

**International DN Ice Yacht Racing Association Europe**  
**(IDNIYRA-Europe)**  
**Minutes and Decisions of National Secretaries**  
**Vienna, Austria 8 - 10 September 2006**

**Present:** IDNIYRA-Europe Executive Board  
Vice Commodore & Treasurer - Christian Seegers  
Junior Programme Manager - Stan Macur  
Secretary - Chris Williams

National Secretaries

AUSTRIA - Peter Munnich (& Niklas Muller-Hartburg)  
DENMARK - Daniel Hansen  
FINLAND - Reko-Anti Suojanen  
GERMANY - Joerg Bohn  
HUNGARY - Gustav Koltay (& Atila Pataki)  
NETHERLANDS - Daan Schutte  
POLAND - Stan Macur  
SWEDEN - Thomas Ostergren  
UNITED KINGDOM - Chris Williams

Webmaster - Dietmar Gottke

**Proxy Votes:** FINLAND for ESTONIA  
GERMANY for SWITZERLAND  
HUNGARY for LITHUANIA  
POLAND for BELARUS and LATVIA  
UNITED KINGDOM for NORWAY and RUSSIA

**Apologies:** John Harper, North American Commodore.

All nations nominating proxies except Czech Republic

ITALY – The Italian National Secretary resigned early in 2006 without a successor.

Before the start of the meeting all stood in silence for one minute in memory of Rob Schutte, the recent Commodore.

**Topic 1 Opening Remarks and Review of Season 2005/2006**

The Vice Commodore opened the meeting by welcoming all present to what he hoped would be a productive and constructive debate with some important decisions to be made. The season 2005/2006 experienced unusually challenging weather conditions and snow and warm weather reduced sailing opportunities in most countries in Europe and North America. Despite the weather, regattas were held in many countries from the Moscow Cup in December through to Poland in mid-April. Several nations had managed to complete their National Championships although not always at the date and place first planned. The WC and EC were held under exceptionally difficult conditions.

**Topic 2 Minutes of European Secretaries' Meeting 2005**

These were AGREED and approved as issued.

**Topic 3 Matters Arising from Topic 2 not covered by this Agenda**

- (a) Loss of Ranking points due to involvement in organizing a major Regatta - raised by Finland at last Secs meeting. No change, no further Further Action required.
- (b) The Golden Runner – awarded in connection with the EC. No EC completed therefore no Golden Runner awarded 2006

**Topic 4 Letters to the Board**

- (a) Sailing opportunities (Topics 6 & 19)
- (b) By Laws – Web or Year Book (Topic 13)
- (c) Revision of Organisation of IDNIYRA-Europe (Topic 15)
- (d) Communications (Topic 19)
- (e) Professional Race Committee (Topic 20)

(f) Revised Start/Finish/Recall procedure (Topic 16)  
Decisions on these letters are covered in the indicated Topics.

#### **Topic 5 Financial Report 2005/2006 and Budget 2006/2007**

The Financial Accounts for 2005/2006 (attached to these Minutes) were audited by the National Secretaries of Denmark and the Netherlands and found correct. The Treasurer summarised a difficult period following the passing of Rob Schutte and the time taken to transfer the IDNIYRA-Europe funds from the ING Bank in The Netherlands. This had been achieved partly only in the past few days and is not yet concluded.

A Budget for 2006/2007 would be provided before the start of the season. (Attached)

The Treasurer/Vice Commodore expressed the need for the creation of a non-profit making organisation or company. This would avoid taxation on bank interest and provide a legal status to enable insurance and limited liability. Poland, The Netherlands, Denmark, Finland, Sweden, Austria, Hungary and Russia have legal status as part of their National sailing association or similar bodies. Germany will be, and UK could be (RYA). Following discussion it was agreed that the Treasurer/Vice Commodore would prepare the necessary documentation. All National Secretaries present signed an Authority for this to proceed. **ACTION: Treasurer/Vice Commodore**

