

International DN Ice Yacht Racing Association Europe
(IDNIYRA-Europe)
Minutes and Decisions of National Secretaries
Salzburg, Austria (Seehotel Winkler) 27-29 April 2001

Present: The EUROPEAN COMMODORE - Hans Adolfsson
National Secretaries from:
AUSTRIA – Roland Travnicek
DENMARK - Jorgen Holsoe
ESTONIA – Peter Sharaskin
GERMANY - Rainer Hinrichsen
HUNGARY – Gustav Koltay
POLAND - Stan Macur (and Top Sailor Board member)
SWEDEN – Jan Fagerberg
UNITED KINGDOM - Chris Williams (and European Secretary)
Technical Representative – Hungary – Gabor Czernussi
Treasurer – Poland - Zymuut Hinc
IDNIYRA North America – Robert Cummins

Apologies:
Vice Commodore - Rob Schutte
Technical Committee – Harald Stuertz
NETHERLANDS, LATVIA, CIS

Proxy Votes: COMMODORE for CIS
AUSTRIA for ITALY
POLAND for LATVIA
UNITED KINGDOM for NETHERLANDS and VICE COMMODORE

Topic 1 Opening and Review of Season 2000/2001

The Commodore opened the meeting with a welcome to Salzburg and thanks to Herbert Hoermann, the retiring Austrian Secretary, for all the excellent arrangements made. He welcomed in particular the IDNIYRA NA representative and the new National Secretaries for Austria, Estonia and Sweden. The Agenda was agreed and the method of working, with no decisions on the first day also agreed. [The Review of the season is attached to these Minutes]. The Commodore emphasised the difficulty of selecting the location for the EC, which though not ideal for weather was adequate for space and accommodation and the only choice at the selected date.

Topic 2 Minutes of last European Secretaries' Meeting 2000

These were agreed as issued.

Topic 3 Matters Arising from Topic 2 not covered by the Agenda

5(a) Trophy Holder List to be included with EC invitation. This was not done for EC 2001 and POLAND undertook to do this for the WC/EC 2002. Sec. would remind by Email

ACTION: POLAND & Secretary

5(b) National Membership Lists to be Emailed by National Secretaries to North American National Secretary and European Secretary. Time/Date and Format to be established by Bob Cummins and Emailed to all Euro Secs.

ACTION: Bob Cummins

19. Swedish Video at Fiskeboda. It was reported that the video made at a cost of SK.40 000 from WC/EC entrance fees does not have any possibility of revenue for IDNIYRA-Europe. The meeting agreed that this had been a mistaken venture without adequate discussion or agreement in advance. This was attributed to an administrative communications lapse. It was reported that a similar video was made by a British team for use on the Discovery Channel. This was made without any cost to IDNIYRA-Europe, but as in the case of the Swedish film there was no revenue potential. The publicity effect from both films was considered positive for the sport. Item closed

Topic 4 Financial Report 2000/2001 and Budget 2001/2002

In the absence of the Treasurer it was not possible to discuss or close the Annual Accounts. This would be done as soon as possible and all European Secretaries will be informed and a budget for 2001/2002 included.

ACTION: Treasurer/Commodore/Sec.

Topic 5 EC 2000 Report

The Commodore's season report covered most of this topic (Topic 1). It was agreed that Lake Lipno was suitable for a large regatta and Rainer Hinrichsen was congratulated on the success in adverse weather conditions for most of the week. The extra day now allowed had made completion of 6 A-fleet races possible.

[the Financial Statement for the event is attached to these Minutes]. It was reported that the point scoring for B and C Fleets was not done according to IDNIYRA Racing rules B.5.d and this had an effect on the international rankinglist. This will be adjusted and the international rankinglist will be recalculated and published on the IDNIYRA website. **ACTION: Commodore/Webmaster**

Topic 6 Junior EC 2001

Stan Macur reported on this very successful event which took place in Riga 15-18 March. Regattas for Optimists (sailors up to 15 years old) and DN's (sailors aged 16-21) were held. The budget for 2002 and payments for 2001 were agreed. Stan Macur was congratulated on the special assignment.

Topic 7 WC 2001 Report

The change of date for WC 2001 was regretted and more effort would be made to ensure a minimum of 2 weeks between the EC and WC in 2003. The success of the European sailors with 5 in the first 6 places was warmly welcomed. The regatta had started on Lake St. Clair (Detroit) but due to insufficient ice space, moved to Saginaw Bay (160 km. North), Bay City, Michigan where it was completed in very varied wind conditions.

Topic 8 IDNIYRA-Europe Insurance report

During the season 00/01 607 icesailors from 13 countries are holding the IDNIYRA – SLE Insurance. The insurance is valid 12 months from December 1, 2000. The premium is £15.

