

**International 2.4 Metre Class Association 2018 Annual General Meeting**  
**2018-08-05 in Gavle, Sweden @ 16:00**

## **2018 AGM MINUTES**

### **1. Attendees**

#### **NCA's Present:**

Australia - Peter Russell  
Poland- Rysard Szumowski  
Finland- Rikard Bjurstrom  
Germany- Sabin Mohr  
Sweden- Sven Asklund  
United Kingdom- Megan Pascoe

Netherlands- Dirk Jan Broertjes  
Norway - Bjorn Roar Peterson

#### **Committee members present :**

Pekka Seitola - Treasurer  
Herald Rolfnes - TC  
Steve Bullmore- President  
Henrik Johnsson -TC  
Rikard Bjurstrom - Vice President

#### **Proxy votes given :**

Ireland to Megan Pascoe  
USA to Rikard Bjurstrom

Sven Asklund (Sweden), had to leave the meeting passed his voting rights to Henrik Johnsson for the remaining part of the meeting.

A Quorum as defined in the International 2.4mR Class Constitution existed with Europe and Australia being present and Rikard Bjurstrom holding the proxy for the USA.

Kate Hedley agreed to taking the minutes in place of the Class Secretary who could not attend.

### **2. Setting time limit on Speakers and Debate**

No time limit was set with debate length to be managed by the chairman of the meeting.

### **3. 2017 AGM minutes information**

There were comments on last year's minutes  
Acceptance Proposed by Finland  
Unanimously Accepted

### **4. Reports**

#### **Report from President**

The following points were noted from the report:

- a) Paralympic games - Sailing is hoped to be included in 2024 games (subsequently after the meeting Sailing has been excluded). if included the 2.4mR will probably be selected for

one of the sailing classes. A decision by the Paralympic Committee may not be reached until the end of 2019.

**b) WORLDS 2019 to be held in Genoa Italy.**

- c) There was no representative from Italy available to provide an update on the regatta dates or facilities. It was confirmed by the chairman that the club in Italy was used to running important events and had good facilities etc. It is expected that the date of the Worlds 2019 will be in early October. Australia asked for regatta details as a matter of urgency and hopefully by the end of the current Worlds.

**Action** :: EC to will follow up on dates and overall organization of the event.

**c) New boat builds .**

7 boats built last year as recorded by Charger Technology

The meeting was concerned about the low build numbers and were determined to find ways to market the 2.4mR Class to increase boat numbers.

The meeting heard current examples of marketing :

**Norway** was following an initiative in local clubs, arranging races as part of a “cup”.

**Germany** has been successful with good results with experienced sailors from other classes being attracted to the 2.4mR fleet. The well known German sailor, Ulli Libor, promotes the class with the German NCA and have initiated the Triple Match race series which is combined with regattas held at well known clubs when the German class hold their major regattas. This leads to good coverage of the events within the sailing fraternity. The German web site is also seen as very good.

Germany will report to IC on this strategy with the possibility that all NCA's can potentially use the German model.

The Class website should be used to promote this strategy.

Acceptance Proposed – Australia

Unanimously accepted.

## **Report from Treasurer**

The International Class continues to be well funded. The accounts have been forwarded to the Auditor in a timely fashion but there had been no response by the time of this meeting.

**Action** : The Treasurer to contact the Auditor to obtain a response to the figures.

The Auditor has previously questioned the high level of funds held by the Class. At the 2017 AGM it was hoped that the NCA's would put forward proposals for its spend. The meeting felt that a determined effort should now be made to make good use of funds for marketing the class at NCA level.

It was noted that no OD licence fees have yet been paid for 2017. The Treasurer and EC to follow up on this.

Acceptance Proposed by Norway

Unanimously accepted

## **Report from Auditor**

Not available

## **Report from the Chairman of the Technical Committee**

### **Acceptance proposed by UK**

Unanimously accepted

## **5. Proposals from the EC**

None.