#### **Topic 6 WC/EC 2006 Report**

Finland briefed the WC/EC, expressing many thanks to his Race Committee and for the local help received in Germany and Sweden as the event moved to those countries instead of the planned venue of Finland. An ice search over most of Europe, led by Joerg Bohn, located sailable conditions at Lake Murtitz (south of Rostock). 186 sailors took part, including 8 from North America and 5 Juniors. Conditions were challenging with snow showers and significant cracks in the ice and the start line over 7 km. from the launch site. A heavy snowstorm caused the move to Sweden and racing resumed at Motala following a two-day gap for travel and the search for a suitable launching site and conditions. The WC was completed but the EC abandoned when the ice started to break up. Many lessons for the future were learned. Some of these were:

- (a) More reliable information on ice conditions must be available.
- (b) Communications between Race Committee and ice sailors must allow for changing weather conditions and distances between race course and launch area.
- (c) Start time of last race must allow for weather conditions (snow) and distance from race course to launch area (see Racing Rules E – [page 57 05/06 Year Book](#)).

Finland undertook to provide a full summary of the Lessons Learned in the next few weeks.

**ACTION: Finland**

Finland briefed their proposal to re-run the EC2006 in November/December 2006. After much discussion it was agreed and decided by vote that the EC 2006 should not be re-run, but Finland's offer to host a regatta – the European Cup – in Week 48 (1 – 3 December) was welcomed. Some of the surplus funds from the abandoned EC 2006 would be used for this event. A Notice of Race and Invitation would be issued in good time. Ranking points would not be awarded for this regatta.

**ACTION: Finland**

**Sweden (lessons learned)**

WC/EC Finance Report is attached to these Minutes.

Finland was congratulated on managing the WC/EC under very difficult conditions whilst remaining within the budget despite moving twice: Finland-Germany-Sweden.

Post Meeting note: Finland has undertaken to Email to all National secretaries, the European Technical Committee members and the IDNIYRA – Europe Board a full summary of the Lessons Learned during WC/EC 2006

**ACTION: FINLAND**

#### **Topic 7 WC/EC Junior DN and Ice Optimist 2006 Report**

The Junior Programme Manager briefed the Junior and IO WC/EC which took place in Parnu, Estonia with 35 Junior DN and 41 Ice Optimist competitors. Accommodation was excellent in the Yacht Club and control/organisation by the Race Committee was very good and professional. There were good performances by some newcomers from Germany (2<sup>nd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> out of 35) in the Junior DN, and the UK (3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> out of 41) in the IO. Weather conditions were very challenging but 40 cm. of ice proved more than adequate. He thanked Estonia for hosting such a successful, professionally run and enjoyable event.

#### **Topic 8 Junior Programme Report**

The Junior Programme Manager (JPM) briefed the 2007 major event. The WC/EC Junior DN and IO would be hosted by Lithuania at Siauliai on Lake Rekyva, a 3 km. x 4 km. shallow and round lake. The dates are 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2007, starting with a Training Camp 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> February and the Regatta 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> with the 11<sup>th</sup> as spare sailing day if required. Reserve dates are 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> March.

The increasing synergy between water and ice sailing was emphasized. Many of the top Polish young water sailors were also ice sailors. The status of the Junior DN and IO organisation was questioned and it was considered that although at present it operated under the guidance of IDNIYRA-Europe, it should be included in the proposed IDNIYRA-Europe non-profit making organisation (Topic 5). There was increasing interest in the IO and UK/Sec undertook to contact Germany (Godie) and NA to make them aware of the Fiskeboda training camp opportunities for 2007.

**ACTION: Vice Commodore  
JPM  
Secretary**

#### **Topic 9 Technical Committee Report**

No report from the European Technical Committee was available at the time of the meeting. Secretary undertook to provide a report.

