



Minutes of the

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, INTERNATIONAL A CLASS ASSOCIATION.

Hervey Bay Sailing Club, Wednesday, November 20th, 2018.

The AGM was opened by IACA President Charles Bueche at 7:08pm.

Those present: Struan Wallace (UK), Andrew Landenberger (AUS), Brent Harsart (NZL), David Haylock (NZL), Nils Palmieri (SUI), Emmanuel Dodé (FRA), Tom Bojland (DEN), Mike Krantz (USA), Ben Hall (USA), Ian Johnson (AUS), Charles Bueche (IACA), Graeme Harbour (AUS), P.J.Dwarhius (NED), Bob Baier (GER), Jacek Notzel (POL), Bruce Mahoney (USA).

1. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Since the 2017 World Championship in Sopot, new Class Championship Rules and Rules defining the Classic Division have been developed and accepted by IACA. The new Class Championship Rules have been adopted by World Sailing, after a long process which was slowed by a succession of changes in key personal within that organisation. World Sailing has granted World Championship Status for both Open and Classic disciplines.

Thanks to Thomas Paasch and his Committee for the development of the new rules.

The IACA finances are sound.

No new class proposals have been submitted since the Sopot AGM.

There have been discussions concerning the higher wind strengths that may cause problems with running the 2020 European Championships in Cadiz Spain, but it is noted that this is the only proposal that has been received to run both class disciplines.

Thank you to the organisers of the 2018 European Championships in Warnermunde.

Special thanks to Graeme Harbour and the Technical Committee for the development of the Classic Division Declaration Form.

2. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Bruce Mahoney read out the report authored by Bailey White, whom was unable to attend the meeting.

The Class is currently in a sound and consolidated position. No new proposals have been received for consideration.

There has been a growth in numbers as well as growth into some new countries including Russia.

The Classic Discipline has been settled.

The Payment of International Membership fees (Dues) has proved problematic due to financial legal restrictions in the USA regarding international monetary wire transfers.

This report led to a general discussion of the problems of money transfer. Transfers appear to be mainly a problem for the USA, NZL, and AUS. Cheques are not a solution, and are apparently obsolete in SUI. Direct bank currency transfers incur high costs. USA wire fees are high. At present international money transfers go through Charles Beuche's account. There is no easy solution because of the differing financial transfer laws in the various countries.

Ian Johnson asked the USA delegation about the ease and success of the Tri Booking system that had been used for the 2018 Australian and World Championships.

3. ECONOMIC REPORT

Graeme Harbour tabled the economic report dated June 2018. The key features were as follows: € 51,000 in the bank. A budget had been formulated around an estimated 900 member. Income was around € 9,000, and spending levels were about the same as for the previous year, which has kept the bank balance at around the same. € 2,000 were granted to the hosts of the World Titles, € 1,000 to the hosts of the European Championships. € 1,000 granted to the IACA President to attend the AGM and World Championships. Gordon Upton is paid € 2,000 allowance for his role as webpage editor, and also paid € 1,000 to offset expenses when travelling outside Europe to photograph and write about the World Championship. Fees are due to be paid by 31/12/2018 and € 8,000 can be anticipated in membership fees. Noted by Charles that AUT, NED, RUS, and DEN have already paid in advance. The Bank Account is double signature account requiring two signatures for transactions.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Presented by Graeme Harbour. The Rules rewrite has been accepted by World Sailing. Equipment Rules have been adopted into our Class Rules. Measurers Guidelines have been rewritten. A data base of all known measures has been developed, and discussions have been encouraged between measurers. Boat builders and sailmakers whom have a history of compliance issues have been contacted. All current members of the current Technical Committee are happy to continue to serve on the committee. There is a need to develop a new Hull Measurement Certificate as the current one is inadequate. Regarding the Classic Forum Discussion, that will be held on the next evening after this AGM, it was noted that the function is for feedback only, it cannot change any rules, and any proposal for a change will need to go through the normal pathways.

4. NATIONAL REPORTS

Written reports were received from AUT, BEL, FRA, and were tabled electronically by Charles. The following verbal reports were presented.

USA:

(Bruce Mahoney). 85 members, with 40 boats attending the North American Championships. The 2019 North Americans will be held in St Petersburg, Florida, as a run up to the 2020 Worlds that will be held at the same venue. The Foiling/Classic ratio sits at 50:50. Trophies are presented for each discipline at each regatta. There has been an influx of members back into the Class after an efflux out of the class that occurred after the development of foiling boats in the absence of recognition of the Classic Division.

Charles highlighted the need to keep the Class as one complete encompassing both disciplines to prevent fragmentation.

UNITED KINGDOM:

(Struan Wallace). Attendances at regattas seem to be heavily influenced by Internet weather reports. If the weather report is not good, significant late drop outs occur. The UK Nationals were held at Weymouth this year as a trial for the 2019 Worlds. There is an inner and outer harbour, which will allow for separate courses. Everything is on site. Accommodation can be tight in August due to a Bank Holiday.

NEW ZEALAND:

(Brent Harsart). 26 active members, about half of which sail regularly. 50/50 split between Foilers and Classic. Nationals will be held on Lake Rotorua in January 2019.

SWITZERLAND :

(Charles Bueche). Regatta attendance has been less regular. 75 members. Plans to do joint regattas with France and Italy next year. Training schools to be organised.

