

IDNIYRA-Europe
International DN Ice Yacht Racing Association Europe
IDNIYRA Europe Society e.V.

Minutes and Decisions of National Secretaries
Hamburg, Germany 24 – 26 April 2009

Present: IDNIYRA Europe Executive Board

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| Commodore | Niklas Müller-Hartburg |
| Vice Commodore & Treasurer | Christian Seegers |
| Junior Programme | Stan Macur |
| Secretary | Chris Williams |

National Secretaries

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| Austria | Niklas Müller-Hartburg |
| Denmark | Bent Gjerloff |
| Finland | Reko Antti Suojanen |
| Germany | Joerg Bohn |
| Hungary | Gusztav Koltay (& Attila Pataki) |
| Netherlands | Daan Schutte |
| Norway | Per Schjolberg-Henriksen (representing Hans Petter Lundgaard) |
| Poland | Andrzej Michalczyk |
| Sweden | Fredrik Lonegren |
| Switzerland | Ueli Marti (& Jean Pierre Comtesse) |
| United Kingdom | Chris Williams |

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| United States | Ron Sherry repres. NA Commodore, Governing Committee Jeff Kent, NA Technical Committee |
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| Webmaster | Dietmar Gottke |
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Proxy Votes

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| Estonia & Lithuania | repres. by Finland |
| Latvia & Belarus | repres. by Poland |

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| <u>Apology:</u> | Russia |
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Topic 1 Opening remarks and Review of the Season 2008/2009

The Commodore opened the meeting with very many thanks to Christian Seegers for the excellent facilities, information packages, programme of events for the week-end and hospitality that he had arranged. He welcomed a record attendance of National Secretaries and then requested a moment of silence in memory of Alexander Kopylov, the late Russian National Secretary.

Review of the Season 2008/2009

EC sailed on primary site, St. Petersburg, Russia (first time for 5 years). See Topic 7.

Germany An excellent winter with 9 week-ends in succession and more sailors participating. National Championships at Steinhude with 60 entries. Won by G660. No accidents. Offer to host WC 2012 welcomed and accepted.

Hungary 5 weeks of ice on Balaton but no races due to police enforcement of local laws on access. Two week-end regattas Lake Velence halfway between Balaton and Budapest.

Denmark No races. 2 weeks sailing on small lake N. of Copenhagen.

Sweden Slow start due to snow. First regatta in January when good season started. 2 more ranking regattas with Swedish Championship in March with 50 entries. Light winds for most of season with much snow in North half of ice sailing areas.

Norway Best season for many years on salt water ice in Tonsberg and Oslo fjords.

Austria Poor season due to snow and light winds.

USA Very good season. All events completed but not too many club races.

Finland Good start with first event in Week 46. December too warm but January to late February excellent. National Championships sailed last week-end March with 43 entries. DN and IO numbers on the increase. Course ploughing used to increase sailing opportunities.

Switzerland Quite good January to end February especially weekdays (for the pensioners). Week-ends affected by snow and light wind. No championships held.

Poland Quite good season with 25 regattas including Polish championship completed.
15 Sq. Metre World Championships held in Poland.

Topic 2 Ascertainment of a Quorum

It was confirmed that the invitation to the annual meeting was issued in time and a quorum was present. Attendance list of the general meeting is attached.

Topic 3 Minutes of National Secretaries Meeting 2008 and IDNIYRA-Europe Society e.v. Meeting

These were AGREED and APPROVED as issued.

Topic 4 Matters Arising from Topic 3 not covered by this Agenda

The action to post the Rookie of the Year for WC and EC on the website had not been completed.

Action: Webmaster

Topic 5 Letters to the Board

There were no letters to the Board.

Topic 6 Financial Report 2008/2009 and Budget 2009/2010

The Treasurer provided and briefed the Financial Report for 2008/2009 and the Budget for 2009/2010. Netherlands checked the Financial Report and congratulated the Treasurer on the excellent and accurate presentation. Treasurer highlighted the considerable increase in expenditure in 2008/2009. This was due to a number of factors, some of which would not recur for several years e.g. new Racing Marks, quadbike chains, new GPS, Paypal (to be stopped) and Russian visa costs for PRC. These extra costs (agreed in 2008/2009 Budget), together with the reduction in IDNIYRA-Europe income caused by considerably reduced EC entries, had resulted in a reduction in our assets. With an expected increased entry in WC/EC 2010 in Poland it was considered that the asset balance would be redressed. The Budget for 2009/2010 reflected this asset improvement. It was AGREED that the IDNIYRA-Europe contribution to the Junior Programme should be increased to Two Thousand Euros and the JPM allowance set at Eight Hundred Euros.