**ACTION: Secretary**

*[Post Meeting Note: Telephone conversation with Dag Eriksson provided the following:*

*“Technical questions from Denmark were answered promptly following a quick response from Paul Goodwin, the Technical Committee Chairman. The issue of the Jeff Kent runner chocks continues and involves the entire Committee with no agreement as yet. A Technical Committee vote is now likely and should be followed by a proposal for a Class Vote.”]*

#### **Topic 10 IDNIYRA-Europe Insurance report**

Finland and Austria reported two separate collision claims which had been settled and paid successfully.

Secretary reported action from last meeting completed – letter to Berckmeyer & Siemsen. Insurance requirements would be covered in the Notice for Race.

Following discussion concerning the adequacy of the present IDNIYRA-Europe requirement for €500,000 cover, it was considered that this should be raised to €2 million. Vice Commodore undertook to obtain an estimate for the annual premium for €2 million cover from Berckmeyer & Siemsen and inform all European National Secretaries and Board members.

**ACTION: Vice Commodore & Sweden (EC 2007**

*[Post Meeting Note: The present policy with Berckmeyer & Siemsen provides cover of € 3million - further discussion will be needed before a decision on increased insurance cover can be made]*

#### **Topic 11 IDNIYRA-Europe NA contact report**

Secretary reported discussions by email over proposed By Law changes to WC/GC and DN Race System. Final version had European input but one small change was still needed. Secretary undertook to email request to NA Commodore. This would be voted on in September/October and effective for 2007 if passed.

**ACTION: Secretary**

#### **Topic 12 Election of IDNIYRA-Europe Officers**

**Christian Seegers** explained that his business commitments would not allow sufficient time for him to be the Commodore and therefore he was not a candidate, but he would be happy to complete his term as **Vice Commodore**.

**Commodore** – with one abstention **Niklas Muller-Hartburg** was elected to the post of IDNIYRA-Europe Commodore for 2 years.

In response to a question concerning his intentions he outlined his priorities as:

- a. FUN as an essential element of Ice Sailing, which he would do his best to encourage.
- b. The establishment of IDNIYRA-Europe as a legal entity (Topic 5)
- c. Adequate insurance (Topic 10)
- d. Establishment of a Professional Race Committee (Topic 20)
- e. Improved communications.

He paid tribute to his late brother Andreas, who had done so much to encourage the sport.

The new Commodore then took the Chair of the meeting.

**Junior Programme Manager** – Vivi-Anne Karlsson had been nominated for this post at the informal meeting in Motala. However she regretted that she was fully committed within the Swedish national and local organizations and thus unable to allocate the additional time that would be needed. **Stan Macur** agreed to remain in this post for a further year and was elected.

Terms for the present Board expire:

Commodore	2008
Vice Commodore	2007
Junior Programme Manager	2007
Secretary	2007
Webmaster	2007

Euro Technical Committee:

Andreas Bock	2007
Karol Jablonski	2008
Dag Eriksson	2011.

### **Topic 13 Year Book and Runner Tracks**

#### Receipt

Some National Secretaries reported not receiving the Year Book and *Runner Tracks*. This might have been caused by incorrect address or loss in the mail. Vice Commodore requested all National Secretaries to email him their snail mail addresses. **ACTION: National Secretaries**

#### Payment

All European DN sailors who wished to receive the Year Book and *Runner Tracks* had to pay US \$25 each year to the IDNIYRA Treasurer. National Secretaries and the IDNIYRA Executive Board received their copies from IDNIYRA-Europe funds.

The Treasurer offered to coordinate payment for those wanting these publications through the IDNIYRA-Europe account. National Secretaries or individual sailors were advised to pay the necessary funds into this account (details to be emailed to National Secs and given in Topic 20\_b) and inform the Treasurer of the snail mail addresses of those who had paid. The Treasurer would pay to IDNIYRA Treasurer when in North America later this year. **ACTION: Treasurer National**

#### **Secretaries**

#### Runner Tracks

Secretary undertook to request a *Runner Tracks* PDF file from IDNIYRA Sec for placing on the IDNIYRA-Europe website two months after publication. **ACTION: Secretary**

#### Next Year Book (2007)

IDNIYRA planned to publish the next Year Book early in 2007. Membership lists would be needed by Sec by December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006. **ACTION: Secretary & National Secretaries**

Terms of office of Technical Committee members had been omitted from the 2005/2006 Year Book and Sec undertook to ensure they were included in the 2007 edition. **ACTION: Secretary**

#### Where does authority lie for IDNIYRA Rules-By Laws etc. - the Year Book or the Website?

This issue was raised because of the time lag between voting on changes and their publication in the Year Book. This had led on occasion to unnecessary confusion e.g. WC 2006. It was unanimously voted that the website was quicker to react to changes and therefore it should become the authority.

