

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

Minutes and Decisions of National Secretaries  
Gdansk, Poland 23 – 25 April 2010

**Present:** IDNIYRA Europe Executive Board

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

National Secretaries

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| Czech Republic | Vladislav Ptasnik                 |
| Denmark        | Daniel Hansen                     |
| Estonia        | Mihkel Kosk & Mati Hool           |
| Germany        | Joerg Bohn                        |
| Hungary        | Gusztav Koltay & Attila Pataki    |
| Poland         | Jerzy Henke                       |
| Sweden         | Fredrik Lonegren                  |
| Switzerland    | Ueli Marti & Jean Pierre Comtesse |
| United Kingdom | Chris Williams                    |

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| United States | Ron Sherry repres. NA Commodore |
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Proxy Votes

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| Finland & Norway | repres. by Sweden  |
| Latvia           | repres. by Poland  |
| Lithuania        | repres. By Germany |

Apologies:

Netherlands  
Russia  
Webmaster

**Topic 1 Opening Remarks and Review of 2009/2010 Season**

The Commodore opened the meeting by thanking Poland for all the arrangements made for the week-end. He gave a special welcome to the new Czech Republic Secretary Vladislav Ptasnik (first Czech attendance since 1997).

Review of the Season 2009/2010 - Summary

A very difficult and challenging season with a lot of ice but more snow than for many years which greatly restricted sailable ice.

**Sweden** Managed to complete 3 out of 5 planned ranking regattas, 2 in early season and one late season – the Swedish championships on Lake Vattern with visiting participants from Poland, Switzerland, Denmark, Norway, Germany, Latvia, Finland and Netherlands.

**Germany** Much snow, no big regattas, some small ones and several cancelled. Some new boats and sailors but very few juniors.

**North America** A good winter with several big regattas and good training. Major snowstorm caused wide search for suitable venue for NAs which were completed in Thunder Bay, Lake Superior with miles of ice.

**Estonia** No early ranking regattas due to much snow and snow-ice. Some club sailing with local sailors. Top sailors travelled for regattas.

**Denmark** A good start in early December. Danish Championships 2<sup>nd</sup> week-end in January attracted much media interest. 24 cms. of ice considered unsafe by police but a Court decision of 1938 had confirmed sea

laws applied on ice therefore DN (a boat) skippers responsible for sail/no sail decision! Skaters and cars were chased off the ice, DNs allowed to race!!

**Hungary** Short season Jan/Feb using two lakes. Hungarian Championships moved to Neusiedler See in Austria. Season finished after WC.

**Czech Republic** Good ice but no wind at start of season. Contacts made at 2008 WC on Lake Lipno had encouraged more Czech sailors. One regatta before WC and 2 afterwards. Czech Championships held in N. Bohemia.

**Switzerland** Very poor season due to much snow. No Swiss Championships

**Poland** A good start to season with several regattas, early and late. Snow prevented WC/EC in Feb. Junior DN/Ice Optimist WC/EC held in March.\_\_\_\_\_

**UK** One day's sailing on small lake in Lancashire. K-10 (Neil Marsden) organised timed circuits on oval track with local sailing club, much media interest!

**Austria** Short season with Austrian Championships same week-end as Czech Championships.

**Finland** Probably the longest season in Europe. Four regattas completed.

## **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 2009**

These were AGREED and APPROVED as issued.

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

There were none.

## **Topic 5 Letters to the Board**

Letters from Finland, Sweden, United Kingdom, Andreas Bock and Commodore were discussed under Topic 18.

Denmark's proposals for higher visibility of the IDNIYRA-Europe accounts and the Society (IDNIYRA-Europe e.V.) Constitution were discussed at length and it was agreed to:

a) Send the Financial Report and the Budget to the IDNIYRA-Europe Board and all European National Secretaries. **ACTION:**

**Secretary**

b) Place the Society (IDNIYRA-Europe e.V.) Constitution on the IDNIYRA-Europe website

**ACTION: Secretary &**

**Webmaster**

## **Topic 6 Financial Report 2009/2010**

The Treasurer provided a detailed brief on the Financial Report for 2009/2010. He highlighted a considerable and unforeseen increase in expenditure and a resultant reduction in the IDNIYRA-Europe assets. The excessive snowfalls throughout Europe had caused much additional travel and changes of race sites for the WC/EC. The costs for the WC party in Austria were unexpected but the importance of a WC/EC party in the past and the future was agreed by all at the meeting. Care would be taken to reduce party costs at EC 2011 and future major regattas. The effect on entry fees was reflected in Topics 16, 17 and 21

Denmark checked the Financial Report in detail and confirmed it to be correct, also undertaking to carry out the same checks in 2011.

The Treasurer was warmly thanked and congratulated on his detailed financial work in 2009/2010.

## **Topic 7 WC/EC Report**

The very challenging weather conditions throughout Europe had caused change of the race site from Hungary (Lake Balaton) to Austria (Neusiedler See) at very short notice and the host nation (Switzerland), and the PRC were warmly thanked for excellent teamwork in arranging and conducting a very successful event. The Swiss "national stamp" was clearly evident with the "give-aways" and the hot soup, wine and cheese at the yacht depot each day after racing.