Action:

Treasurer

Topic 7 EC 2009 Report

The Commodore briefed that the plan to maximise racing in the days allocated had been very successful and all agreed. All DN nations except Canada and the Czech Republic were represented (probably a record). With another excellent organisation provided by the PRC there were lots of races – 9 A Fleet, 9 B Fleet and 8 C Fleet until weather intervened. The PRC were congratulated on their performance and the Russian Commodore and his team were thanked for the very helpful “letters of introduction” which greatly helped at the border crossings.

Topic 8 WC Junior DN and Ice Optimist 2009 Report

Sweden briefed the report provided by Race Chairman Vivi-Anne Karlsson who was congratulated on a very successful and well run Championship in Sweden held on Lake Glan near Norrkoping. Seven races in each class in the WC and 3 in the EC. The financial contributions from the Swedish Ice Sailing Federation, Swedish Sports Federation and IDNIYRA-Europe ensured a good financial balance. Use of the new Junior website www.icejunior.eu for invitation, entry and regatta information was very helpful. Assistance from Stan Macur and Slavek Popowiz throughout was greatly appreciated. All 56 entries from 7 nations enjoyed good, safe and fair sailing.

Topic 9 Lessons Learned

(a) Double entry fee application to those in the waiting list to be clarified in the 2010 WC Notice of Race.

Action: Commodore/Switzerland

(b) Race Committee member to be positioned on Start Line in line with Leeward mark/Dolly mark for accurate judgement of yachts crossing that line. **Action: Race Committee**

(c) The IDNIYRA-Europe rule concerning “*passing between Dolly mark and main Race mark*” required clarification. **Action: Race Committee** (Sailing Instructions)

(d) In major regattas a list of those available for Protest Committee duty should be displayed before first race. **Action: Regatta Organiser/Race Committee**

(e) Lengthy discussion on Safety issues.

1) Colour in sail (except red or orange). Required further study and colours on mast might be more effective.

2) Good communications between all Race Committee members considered essential.

Action: Race Committees

3) Use of a smoke canister to stop a race in event of an accident. **Action: Race Committees**

4) Consider programme of CPR training. **Action: All Nations**

5) Strong plea for clear course diagram containing all features (Marks, distances, Start line, Waiting and Safety zones) to be part of Sailing Instructions. **Action: Regatta Organiser/Race Committee**

6) Safety brief at every Skippers meeting. **Action: Race Committee Chairman**

Topic 10 Junior Programme Report/Junior DN and Ice Optimist WC/EC 2010

The Junior Programme continued to encourage more young ice sailors to participate in regattas. Stan Macur was thanked for his leadership in the programme. Estonia’s offer to host the Junior DN and Ice Optimist WC/EC 2010 was welcomed and accepted with gratitude. The primary site would be Parnu and the dates set were: **25th to 27th February 2010 with a training day on Wednesday 24th February**

Action: Estonia

Ron Sherry briefed the North America Junior programme. Many more Ice Optimists being built. At regattas “Chalk talks” on rules were held on the first night. Use of ballast allowed in IOs for practice in heavy winds. Only plate runners were allowed. Two major events in 2009 with 11 entries.

Topic 11 Technical Committee Report

Dag Eriksson reported on Technical Committee activities by email. 2008/2009 issues included clarification of spec limiting size of hull hardware pieces (voted on) and legality of carbon “trim” pieces on the hull (still under discussion).

Jeff Kent from NA Technical Committee briefed that the subject of the “Kent Chocks” remained under discussion.

Daan Schutte questioned the availability of templates for on the ice runner measurement with drawings on the internet. Stan Macur undertook to ensure these could be made available. **Action: Stan Macur**

Topic 12 IDNIYRA-Europe Insurance Report

The Commodore briefed that Berckemeyer & Siemsen would no longer provide ice sailing insurance. Sweden undertook to ask the Swedish insurance company if they could include ice sailors from other countries for insurance. **Action: Sweden**

Commodore briefed that for 2010 it would be necessary to increase the premium for single event insurance. All National Secretaries declared that they understand the reasons and agree to do so.

Topic 13 IDNIYRA-Europe NA Contact Report

Cooperation and collaboration between Europe and NA ice sailors continued to thrive and the Minutes of the 2009 NA Annual Meeting were received in good time. Ron Sherry briefed from the minutes:

(a) Possible vote at next Annual meeting on inclusion of “Darling marks” in continental and higher regattas.

(b) Decision to make *Runner Tracks* available on the internet.

(c) Implementation of a web based system for membership fees, regatta registration and sail numbers.

(d) Provision by Loretta Rehe of instructions for scorers for proper implementation of the Bart Rules.

(e) Production by Technical Committee of a draft measuring handbook.

(f) Purchase of a class defibrillator for race course use and training in each Region.

- (g) A very successful World Ice Racing Oval Track event on Lake Phalen, St. Paul Minnesota attended by approximately 2,000 non-ice racing spectators.

The NA Board from 1st July 2009 will be

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| Commodore | Danny Connell |
| Vice Commodore | Richard Keiser |
| Treasurer | Geoff Sobering |
| Secretary | Jim McDonagh |

Topic 14 Discharge of the Board of Officers

Commodore, Vice Commodore/Treasurer, Junior Programme Manager and Secretary.