NETHERLANDS:

(P J. Dwarhuis). Stable membership. 4 or 5 new Foilers, offset by loss of some Classic boats. 35 boats attended the National Championships, but the weather was not favourable.

DENMARK:

(Tom Bojland). Stable numbers. 15 racing boats, with 3 to 4 regattas each year. Training camps are held alongside other classes, which helps improve class visibility. There is good representation within the sailing authorities. Most racing is foiling, only a few Classics now remain. Should have good representation in Weymouth.

AUSTRALIA:

(Ian Johnson). 89 members. 60/40 split of foilers/classics. Regattas feature one start for all, with separate overall divisions. Many older boats have been sold, and at one stage there was shortage of classic boats. Some foiling boats are being converted back to Classics, and this trend is likely to continue. Membership is strong, now have 5 new boats in Western Australia. Unfortunately, the Darwin fleet has collapsed.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS and IACA COMMITTEE

All members of the Technical Committee are willing to continue, and as they are elected by the IACA Committee, they were deemed to be elected. The President and Secretary positions are four-year appointments, and neither is up for re-election.

Phillipe Muyzers (Treasurer) and Thomas Paasch (Head of Technical Committee) are willing to continue, and both were elected.

6. MEMBERSHIP FEES

6.1 Membership fees were discussed and remain at their current rate of € 10.

6.2 Money transfers have already been discussed.

7. SELECTION OF WORLD AND CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

2019 Worlds in Weymouth.

2020 Europeans. Proposals from Cadiz initially, with a late bid from Barcelona.

The Cadiz proposal can do both fleets on separate courses concurrently. Barcelona is unable to do this do to the perceived costs. The Catabatic winds experienced in Cadiz are strong, less so offshore than compared to the near sure. Cadiz proposes 20 to 27th June, as accommodation is very expensive in the traditional European holiday months of July and August.

A short and late email was received from Greece that Greece could be considered as an alternative to Cadiz. A much more detailed proposal would need to be sent.

2020 Worlds. These have been granted to St Petersburg, Florida. Planning is well underway. Will be held towards the end of October, 2020.

2021 Worlds: Proposal by France, presented by Emmanuel Dodé. Proposal to host event at Toulon, which is between Marseille and Saint Tropez, France in September 2021. Airport is 15 kilometres away, and the coast is well protected from waves when the winds in any direction.

Host will be the Toulon Yacht Club, and the sailing is actively supported by the local boat authority. It is tourist destination with many restaurants, hotels, and camping facilities. The launching area is protected from the wind in all directions. There is a huge parking area which can accommodate 200 catamarans and their trailers. Security is an issue which the French Association will address.

The French Association has written a very detailed list of requirements. There are two racing areas to simultaneously host both racing divisions.

Wind Statistics: The Mistral blows in winter and in Spring, so the plan is for September (autumn). There is a dynamic tourist office.

It was moved by Ian Johnson, and seconded by Andrew Landenberger that the proposal be considered. To be considered by the Committee.

2022 Worlds:

- A verbal proposal was outlined by the New Zealand representatives. Venue: Manly Sailing Club, which is north of Auckland. Dates could be either in February/March, or late November 2022. Feb/March are considered to be too close to the French Worlds, so November would more acceptable. The New Zealand Association has been asked to put together a more detailed proposal for the Committee.
- A short email from Italy has been sent a few days before the WGM. Goal is to organize a Worlds in Tuscany.
- The IACA committee will talk to NZL and ITA to coordinate their proposals, e.g. an Euro in Italy and Worlds in NZL might be a possibility.

8. PROPOSALS

None.

9. REGULATORY AND TECHNICAL AFFAIRS

Nothing to discuss.

10. VARIOUS

Trophies:

A new Classic Division Perpetual Trophy was unveiled by Bruce Mahoney. This is the first year that World Sailing a World Championship for the Classic Division. It was noted that Classic boats can also complete in the Open Division if they so choose. Thanks was expressed to the work of Bruce Mahoney and his colleagues, and the Class President and Treasurer will reimburse them for the costs.

Apparently the Frank Lars Trophy was also donated as a perpetual trophy previously for Classic Division. It was suggested that it could be used could be used as another award, and it was noted that currently there is no Junior Perpetual trophy.

Guidelines for major events:

Guidelines are being developed to assist the organisers of major events. The work so far has mainly been done by the French, and further comments will be added by Paul Neeskens after the conclusion of the 2018 Worlds. The guidelines are designed as an assistance, and will not become a sanctioned document. The final document will be circulated to National Presidents, and it be subdivided into both suggested and mandatory requirements.

Insurances:

Third Party and Legal Protection Insurance policy has been put in place to protect the President and other Committee Members. It costs \$US500 per annual, and it has been in place since September 2018.

Misc:

It was noted that the Classic Division discussion night will be held the evening following this AGM, and some ideas that are likely to come up were briefly discussed.

Ian Johnson raised the idea that the current upper windspeed be reconsidered. The boats are so fast, that danger is increased in the current upper windspeed. Perhaps the upper windspeed should 20 knots. Glenn Ashby has advised that current upper wind speed limit for both AC foilers, and Extreme 40 boats is 18 knots. Ian raised the issue for further discussion. Any change would have to go through the normal process starting with a proposal put forward by at least three different nations.

A vote of thanks was moved by Ian Johnson for the work of Charles, the Committee and the Technical Committee.

The meeting was closed at 8:58pm.

17.12.2018, Robert Griffiths