The PRC enabled 32 races (21 WC and 11 EC) to be successfully completed in changing conditions during the five days when the ice was sailable.

Protest Committee Chairman (UK) expressed his appreciation for the provision of the list of Protest Committee members before racing started.

The Commodore thanked the Ice scouts throughout Europe for their helpful and regular advice with Ice availability, condition and location. Sweden paid special tribute to his Ice Scouts covering a long country with many lakes.

Ron Sherry suggested consideration of the use of two sets of Start positions to allow for changing weather conditions. The NA experience had shown this to be a time-saver allowing more racing. It was agreed to consider this on a trial basis in EC 2011 and covered in the race Instructions. **Action: PRC**

#### **Topic 8 WC Junior DN and Ice Optimist 2010 Report**

Due to snow this regatta had been postponed and moved from Estonia to Poland, causing a small reduction in the number of competitors with a total of 75 yachts (39 Junior DN and 36 Ice Optimist) from 5 countries. Nine races (5 DN and 4 IO) were completed over a two-day period with good ice and some snow. A training day had preceded the racing days. Stan Macur was congratulated on his organisation which had made this such a success in very difficult conditions and at short notice. The event had been well supported by a good sponsor and trophies.

#### **Topic 9 Lessons Learned from WC/EC 2010 and Junior WC/EC 2010**

Treasurer and Commodore briefed several difficulties caused by late payment and non-payment of entry fees. After full discussion it was agreed to set the rules and deadlines for registration in the Notice of Race (see Topic 21).

Secretary raised the subject of running straight up-wind from the Start line. This had happened several times in the WC and EC, especially at the line centre. This contravened NIA Racing Rules A- Fair Sailing, and D- Propulsion. It was agreed that this should be strongly discouraged, with a warning on the first occasion followed by DSQ on the second occasion. It was acknowledged that allowances must be made for wind shifts and strength. **Action: PRC**

#### **Topic 10 Junior Programme Report**

- a. The European Junior Programme continued to develop with increasing numbers of Junior DN's and Ice Optimists. The Junior Programme Manager was warmly thanked for his contribution to this success.
- b. Junior DN and Ice Optimist WC/EC 2011 would be hosted by Estonia in Parnu 20th – 23rd January 2011 with 19th as a Training Day. Reserve dates to be decided.
- c. Ron Sherry (NA) reported many more Ice Optimists being built in North America, with increasing competitor numbers, together with much encouragement from experienced DN sailors, in their regattas. Equipment limits e.g. no ballast, one sail and only plate runners had been introduced in the interest of fair sailing and cost reduction.

#### **Topic 11 Technical Committee Report**

Dag Eriksson reported by email with a summary of the European Technical Committee work during 2009/2010. This was largely further interpretation of issues on the Kent style chock, the rounding of the front edge of the runners and the legality of making welds on T-runners.

Shortly before the meeting Jane Pegel (new Chair of the Technical Committee) had emailed five DN Runner Interpretations issued by the Technical Committee. These had been passed to all European Secretaries.

Ron Sherry thanked European Technical Committee members for their helpful input over the past year.

#### **Topic 12 IDNIYRA-Europe Insurance Report**

The new insurance arrangement for the 2009/2010 season had worked well with the contribution of Single Event and Full Season cover. The certification arrangement at registration had ensured that all participants were properly covered. It appeared that unrealistic costs were occasionally being claimed for repairs and replacement of parts. It was agreed that unrealistic claims for damage would result in insurance companies ceasing to provide cover, or greatly increasing premiums. This practice was strongly discouraged and National Secretaries should monitor claims from their sailors

**Secretaries**

**Topic 13 IDNIYRA-Europe NA Contact Report**

Contacts and liaison between IDNIYRA-Europe and IDNIYRA-NA were reported as good. Ron Sherry briefed the Minutes of the IDNIYRA-NA Annual Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2010. A number of specification modifications which had been passed at the NA meeting would be mailed out and in the next *Runner Tracks* for a Class Vote.

**Topic 14 Discharge of the Board of Officers:**

**Commodore, Vice Commodore, Junior Programme Manager, Treasurer and Secretary**

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

**Topic 15 Election of IDNIYRA-Europe Officers**

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

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| Commodore         | Joerg Bohn              |
| Vice Commodore    | Attila Pataki           |
| Insurance Manager | Niklas Mueller-Hartburg |

All these accepted their appointments.

The new position of Insurance Manager would require an adjustment to the Constitution.

**ACTION: Treasurer**

Niklas Mueller-Hartburg expressed his great thanks to all who had helped to reduce his work load during his four years as European Commodore. He was congratulated by all at the meeting on his very successful period as Commodore which had seen a considerable number of improvements in the organisation – including the PRC – to provide more and better racing.