It was unanimously AGREED that the Board of Officers had discharged their duties according to the Constitution and in a very satisfactory manner.

Topic 15 Various Proposals from the Commodore

- a. Proposal to change the Rules for a Class Vote

The Commodore briefed that the present class vote rules did not cover the use of the internet for voting. Following discussion it was AGREED that voting via the internet should be introduced and contained in the Class Rules. In order to prepare for this two steps were AGREED:

- (1) A proposal should be drafted and put forward for a vote on the use of the internet for class voting.

Action: Secretary

Topic 13 IDNIYRA-Europe Insurance Report

- (2) A secure (anti cheating) method of internet voting would have to be developed and tested before this voting method was introduced.

Action: Webmasters (Europe & NA)

- b. Proposal to change calculation of Ranking List

Commodore briefed his proposal and following a lengthy discussion and an explanation of the Background to the existing ranking system by Ron Sherry it was AGREED that no change was needed.

- c. Proposal to change Kent style Chocks

After considerable discussion it was agreed that any proposed changes should be sent to the Technical Committee

Topic 16 National Letters

It was AGREED that because National letters had been used on all European DNs and most NA DNs since 1973 (or earlier) they should now be included as a requirement in the Class Specifications (fuselage and sail). This required a Class ballot. Secretary undertook to draft a proposal. **Action: Secretary**

Topic 17 Election of IDNIYRA-Europe Officers

The following were unanimously elected for a 2-year term:

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| Vice Commodore | Joerg Bohn |
| Treasurer | Christian Seegers |
| Junior Programme Manager | Stan Macur |
| Secretary | Chris Williams |
| Webmaster | Dietmar Gottke |

Christian Seegers was warmly thanked for his contribution as the Vice Commodore for four years.

Topic 18 Determination of Contributions to the IDNIYRA-Europe Society e.v.

It was AGREED that €30 (Thirty Euros) per notice of an entry with each member nation to pay a minimum of €30 would continue to be the contribution. Only European sailors have to pay that fee.

Action: All National

Secretaries

Topic 19 Year Book and Runner Tracks

Secretary briefed that the next Year Book and *Runner Tracks* were due to be published shortly. The possibility of *Runner Tracks* being available on the internet in due course was warmly welcomed.

Topic 20 Internet communications

Future Payment of Entry fees

The Webmaster briefed:

- a. Use of Paypal for entry fee payment was much more expensive than anticipated and would not be used in future.
- b. On-line entry would continue with payments by Bank Transfer directly on the IDNIYRA Europe e. V. account.

Name of bank: Deutsche Bank Hamburg

Address of Bank: Adolphsplatz 7, 20457 Hamburg Germany

Account Holder: IDNIYRA Europe e. V.

Bank acc. No.: 040694200

Bankleitzahl: 20070024

IBAN: DE06200700240040694200

BIC: DEUTDEDBHAM

c. On-line voting procedure would require research into "anti cheating" measures which was an essential prerequisite to the proposed change to the voting procedure. Webmaster undertook to keep Secretary informed of progress. **Action: Webmaster**

Topic 21 WC/EC 2010 – Host Nation Switzerland

The primary site would be in Poland and the regatta dates **6th – 13th February 2010**.

Other dates were:

Notice of Race **9th September 2009**

Open Registration **10th October 2009**

Insurance ID **7th January 2010**

Close Registration **10th January 2010**

It was AGREED to increase the registration numbers to 220 in order to allow for "no shows".

The entry fee for the regatta will be unchanged:

European Sailors: Entry fee of 120€ (+30€ for IDNIYRA-Europe fee) = Total 150€

NA Sailors: Total 120€

Junior Sailors: (born latest 1989): Entry fee 60€, no fee for IDNIYRA-Europe = Total 60€

It was also AGREED that should it be necessary for budget reasons an event sponsor would be allowed on a trial basis. **Action: WC Organisers & Commodore**

Topic 22 NA 2010

Planned for the Eastern Region with choice of dates not yet confirmed.

Options: **23rd – 30th January 2010**

27th February – 6th March 2010

Action: NA Commodore

Topic 23 Host National Secretaries Meeting 2010

Poland's offer to host this meeting in Gdansk was warmly welcomed and accepted with gratitude.

Dates: **23 to 25 April 2010**

Action:

Poland

Topic 24 EC 2011 - candidates

Poland undertook to ask Lithuania if they would host and organise the EC 2011. **Action: Poland**

Topic 25 Other Business

WC/EC 2012. Germany's offer to host and organise this regatta was accepted with many thanks.

Action: Germany

The Commodore thanked all present for a constructive and successful meeting with many thanks for the excellent facilities provided by Christian Seegers and KSP. The meeting closed at 5.50 p.m.

Topic 26 Other Business