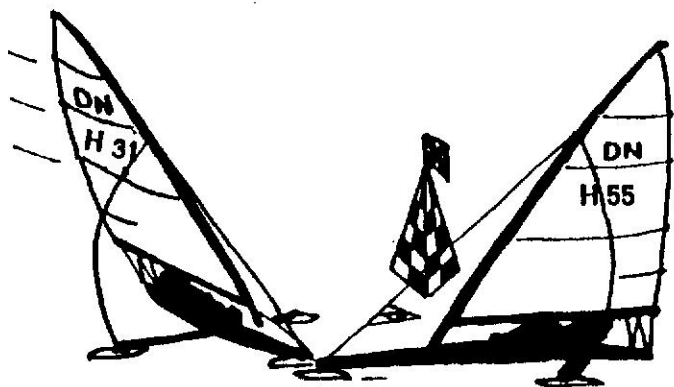


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Minutes of the annual meeting of national secretaries  
in Tallinn, Estonia, 11th-12th of May 1991

Present were: Germany, USSR, Denmark, Austria, Poland and  
Holland.

Letter of regret received from Italy, England, Finland and  
CSSR. Their points of view were made known by letter, by  
telephone or by one of the present secretaries.

1) Last summer things were beginning to move in the relation-  
ship USA-Europe. After several personal talks in USA with  
Bob Dill, Rob Schuhmacher, Evert Vanderberg and Wim van  
Acker, the foundations for an agreement were laid.

During the meeting of national secretaries in May '90, some  
of the European bottle-necks were already smoothed away  
and others were explained during the talks in USA. From  
USA side there was understanding for these points-of-view,  
they also made some promises and ultimately the American  
members approved. This resulted in a basisagreement which  
will be discussed this meeting. The main point is, that  
finally there is a basisagreement. Peanuts may not be the  
reason that the agreement after 2 years of hard discussion,  
doesn't go through.

In my last year as commodore, I will do my best to round  
this matter off.

2) The past season has been quite satisfactory.

A group from USA and Poland sailed in USSR, Novosibirsk,  
while week 44 in Vikajarvi, Finland was a great success,

excellent ice and good wind.

Around X-mas one could sail in various places.

With regard to the preparations for the European Championships, during that period I have experienced something, which I hope will never happen again in our ice-boating community. Some ice-boaters started a campaign against racing in Estonia based on completely unreal grounds and arguments. The situation in Poland '80 and '84 had been a lot worse and all the same the races went through, without any problems. I followed the situation in Estonia closely and have been there twice personally, to acquaint myself with the situation on the spot.

I was glad with reactions from different sides: we are not sure that everything is o.k. overthere, but if you decide to carry the races through, we go there.

However, the opposing group did a good job: a total withdrawal of Sweden and also a lot of German ice-boaters who in spite of my control and assurance that everything was all right, decided not to go.

Fortunately, my 'green light' has been for many others the signal that tipped the balance to leave for Tallinn.

The custom-control was smooth and correct and people coming by air or ferry were all waited for and accompanied.

Once on the Yachtclub in Haapsalu, we became one big family and it has been a happening difficult to equal in the future and we even have sailed !

Every night there was a nice entertaining program, and for instance the starter Vello Kuusk has made history by his way of stalking before each start.

We are grateful to all the co-operators and it's worth saying thank you once more for all their efforts.

Many topraces in outstanding circumstances have made Tallinn '91 for me one of the best events in my carrier of years as an ice-boater.

3) The financial situation is satisfactory and cash-book has been found in order by the secretaries present.

4) The agreement USA-Europe made by USA, has undergone some little changes and additions. However, the eventual not acceptance of these minor modifications, may not be the reason for the agreement not going through. The financial consequences

will be settled after mutual consultation.

5) Manfred Schreiber and Chris Williams are willing to assist Peter Schellhorn by editing DN Europe. With the experience of Manfred Schreiber, the knowledge of the English Language of Chris Williams and the in-put of Peter Schellhorn, a good magazine will be available in time.

There has been taken cognizance of the facts of too late publication of the magazine and too much in the German language and one will try to improve this in the future.

6) Peter Schellhorn will try to localize the 3rd prize EC.

7) Bogdan Kramer, Poland, will be replaced by Oa Sjöberg, Finland as member of the Technical Committee.

8) Races in '92.

7th-8th of February Junior Championships.

8th-9th of February International races (ET).

10th-15th of February Worlds + European Championships.

The Worlds will be used for prequalification for EC as ruled before.

European Championships (EC) '93 in Sweden.

EC-WC '94 in Poland.

9)

a) The start-licenses will still be used in the coming years. The secretaries have been asked to insist by the racing-leaders in their countries, to use and control the licenses in races with more than 10 participants, for the benefit of everybody.

If someone tries to avoid a cross on his license, causing a serious accident, but not having the license with him during the races, one thinks of exclusion from the international races.

The start-license will be valid for three years, instead of one year, so maximum three crosses in three years, instead of one in one year.

b) Poland will receive a financial support equal to the amount paid-up formerly in the Euro-cash.

The money only may be used for supporting junior sailors and a specification of the destination must be handed in.

c) Next season the Junior European Championships will be held before the EC and WC, 7th-8th of February '92.

d) Maximum age during the JEC 19 years old (born 1973).

e) Financial contribution in expenses mad by USA will be settled after consultation with USA by Wim van Acker.

f) In Germany exists the possibility to effect an insurance for a short period of time (f.i. one week) for participants from Eastern countries.

g) After long discussions, the secretaries almost unanimously decided to recognize Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania as independent members of IDNIYRA.

Many arguments support this decision, for instance, during many years, the membershipsfee for USSR has been paid by others, the last years mainly by the Baltic states, as Moscow is not in the least interested in ice-boating, not being an Olympic sport. In fact, it is an official confirmation of an already existing situation for years.

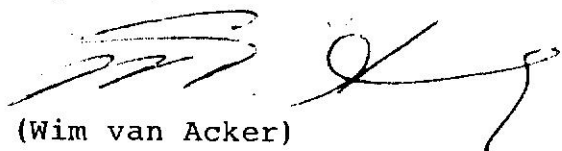
Besides, the question of dividing eventual prequalified places has been solved indirectly in this way.

10) None.

11) The next meeting of national secretaries will be in Berlin, Germany, 2nd-3rd of May 1992.

Wishing you a good season,

Regards,



(Wim van Acker)