The Webmaster undertook to ensure that the website contained all Rules, Regulations and Specs and was right up to date with the latest voted changes. This would become effective from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2006. **ACTION: Webmaster**

### **Topic 14 Internet Communications**

The Webmaster provided a comprehensive and excellent briefing on the IDNIYRA-Europe website, summarized as follows:

1. Statistics available via the "Stats" link showed 120,000 users in Jan/Feb/March 2006 with busy times 0900-1600 and 1600-1900. Most sought data were ice reports and regatta dates.
2. Notice posting by ice sailors – no need to register.
3. EC Notice of Race etc. to be found on Forum .
4. Plenty of space on the server for National websites @ €2 per month.
5. Many templates available – contact Webmaster.
6. National notice boards could be arranged with Webmaster.
7. Java Score programme had defect at WC 2006. Bug now cleared.
8. Address updates required.
9. On-line shop.

10. Year Book, Constitution, Specs, By Laws, Sailing Rules etc. available on website – comments welcomed.

11. Skype seemed to be degraded by increase in user numbers. Voice over IP cheaper  
[www.voipcheapVoIP.com](http://www.voipcheapVoIP.com)

It was agreed that the Webmaster's ageing laptop could be sold and his budget allocation for 2007 would be ~~€500.300~~. His laptop should be replaced with an up to date model – estimated cost €500.

**Post Meeting Note:** The web master has undertaken to Email to all Nationals Secretaries the European Technical Committee members and the IDNIYRA - Europe Board a full summary of the web site facilities.

**ACTION: Web Master**

**Topic 15 IDNIYRA Constitution Report/Revision of Organisation of IDNIYRA-Europe**

(Pages 63 to 67, 2003/2004 Year Book, Pages 61 to 65, 2005/~~2006~~ Year Book)

Secretary briefed the revision which had been on the website for nearly 2 years and emailed to all National Secretaries before the meeting. It was agreed that some additional words were needed and in particular the **European Ice Boat Authority (EIA)** should be included. Although this Authority had not been used since it was established in 1994 it was considered that it should be retained in order to deal with European Appeals of disputed Protest Committee findings. It was agreed that the three members should be: **Peter Burczynski** (Poland) (To be asked by Stan Macur), **Dietmar Gotke** (Germany) (elected), and **Daan Schutte** (The Netherlands) (elected). In the event of any conflict of interest at a hearing (same nation) a member from another Nation would be coopted for that hearing.

Secretary undertook to further revise the "Organisation" pages and circulate to IDNIYRA-Europe Secretaries in time for agreement and inclusion in the next Year Book. **ACTION: Secretary**

[Post meeting note: Peter Burczynski has agreed to be a member of the EIA]

**Topic 16 Racing Rules**

Hungary withdrew their proposal for a revised Start/Finish and Recall procedure.

Lap Time – this is considered to be clear in the NIA Rules.

Racing Rules D. ~~(~~page 57 05/06 Year Book)

A conversion table miles/metres and time could be found on the IDNIYRA-Europe website under Race Management.

Sweden undertook to put an explanation in the Race Instructions for the EC 2007.

**ACTION: Sweden**

**Topic 17 Anti Doping Policy**

The EC in Sweden in 2007 would be subject to random dope tests and it was therefore important that all participants were familiar with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) prohibited list [http://www.wada-ama.org/rte.content/document/2006\\_Listpdf](http://www.wada-ama.org/rte.content/document/2006_Listpdf) It was equally important that any competitor taking any medicine or drugs for medical reasons which were on the Prohibited List should obtain a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) certificate before the competition.