**Topic 16 Determination of Contributions to IDNIYRA-Europe Society e.V and WC/EC Entry Fee**

Because of the reduction in IDNIYRA Europe assets (Topic 6) it was agreed that the contribution to IDNIYRA-Europe Society e.V for 2011 would be €45 per member nation and per registered starter in EC 2011. It was further agreed that the entry fee for EC 2011 would be €150 per registered starter. A total of €195. Junior fee €75 (50% of DN fee as agreed in National secretaries meeting in Vilnius 2007).

**Topic 17 Budget 2010/2011**

The Treasurer presented and briefed the proposed Budget for 2010/2011. The increased IDNIYRA Europe contribution for 2011 and entry fee 2011 (see Topics 16 and 21) would help to make good the deficit from 2009/2010. The Budget was unanimously agreed and it was also agreed to try to hold the annual Secretaries' Meeting in venues with low hotel costs.

**ACTION: Commodore**

**Topic 18 Various Proposals**

- a. Proposal to change the Rule for a Class Vote to include the use of the internet. It was agreed that this should be developed for a Class Vote and Secretary undertook to action. **Action: Secretary**
- b. Kent Style Chock Interpretation. This was settled before the meeting (15 January 2010)
- c. Parking Brake. Sweden's proposal was agreed and would be forwarded for a class vote.
- d. National Letter proposal. Agreed to be forwarded for class vote
- e. Runner Profile. Sweden's proposal required further discussion with Technical Committee.

**ACTION: Frederik Lonegren/Dag**

**Eriksen**

- f. Andreas Bock's proposal for the PRC to collect Gold fleet first boat first lap times WC and EC for safety purposes. Secretary undertook to prepare a brief for the PRC. **Action: Secretary**
- g. Finland (Reko Suojanen) had emailed a set of proposed changes. These were discussed and it was agreed to trial in EC 2011:
  1. Allowing 10 runners for the regatta (suggestion from Sweden)
  2. No stickers or sail stamps until completion of qualification races.

### **Topic 19 Year Book and Runner Tracks**

The recent publication of the 2010 Year Book and the Fall edition of *Runner Tracks* were welcomed by those who had received them. Secretary undertook to clarify with Debbie Whitehouse as to who in Europe should receive both publications. The present arrangement, which was started in 1995, provided a copy of both to the European Board members, all European National Secretaries and members of the European Technical Committee at the cost of US\$5 per year.

**Action: Secretary**

In response to a question as to where the Year Book and *Runner Tracks* could be purchased, Secretary undertook to investigate and report.

**Action: Secretary**

### **Topic 20 Internet Communications**

Reported as very satisfactory, and the Webmaster was thanked for all his hard work over the year. The suggestion to centralise a display of all European regatta plans is covered in Topic 25.

### **Topic 21 EC 2011**

Lithuania was confirmed as the Host Nation and the dates agreed as Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2011. The entry fees would be as in Topic 16. The Notice of Race (NOR) would be published on 15<sup>th</sup> November, with Registration opening 15<sup>th</sup> December 2010 and closing on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2011. All money was to be received by IDNIYRA-Europe by ten days after individual registration. Insurance could be sent to the Insurance Manager 12 weeks before the event. Full details of dates, deadlines and refund rules would be contained in the NOR.

**Action: Host Nation**

Following a discussion of some of Finland's proposals it was agreed that for EC 2011 on a trial basis

- a. Stickers and sail stamp would not be required for Qualification races.
- b. The suggestion from Sweden for a maximum of 10 runners would be allowed for the whole event
- c. Gold Fleet first boat first lap times to be collected by PRC. (see Topic 18f)

It was further agreed that if time and conditions permitted the last 5 races, i.e. Races 6 to 10, would count for the European Cup.

**Action: PRC**

### **Topic 22 WC/NA 2011**

These would be organised by the Western Region of IDNIYRA-NA and the dates set as 29<sup>th</sup> January to 5<sup>th</sup> February. Ron Sherry provided a summary of DN and Ice Optimist regatta dates in North America:

1. First suitable week-end in December 2010  
Western Challenge and 2010 Western Regional Championship for DNs & Ice Optimists
2. January 8 - 9, 2011 Western Region Championship and Ice Optimist North American Championship
3. January 15 – 16, 2011 Central Region Championship
4. January 29 – 5 February, gold Cup and North American Championships

### **Topic 23 Host National Secretaries Meeting 2011**

Estonia's offer to host this meeting in Parnu at the Yacht Club was warmly welcomed and accepted with thanks. Dates: **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2011**

**Action: Estonia**

### **Topic 24 WC/EC 2012 - Germany**

More information would be available at the next National Secretaries' Meeting.

### **Topic 25 Other Business**

- a. Finland's offer to host EC 2013 was warmly welcomed and accepted with gratitude.
- b. Poland's suggestion that all European regatta dates should be placed on a central page of the European website was welcomed, and Secretary undertook to discuss with the Webmaster to establish the procedure.

**Action: Secretary/Webmaster**

The meeting closed at 1730 and Poland was again warmly thanked for all the excellent arrangements made for such a successful meeting and week end in Gdansk.

