

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – Oct 3rd 2023

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

1. Officially approved Aug 23rd EC Minutes.
2. Banking and organizing the class as a Non-Profit:
  1. Heiko reiterated the difficulty of registering for the class as a Non-Profit in Europe. We discussed how it is in today's world imperative that we become registered somewhere as a non-profit and need to get inputs at the AGM.
  2. The topic is one for discussion for the AGM and the class secretary agreed to research the details in the USA as well as reaching out to the various NCA's for their input at the AGM.
  3. Paul notified EC during the meeting that Sweden had paid their membership dues and is continuing to work with the NCA's and secretary to get the remainder up to date.
3. Technical Committee Items:
  1. Heiko still needs to supply the Secretary of the Class with the copies of the signed Builders Agreements for retention.
  2. Heiko mentioned the builder in Germany was ordering resin for the commencement of construction with the plan to have another European builder available.
  3. Bruce covered the One-Design new certifier being ready to start once we have a new request for certification. Class only has one certificate being worked which is a Finnish fleet boat.
  4. Bruce discussed the number of technical committee members had no maximum and that the TC was reviewing this to put a number in to ensure it never becomes too big and cumbersome to efficiently function. There are additional items that are being worked on at the TC and they are continuing their inputs for the constitution.
4. Constitution:
  1. Heiko discussed his inputs to the constitution and getting a current draft out to the NCA's for their review and inputs.
  2. EC discussed the lack of clarity behind NCA members being members of NCA's which are not their countries. Agreement was found in that sailors should be able to be members of as many as they like but that it is secondary to their being a member first of their country's NCA which retains their membership towards voting numbers. We discussed that if someone wanted to join another country's NCA that was particularly okay if their country did not already have a NCA formed. The EC would like to

be able to work with sailors in countries which are growing towards having an organized NCA rather than ignoring them till they achieve NCA status. The limit on votes at AGMs was mentioned as maximized at 4 votes to limit the impact of any one NCA over the others and this making it less of an issue of sailors who for political reasons want to join other country's NCA which is difficult to manage from an ICA perspective.

3. The class secretary will review and modify the constitution draft for spelling and other grammatical issues by the 7<sup>th</sup> and send to Heiko.

#### 5. AGM:

1. Discussed who was running the meeting and how to set up the meeting. EC discussed that it would be beneficial for as many sailors to be able to observe and what issues this might create that would need to be managed. The
2. The secretary mentioned that to date only one NCA has provided any nominations for the class offices that are open and that no one has yet to be nominated for the Treasurer role. EC discussed making the Treasurer role a longer than 1 year position and this would be something that needs to be changed in our constitution.
3. The Class Secretary will be sending out an email asking for inputs again from the NCAs for nominations, constitutional inputs and researching class organization into a Non-Profit so this can be discussed at our AGM.
4. Heiko discussed having a Marketing budget approved at our AGM which would allow for such things as a good marketing media clip or clips from next year's Worlds for YouTube posting and other locations.

#### 6. Worlds:

1. Heiko discussed his discussions with the Kiel Yacht Club and their setting up of a committee for all things for the coming World Championships. They are meeting over the next few days, and he has a list of must haves and items which would be nice to have.
2. Heiko spoke about conversations with World Sailing on the Nordic Championships and a letter which World Sailing received concerning it. The results covered the swamping of 2 boats and the various decisions skippers make concerning conditions, skill levels, boat construction/ configuration, and clothing. Reported it went well and World Sailing seemed satisfied with his remarks and observations after the fact as he was not present for the Nordics.
3. Bruce mentioned there are possibly up to 8 boats wanting to ship over from North America and asked about storage between Kiel race week and our Worlds. The date for Kiel Race Week was not available but Heiko will investigate getting info on storage of shipping container during this timeframe.

4. Heiko discussed being in touch with World Sailing and their discussions around including the 2.4mR Para World Championship during our Worlds, this included modifying the naming of the event to something such as 2024 2.4mR Inclusive World Championships. The club has submitted proposal to World Sailing to host it and would better assure participation as well as money from both Germany and World Sailing to manage and support it.
7. Class Building:
  1. Talked about Virgil's input into what we already have on our webpage and that the class secretary would continue to work with him towards getting additional items on the page for the information we wish to have.
  2. We then need to look at what information we currently have on over 100 sailors who have already expressed interest in 2.4mR information to then figure out how to best utilize it.
8. Trophies:
  1. The class Secretary updated the EC in his continuing attempts to get the Para World Championship Trophy back from John Ruf who to this point has ignored all contacts. The secretary spoke with the local police chief and was referred to the county sheriff with whom he left a message. An email was sent to the Pewaukee Yacht Club asking for a call from either the Commodore or Vice-Commodore to contact him. Within a few hours Dan Quiram, the Vice-Commodore, contacted him. The class secretary confirmed that John Ruf was in fact a current member of the yacht club and Dan agreed to investigate the matter and see if he could help us get our trophy back which 14 years of winners have not been able to physically be presented. He seemed to understand the magnitude of the situation as we do not want to get law enforcement involved unless we absolutely must. Dan is the current Race and Regatta chair and understands what a Perpetual Trophy is and the problems around them when not returned. The secretary will continue to update the Executive Committee on further developments.

Next Meeting: Oct 3rd 2023