It was reported that the Jellema/Aardema insurance claim had been satisfactorily settled and several valuable lessons had been learned. The Secretary briefed a report from SLE which indicated that they were content with the claims submitted in the 2000/2001 season and did not see any trends of concern. The premium, conditions and timings for 2001/2002 were not yet known and Secretary undertook to obtain these from SLE and advise all National Secretaries by Email as soon as available. The Commodore emphasised the importance of using the correct procedure (on the website) when submitting a claim with the proper documentation i.e.

SLE Claim Form

Protest Committee Report

Authenticated Damage Assessment Report

ACTION: Secretary

Topic 9 IDNIYRA-Europe – NA contact reports

The Commodore and the Secretary had both separately met in the USA with members of the NA Board in 2000/2001. These meetings had helped to improve trans-Atlantic communications and understanding. It was agreed that these meetings were valuable and constructive and that a member of the IDNIYRA-Europe Board should, if possible, attend the NA Annual Meeting. [Two issues of particular interest – the Constitution and NIA membership – are covered under Topics 12 & 20 in these Minutes]. The presence of the NA representative at the meeting was welcomed and it was agreed that this attendance should be encouraged to continue with 50% of air fare being funded by IDNIYRA-Europe.

ACTION: IDNIYRA-Europe Board

Topic 10 Year Book and Runner Tracks

Bob Cummins reported further delay in the production of the Year Book and anticipated delivery in Summer 2001 with a further edition at the end of 2001. The meeting expressed disappointment at the continuing delays.

Runner Tracks was reported as being received in good order and time; however there was a strong plea from the Euro Secs for it to be distributed via the website. This did not receive agreement from the NA rep because of fear of resultant reduction in membership. More articles from Europe were encouraged and it was agreed that European Secretaries, Board members and Technical Committee members should have their NA membership funded by IDNIYRA-Europe.

ACTION: Treasurer

Topic 11 Internet Developments

It was reported that the Ice Sailing website continued to develop and ten nations now had web pages. The meeting expressed gratitude to Dietmar Gotke, the webmaster, and his sponsor. It was agreed that DM 1 000 would be budgeted from IDNIYRA-Europe funds for the webmaster's expenses in further development. Voting in ballots by internet had been successful in 2000 and its further use was encouraged, with the use of password access if necessary.

ACTION: Treasurer & Webmaster

Topic 12 Constitution Report

The Secretary reported that he and the Commodore had completed the draft of the Constitution in August 2000 and circulated it to the NA Board and all European Secretaries by Email on 17th August 2000. No substantive comments had been received. It was reported that some minor amendments were required (largely typos) and the Secretary undertook to provide an amended version to all National Secretaries, Euro Board and Technical Committee and the NA Board and Constitution Committee.

Bob Cummins regretted the slow NA progress and briefed a timetable for his Committee which would finish with a ballot vote in Spring 2003. He emphasised the importance of “one member, one vote, one

organisation” and the meeting agreed with this aim. It was agreed that the IDNIYRA in NA and Europe worked on the existing structure, and there was unlikely to be any significant change in the Constitution. Further progress on this “tidying up” was strongly encouraged.

ACTION: Secretary

Topic 13 Letters to the Board

Netherlands Several items were considered more appropriate for the Technical Committee, but the following were discussed:

- a. Use of Grand Prix finish This received general but not unanimous support, was covered by the Racing Rules Article K, was used regularly in NA and was agreed for use by European National Secretaries in 1997. It was agreed that this finish should be used at IDNIYRA-Europe regattas. It was clarified that Article E (DNF-rule) still is valid. **ACTION: Regatta Committees**
- b. Finishing Gate After a lengthy discussion it was decided not to use this in Europe because of the assessed danger of introducing such a fundamental change into a well established finish procedure. It would continue to be used in NA.

Germany

- a. Lap time - the proposal to increase the lap time for C and D Fleets was not agreed.
- b. European Cup - it was agreed not to continue the European Cup with the European Championships.
- c. WC/EC As recorded under Topic 14, it was decided on a TRIAL basis to combine the WC and EC in one regatta in Poland in 2002, the objective being to maximize the sailing opportunities within the allocated period.
- d. Banning the use of discard for a DSQ result After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the decision whether or not a DSQ should be allowed to be discarded (thrown out) in a sailor's scoring should rest with the Protest Committee. Their judgement should be based on the severity of the infringement of the Racing Rules. It was agreed that this would be covered in the Sailing Instructions for the Worlds in Poland in 2002.

ACTION: Poland

Sweden

The Swedish proposal to change the format for the World Championship and restrict the entry to 100 from the International ranking list was put on hold following agreement to combine the WC and EC as a TRIAL in 2002.

Topic 14 WC/EC 2002 – Plans and Suggestions

It was confirmed that Poland would host the WC/EC 2002 in the Mazurian Lake Region, between 17th and 23rd February 2002. After considerable discussion centred on the best method of ensuring maximum sailing for all participants it was agreed that as a TRIAL the WC and EC would be a combined regatta, with 7 races for all 4 Fleets (no end after 3 A-fleet races). Checking/Measuring would take place on Sunday 17th February and sailing would be Monday 18th to Saturday 23rd if necessary. December 20th 2001 would be the latest entry date, and fees would be Euros. 100 per entry plus, for European sailors, Euros 30 per start place. Bob Cummins undertook to consult the NA Board over the TRIAL WC/EC combination.