## **6. Proposal from the TC**

*(See the meeting documents for the complete list of TC proposals)*

The meeting voted against TC proposal 1.

The motivation for this was a worry about increased administration for the ICA.

The meeting voted for TC proposal 2 and 3.

Thus the following rule changes will be proposed to World Sailing:

Deletion of rule A.13.1 (d)

Amending rule C.9.1 with:

(b) The J and the E measure on sails certification marks shall be less or equal to the corresponding measures on the **boat certificate**.

## **7. Proposal from member NCAs**

None

The late proposals received by France will be included in 2019 AGM. It was felt that NCAs needed good time to be able to understand these proposals.

## **8. Future World Championship**

2019 World Championships are to be held in Genoa, Italy. Dates and information is required about the event. There is an action point under the President's Report.

Finland will be bidding to host the worlds in 2023.

The meeting felt that the practice of holding a Worlds once every 4 years outside Europe should continue. Newport, Rhode Island, USA has bid for the 2020 Worlds and Carrickfergus, Northern Ireland have bid for either a Worlds or Europeans depending on the holding of a Worlds in the USA that year. The meeting asked the EC to work towards arrangements for 2020.

## **9 Elections**

The meeting received the following nomination from the meeting floor:

Peter Russell as TC member - proposed by UK, seconded by Finland.

Election of Auditor

Auditor Stacie Loittit had not yet confirmed her willingness to stand for 2019 but appointment of this post would be made by the EC and confirmed to the NCAs in due course.

## Election of EC Members

Position	Nomination	Nominating NCA	TERM ( years) and validity until
Vice President	Rikard Bjurstrom	FIN	2 years Expires AGM 2020
Secretary	Timothy Ripley	FIN	2 years Expires AGM 2020
Treasurer	Pekka Seitola	FIN,SWE	1 years Expires AGM 2019
Auditor	Stacy Loittit	FIN	1 years Expires AGM 2019
EC Director	Cor De Graaff	Fin	1 years Expires AGM 2019
EC Director	Heiko Kroger	GER , FIN	1 years Expires AGM 2019
TC Member	Henrik Johnsson	SWE,GER	2 years Expires AGM 2020
TC Member	Keith Gordon	GBR, GER	2 years Expires AGM 2020
Webmaster	Nisse West		As determined by EC

The meeting unanimously approved all nominations above.

### 10 Decisions for the next year's work and commissions for the EC

See Attachment 12 - Proposal for work of the EC During 2018/19.

Commission of work for the EC during 2017/18 are to be carried forward for the 2018/19 year. Marketing of the Class, as discussed in item 4c, to be added to the work.

Proposed by Sweden  
Seconded by Finland  
Unanimously accepted.

### 11 Decisions for NCA annual dues and budget 2018/19 (Attachment 13).

Proposal that the current level of annual dues and the budget for 2018 should be replicated for 2019.

Proposed - Germany  
Seconded - UK  
Unanimously accepted

### 12. AOB

- a) Support for the Paralympics. Finland held the view that the International 2.4mR Class has to work hard to get it back into the Paralympics. The Class must support World Sailing in its efforts.
- b) The meeting expressed its thanks to Keith Gordon for his hard work during the year on measurement including the current World Championships.

- c) Sweden have a Youth Prize to donate to the Worlds Championship on a yearly basis. The EC will determine the details of the qualification criteria ( Following the AGM it was decided the youth prize for the Gavle Worlds would be awarded to the under 40 age group and that the EC would determine the age group for future Worlds)
- d) Keith Gordon raised the issue of finding additional measurers including international measurers. The EC would action this as part of their remit for 2018/19.
- e) Dirk Jan de Broetjes is currently finalising the marketing video. He is waiting for final sailing footage. The video is aimed at promoting the class as fully inclusive for all abilities.
- f) The sad loss of the very experienced and a good friend of the Class, Beer van Arnem, was noted.

13. The Meeting was adjourned at 17:52 hours