See <http://www.wada-ama.org/en/dynamic.ch2?pageCategory.id=373> Sweden undertook to cover this matter in the Invitation to the EC 2007.

**ACTION: Sweden**

**Topic 18 WC/NA 2007**

These are planned to be in the U.S. Central Lakes Region from 17<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> February 2007. Race days would be Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February through Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

**Topic 19 EC/ET 2007 (Sweden)**

Sweden confirmed their offer to host the EC 2007 and the planned dates were 11<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> March with race days Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March through Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March. It was agreed that the rules for the WC/GC would be used for the EC. A revised version of the WC/GC rules would be published in the next "Runner Tracks" for a vote before the 2006/2007 season and effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007. The Race Instructions would draw attention to the new rules (if passed).

The new Professional Race Committee (PRC) would be trialled at this regatta.

**ACTION: Sweden**

**Germany for PRC liaison**

**Topic 20 Professional Race Committee (PRC)**

Germany ([JoergJoerg](#) Bohn) provided an excellent brief on the "Setting up of a PRC". This was a major part of a wide-ranging discussion on the aspects and implications of creating an IDNIYRA-Europe PRC. The following is a summary of what was agreed and the Actions now required:

a. Budget – the aim was to have a "neutral" budget (no loss or gain). It was considered that costs for the PRC together with those needed for Host nation support could be afforded without an increase in major regatta entry fees (WC & EC). This would be closely monitored by the Treasurer. The host nation must have their budget agreed by the Treasurer in good time before the event (EC)

**ACTION: Treasurer  
Host nation**

b. When the PRC was used for a major regatta the entry fees and the IDNIYRA-Europe annual fee must be sent [via National Secretary](#) direct to the IDNIYRA-Europe Account:

Account Holder: Dr. Christian Seegers wg. IDNIYRA EUROPA  
IBAN: DE 64200700240489827600  
BIC: DEUTDE D BHAM

This would be clearly stated in the Invitation to the EC 2007.

c. Registration forms together with insurance evidence should continue to be sent by National Secretaries to the Host nation.

**ACTION: National Secs.  
Sweden (EC 07)**

d. The first trial of the PRC would be at EC 2007 and evaluated at the next Secretaries Meeting in April 2007 and a decision for a permanent PRC made.

e. Personnel for the PRC would be provided by (Poland) the Polish DN organisation, and a contract between the IDNIYRA-Europe legal organisation (see Topic 5) and (Poland) the Polish DN organisation would be drafted by Vice Commodore, Joerg Bohn and Poland. Joerg Bohn would be in charge of all communications, negotiations and preparations with the Polish Fleet.

**ACTION: Vice Commodore  
Joerg Bohn  
Poland**

f. Details of the tasks for the PRC and the Host nations were discussed at length and initial tables produced. Joerg Bohn undertook to further develop these tables and email to all National Secs and the Board for comment and eventual agreement.

**ACTION: Joerg Bohn  
National Secs.**

g. A table of equipment required by PRC was produced and would be emailed to all National Secs. for comment and agreement.

It was agreed that the purchase of quad bikes for use for a ten-day period in each season could not be justified, and that hiring in the host country, even when a move was involved, would be the cost-effective option. The purchase or hiring of a trailer for the PRC for transporting equipment was justified and agreed. Storage could be arranged and maintenance simple compared with what would be needed for a quad bike.

**ACTION: Joerg Bohn**

It was agreed that the briefing and discussions had been a good start but more needed to be done in order to have a PRC legally set up with all tasks and interrelationships understood and agreed.

All National Secs ~~were~~ [were](#) encouraged to take part in further email exchanges needed for this important initiative.

**ACTION: Joerg Bohn  
National Secs.**

Joerg Bohn was thanked for his briefing and considerable time and work allocated to the PRC project.