ACTION: Poland, National Secretaries & Bob Cummins

Topic 15 Junior EC 2002

It was reported that these would also be held in the Polish Mazurian Lake Region, from 15th – 17th February. Entry fee would be Euros 10 and a subsidy of Euros 10 per sailor would be funded by IDNIYRA-Europe.

ACTION: Poland, Treasurer

Topic 16 Host for National Secretaries Meeting 2002

Hungary's offer to host the 2002 meeting in Budapest was gratefully accepted. Subject to confirmation, the dates would be 19th-21st April 2002.

ACTION: Secretary

Topic 17 EC 2003

Estonia's offer to host the EC in 2003 was gratefully accepted. The location was yet to be decided and the date would depend on the time of the WC 2003 in NA.

Topic 18 WC/EC 2004

Hungary's offer to host the WC/EC 2004 on Lake Balaton was gratefully accepted. The date was likely to be mid-January/late February 2004.

Topic 19 Technical Committee

A significant number of technical proposals had been submitted ahead of the meeting by two European members of the Technical Committee. In the absence of any evidence to indicate coordinated Technical Committee agreement on these proposals, the National Secretaries felt unable to support forwarding them for ballot. There was unanimous agreement that proposals for ballot must be coordinated and agreed by the European Technical Committee before presentation for consideration by the National Secretaries.

ACTION: European Members of the Technical Committee

Topic 20 National Ice Boat Authority (NIA) – question of European participation

The Secretary briefed the very helpful Email response from Jane Pegel concerning the NIA and European representation. This covered the history, starting in 1963 and emphasised membership from all classes of ice boats, with NIA rules being designed to apply to all kinds of ice boats. Any rule or procedure that was applicable to only one class of boat must be a rule or procedure for that Class, and not a universal rule of all iceboating classes. The NIA was an organisation registered with the United States Federal Government and the current members of the Board of Directors were:

Jack Ripp – Northwest Ice Yacht Association
 Bob Pegel – *Renegade* and *Skeeter*
 Tom Nichols – *Skeeter* and Eastern Ice Yacht Association
 Jane Pegel, Paul Goodwin and Skip Boston – *DN*.

The 50% DN membership represented the high activity in that class.

Following a lengthy discussion it was agreed that IDNIYRA-Europe would accept Jane Pegel's offer of the nomination of several members to the NIA Board of Directors, from whom the NIA would select one individual to represent DN Europe. The subject of the *Monotype XV square metre* class was discussed and it was decided to include a *XV square metre* sailor in the European nominees. The Commodore undertook to write formally to Jane Pegel with the list of nominees (this would include Piotr Burcinski, Endel Voorema, Chris Williams and Mats Akerblad).

Secretary agreed to provide a draft.

ACTION: Commodore & Secretary

Topic 21 Winter Olympic report

The Secretary briefed his recent contacts with the International Sailing Federation (ISAF). These were summarised as follows:

The new procedure for Olympic Host City selection was: 8 years before the Olympics concerned IOC select 4 or 5 cities from those interested (could be 10 or more). For the Winter Olympics of 2010 (earliest for Ice Sailing) this selection would be made in 2002. The selected bidding cities then have one year to prepare and submit their bids. Ice Sailing would not be considered unless it was in a bid (or all bids).

IOC decision on Host City for 2010 was likely to be made in 2003.

Of additional interest: Paul Henderson (President of ISAF) was now an IOC member (and supportive of Ice Sailing). The IOC Presidency would change in July 2001 and one of the potential contenders was a well known *Finn* sailor.

The Secretary reported mixed reactions in NA to Winter Olympic participation. The meeting agreed that Olympic participation was an important element in encouraging more young people to ice sail, and authorised the Secretary to continue with the campaign and ISAF Affiliate Membership. The Secretary outlined some PR plans for the next year which included participation in the International Festival of the Sea at Portsmouth, England, 24th-27th August 2001 with two ice yachts.

ACTION: Secretary

Topic 22 Selection of one member (6-year term) to the Technical Committee (Europe)

After a close vote Andreas Bock was elected to replace Harald Stuert (who had completed his 6-year term) on the European section of the IDNIYRA Technical Committee. Thanks would be conveyed to Harald for all his hard and detailed work throughout his 6 years, and he would be encouraged to continue to provide advice to the European members of the Technical Committee.

ACTION: Commodore

Topic 23 Any Other Business

The Secretary undertook to issue an updated list of National Secretaries, Board Members and Technical Committee (Europe) members with Email addresses as soon as possible.

ACTION: Secretary

The Commodore thanked all those attending for their constructive contributions and in particular Herbert Hoermann of Austria for all the excellent arrangements made for the successful meeting. The meeting closed at 5 p.m. on Saturday 28th April 2001.