



## Minutes of EC meeting Munster 1 Feb 2020

Present:

Steve Bullmore

Rikard Bjurstrom

Jean Paul Alexander

Hanns Hermann Lagemann

Simon Hill

Guest - Ulli Libor

Meeting held at the premises of Seditex, Munster

### 1. European Champs 2020

Meeting informed by Ulli Libor that the facilities are well in hand. Arrangements made for the boats to be lifted at the end of each day's racing to ease mooring. NOR in production but under discussion. Entry system not ready to activate until NOR approved. Being a European championships the NOR should be viewed and approved by the ICA before activation.

'Inclusivity' is the prime objective of racing. The event will not be labelled a Para European Championship but there may be recognition of disabled achievement in the prize giving. Daily prizes are to be awarded and a restriction on multiple winning will apply to spread prizes more evenly. There is a possibility of a Tombola as an additional way to award daily prizes.

Special races during the evenings are aimed at attracting new top sailors to the class. The Triple Match series will also be run outside normal racing times.

Communication of these ideals should be communicated to World Sailing via their Para Sailing representative.

### 2 World Championships 2020

The draft NOR has been received and is currently being discussed and comments made for hopefully a final draft to be made for approval by the ICA.

### 3. EC members liability

Simon Hill has been asked to obtain quotes for different levels of liability cover for EC members via an errors and omissions policy. Premium is expected to be reasonable and right for the class to pursue.

### 4 Treasurer update

Simon Hill advised:

Cater Allen bank account is very close to being opened. The final details of members of the EC should be with them early next week

after which the account should be active.

Yearly audit figures are in course of production. 2018 is currently with Stacie Louttit. 2019 is being viewed by Ashfield Accountancy. A restriction on the level of comment is appropriate as the Swedish past treasurer has followed previous actions but from 2020 onwards a more

comprehensive view will be taken on the ICAs financial liabilities.

The treasurer is currently bringing together a better understanding on NCA dues and their receipt and the level of voting rights applicable to each NCA.

The treasurer is also formulating a better and tighter control system on payments with reference to email and other scams.

5. Norlin Yacht Agreement which is due to expire on the 3 Apr 2020 after registered communication with that company. No acknowledgement has been received. There is a possibility that Stellan Berlin will be talking to them.

6. After discussions with World Sailing it is apparent that for a one design division it is difficult to manage without a licence to control specific moulds and their conformity to the Norlin mk3 templates. There is no requirement to issue a licence with any other restriction such as a builder exclusivity to any continent. The licence should be given to any builder who complies with the terms of the offered licence and must reflect the ICAs confidence in both build quality, production capacity and financial standing of the builder. It should be noted that the true definition of a Norlin Mk3 is only from the current controlled moulds (2) and not from any design lines. Our approach to licences should mirror the World Sailing FRAND objectives that they now apply - fair, reasonable and non discriminatory.

To this end the TC are to be instructed to draw up a new licence for the OD builders or new applicants which cannot be enacted until after 3 Apr 2020.

7. Some discussion was made on the idea of a 'builders class' to reflect boat volumes that apply to single designs in the fleet with a view to recognition of popular designs and being outclassed in future by more radical designs.

#### 8. Marketing

Both the Paris and Düsseldorf shows have been successful and much of the results will be reflected in sailor attraction by continued follow up of interested contacts. The Dusseldorf Show has resulted in impressive figures and analysis of those attending the 2.4mR stand and there is every reason to believe that the German NCA will make the most of contacts made with invitations for taster sails.

The website continues to cause concern as to its effectiveness and offering 'live' information. The current webmaster is continuing to perform the function at the agreed cost of 50 euros per month plus the site costs but until the class funds a mechanism to introduce active editorial content no real progress will be made.

There was recognition that the EC should be viewing the website content and suggesting either the removal of items, correction of details, or the addition of items that would lead the site to being more live and informative.

#### 9. Class obligations to World Sailing

The secretary has compiled the annual report which is a requirement under our terms from World Sailing and this needs to be approved by the EC before it is passed on.

#### 10. Constitution

There are recognised issues in the current wording of our constitution especially in the areas of membership status, AGM timing, one design division, payment of dues timing and resulting voting rights, and other soft issues. The president agreed to present a new draft constitution for presentation to the 2020 AGM for approval.

There was discussed the need to make the AGM timing better reflect a 12 month period on a constant basis outside the timings of the World Championships which make short and long reflected years.

## 11. 2020 AGM

Although well ahead of the expected November AGM this year it is preferable that those whose elections are due for that meeting should advise the EC of either their continuance for a future term or allow a good time period for canvassing of possible replacements.