#### **Topic 21 DN Juniors and Ice Optimist WC/EC 2007**

As indicated in Topic 8 these will be in Lithuania at Siauliai -5 to 11 February starting with a Training Camp 5, 6, and 7 Feb and the Regatta 8, 9, and 10 with Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> as a spare sailing day if required. Reserve dates in case of postponement are 1 to 4 March

**ACTION: JPM**

#### **Topic 22 Host Secretaries Meeting 2007**

It was agreed that after the trial informal meeting in Motala, and the Agenda and discussion time needed for this present meeting, it was clear that to try to hold a formal meeting during a major Regatta was not practicable and this would no longer be tried. It was however the intention to hold an informal meeting during EC 2007 if possible. Poland undertook to ask Lithuania if they would be prepared to host in 2007, the preferred dates being 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Poland would be the alternative host.

**ACTION: Poland  
Secretary & Sweden  
(Informal meeting 2007)**

[Post Meeting Note: Lithuania has agreed to host the 2007 National Secretaries Meeting in Vilnius



*in April 2007. Dates to be confirmed.]*

**Topic 23 WC/EC 2008 Candidates**

Subject to the establishment of a Professional Race Committee, Denmark offered to host WC/EC 2008. The alternative would be Poland.

**ACTION: Denmark/Poland**

**Topic 24 EC 2009 Candidates**

Russia's offer to host EC 2009 in St. Petersburg was accepted with pleasure.

**ACTION: Russia & Secretary**

**Topic 25 Over 70 Trophy**

Bart Reedijk had produced a trophy for the "Best Over 70". The meeting considered that this would present the "wrong image" of the sport and The Netherlands undertook to ask Bart for other possible uses. There was unanimous agreement that perhaps the "Best First-timer in a Major Regatta" would be more appropriate.

**ACTION: The Netherlands**

Poland undertook to confirm that Michael Burcynski had paid his €300 to IDNIYRA-Europe as agreed at the previous Secretaries' meeting Topic 5(b).

**ACTION: Poland**

Sweden undertook to photograph all trophies and email to the Webmaster for inclusion on the website.

**ACTION: Sweden**

Loss of or damage to trophies. It was suggested that winners of perpetual trophies should be invited to sign for the trophies to indicate their responsibility for their safe keeping.

**ACTION: Sweden (EC 2007)**

**Topic 26 Winter Olympics - report**

Secretary briefed that the IOC was most unlikely to include a sport which could not guarantee a venue and the cost of setting up the International Federation necessary for IOC recognition was beyond that affordable by IDNIYRA. It was therefore unanimously agreed that Ice Sailing in the Winter Olympics would not be possible in the foreseeable future, and this item would no longer be discussed or appear on the National Secretaries' Meeting Agenda.

**ACTION: Secretary**

**Topic 27 Other Business**

- a. **The Netherlands** undertook to investigate the conditions attached to the MITROPA trophy which had been presented by Wim van Acker.
- b. **Denmark** expressed concern at inexperienced sailors taking part in regattas. This had happened in Germany with a Danish sailor. Discussion revealed that some nations had National ice sailing licences e.g. Finland while Sweden had "licensed" sailors on their website. The IDNIYRA-Europe licence had been abandoned in 1994. It was agreed that the Race Committee Chairman must decide who could or could not sail in a regatta. Any doubt should be referred to the relevant National Secretary. For major regattas all entries must come via the relevant National Secretaries who were responsible for entering only safe and competent ice sailors.

**ACTION: National Secretaries**

**All Race Committee Chairmen**

- c. **Finland** encouraged more publicity for ice sailors. UK undertook to provide an 8-minute DVD for use at a November ISAF meeting.

**ACTION: UK**

The Vice Commodore thanked Niklas Muller-Hartburg for providing such excellent facilities for a successful meeting, this covered both the meeting arrangements and the social events (excellent food and wine).

The Commodore thanked all present for their constructive contributions to what had been an excellent debate and discussion period with some important decisions taken. He also thanked the Secretary for his thorough preparation which had contributed to the meeting success.

The meeting closed at 1215.