the class registering as a non-profit organization. There is a need to research and consult an attorney about the finer points and report back to the EC for further consideration. Organization lacks address and official status and needs to be established which we are trying to determine how to do best. Europe is best as it is central to most boats and closest to the majority of the NCAs. North America is easier to establish such an organization, but we should prefer Europe. Items that should go onto the Agenda for AGM. Need to get our legal status in Europe at all cost before considering North America. Fia has also been discussing things with Pekka. John will discuss second signatory with Megan when he sees her at Worlds in Finland.
 2. If Paul Schroder is now on the banking documents, need bank records for December 2022 till now.
 3. Confirmed the Scanning Company was paid.
 4. We need to get a check to Canadian NCA for 500 Euros per Feb Meeting minutes. Secretary to speak with Paul about the sending of payments and how that would happen including currency tendered.
 5. The Zoom Acct bill was \$144 dollars which the class secretary has already paid. Needs reimbursed for.
 6. Secretary made motion for 500 euros be approved for support of the Finnish Worlds for class promotion – unanimously approved.
3. Technical Committee Items:
 1. Heiko has the Builder's Agreement from Brian Harding and should receive same from Evert this week after speaking with him. Originals should be retained along with other items such "Letter of Gift" for trophies. Originals will be transferred to class secretary from Heiko at Worlds. Should discuss with Virgile to discuss setting up a drop box or similar thing and report back to EC at the next meeting.
 2. Scan files are controlled through the Builder's Agreement and does not need additional controls. One page agreement will be sent to builders with scan file being finalized by Bruce Millar. Heritage Yachts is interested in building the boat and is an Etchells builders. John Seepe is interested in talking to Brian at Worlds regarding some opportunities for an order for North America.

3. Still needing a permanent One-Design certification individual with the right technical knowledge to fill this role. Bruce Millar to speak to a local sailor in Victoria about her interest.
4. Class Building:
 1. German Sailing Federation very concerned and sending letter to Ulli Libor considering his behavior over the last 3 years. Now registered with French NCA sailing with a German sail number, attached the German NCA trying to prevent their National Championship. He accused the class of manipulation and demanded the German Sailing Association of the class to host a German Championship. There was no manipulation.
 2. German Sailing Federation will write letters to French NCA and all German members due to his offenses to all the German sailors not the NCA leadership.
 3. Want Germany to continue to write up and maintain the European racing schedule as they have always done in the past and are being challenged by Loic Eonnet. Need to ask them some questions and communicate our concerns. Would be wise to inquire with French NCA membership to confirm with them who represent their NCA.
 4. Action4Europe needs to speak with the NCAs which are being affected but aren't. This resulted in a schedule conflict and unnecessary strife. Communications have gone out with questions and had no responses so we are engaging the NCAs.
 5. EC discussed who we speak and represent. We discussed what might not be clearly defined within our constitution which might need to be clarified. Bruce Millar mentioned the need for sailors entering regattas in Canada are required to be members of the Canadian NCA which is also a requirement in many of the USA's regattas.
 6. Letters will be written to go out to French NCA and another to Action4Europe by tomorrow.
5. Constitution:
 1. Fia is completing a Draft Copy of the proposed modified class constitution and it will go out to all the NCAs for their engagement hopefully before the next meeting.
6. Worlds:
 1. Need to check with Niko as it appears they have everything in hand at this point.
7. The Hague:
 1. This event is not being run with One-Design Certification completed but next year it will be. This year all the boats are going to be checked for compliance but will not require each boat to have an official certificate.

World Sailing was the initiator of our One-Design certification, and their events are to be with certification going forward.

8. Trophies:

1. John spoke with Betsy Alison who is friends with a close friend of John Ruf and will be speaking to him/her to hopefully avoid taking legal action to recover the trophy John Ruf has kept since 2009.
2. Fia and others will continue to pursue obtaining access to the Swedish Crown for the Letter of Gift and value to be obtained.
3. Secretary has Dee Smith's trophy which is being shipped. He will photo document this trophy prior to shipment.
4. Need to create a class document for winners of perpetual trophies to sign if they take physical control of the trophy rather than just get a photo with it. They will be held personally responsible for the trophy's safe keeping and return to the class, including all expenses incurred with shipping it.

9. Dec 9th 2023 AGM: Action Items

1. Before 1 August: Submit World Championship Title Application for next year's venue to ISAF
2. Submit next year's Class Rules' Amendments to ISAF AGM Date minus 120 days
3. Secretary to liaise with member NCA to solicit nominations, resolutions, and proposals for AGM

Next Meeting: August 23 2023