

International DN Ice Yacht Racing Association Europe
IDNIYRA-Europe Society e.V.
Minutes and Decisions of National Secretaries
Budapest, Hungary, 21st – 22nd April 2018

Present:

IDNIYRA Europe Executive Board

Commodore	Attila Pataki
Vice Commodore	Maciej Brosz
Treasurer	Jerzy Henke
Insurance Manager	Niklas Mueller Hartburg
Webmaster	Dietmar Gottke
Junior Programme Manager	Jerzy Sukow
Secretary	Chris Williams

National Secretaries

Finland	Olli Virta
Germany	Bernd Zeiger
Hungary	Attila Pataki Jr
Netherlands	Hennie van den Brink
Poland	Jerzy Sukow
Sweden	Richard Gustring
United Kingdom	Chris Williams

Technical Committee	Peter Hamrak
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Also present: NA Board Members Eric Anderson, Robert Cummins and Ron Sherry

Proxy votes:

Austria	represented by Niklas Mueller Hartburg
Czechia	represented by Niklas Mueller Hartburg
Latvia	Represented by Olli Virta
Russia	represented by Attila Pataki
Switzerland	represented by Chris Williams
Denmark	represented by Bernd Zeiger

Apologies were received from Austria, Belarus, Czechia, Estonia, Latvia, Russia and Switzerland.

Topic 1 Ascertainment of a Quorum

It was confirmed that the invitation to the Annual meeting was issued in time and a quorum (5 National Secretaries) was present. Attendance list of the general meeting was collected by the Treasurer.

Topic 2 Opening remarks and Review of the 2017/2018 Season

The Commodore opened the meeting with a welcome to all present

Austria This year we had no good luck with ice, but we got some new members for IDNIYRA-Austria. At the beginning of December it seemed to get cold, ice started to grow, but storms and warm weather destroyed all ice in Austria. Until the unexpected cold period at the end of February we could sail on Reschensee and on Lipno. In the beginning of March some sailors could sail for 3 or 4 days on Wallersee. 5 of us were at WC and EC 2018 and before at the Polish Championship. 2 of us were on Lake Baikal. We hope that we will have better conditions next year.

Finland The season started 17-19 November with the Johnny Kohler Cup and All Saints Regatta at Ranua, approx. 100 km South of Arctic Circle. We had 27 sailors from 8 countries and with challenging weather we had 6 races in the Johnny Kohler cup – winner P155 then S81 and Z39. In the All Saints Regatta winner was M53 then P31 and L601. Deb Whitehorse joined us and made a great job as scorer and an excellent report of races which is published on the DN Finland website. Ice conditions continued challenging with next race 13/14 January at Sakya with sailors from 5 countries. Winner P155 then P31 and S81. The really cold season started end February with perfect ice in South Finland. Finnish Championships at Hanku 24/25 March with almost perfect conditions. Saturday race cancelled due to high wind but 6 good starts on Sunday in 6-8 m/s wind. Winner S8 (third time in a row, congratulations Frederik) then L601 and L37. 6 sailors participated in WC & EC best Finn was Johnny Winquist L601. We have 4-5 new sailors in our fleet, most of them experienced catamaran and dinghy class sailors. The season was not perfect, but because of conditions in the springtime the feelings are high.

Germany A late and disappointing season with no sailable ice in Germany. Five sailors started in Sweden for training after Christmas on Lake Sporsjon and Bergviken and then sailing the 2nd Swedish Ranking in Arsunda. Four sailors went to the North Americans sailed in Michigan. The German Fleet was organising the Junior DN and Ice Optimist Worlds and Europeans planned for Achterwasser, East Germany, close to Polish border. No sailable ice caused a move to Siauliai/Lithuania and then Riga. Full report Topic 7. We had 9 competitors in the WC/EC in Poland and later 4 Germans went to the Swedish Nationals which was won by Holger Petzke to finish the season. No German Nationals were sailed. The German Fleet numbers are now a steady 348 members.

Hungary The 2017/2018 winter season was warm in Hungary. We had no ice on our lakes until the end of February, beginning of March. Unfortunately for our sailors competing in the IDNIYRA WC/EC, the cold weather only arrived to our homeland during the time of the event. Tisza Reservoir and Lake Velencei and some parts of southern Balaton had sailable ice only for the first weekend of March. A few of our members had some practice. Our sailors took part in international events like the NA Western Challenge, the WC/EC in Wielimie and the Baikal Icesailing week. On the other hand we had very good public relations. We were mentioned in multiple books and articles published this year. There is a genuine interest about the sport which can be seen in the new members of the Hungarian class. We are in the process of rejuvenating our membership.

Netherlands For the Netherlands it was again a bad season – like the last four years. Only in the week we had the WC/EC in Poland was it freezing very hard but there was also a very strong wind. At that time the ice was very unreliable due to the wind. Many sailors had no patience and went onto the ice which resulted in at least 6 DNs going through the ice! Luckily no one was injured. Many sailors went to Sweden and Poland where they sailed fine and safe. We much hope for better winters so that the number of sailors can grow again.

Poland The season started in November 2017 with 50th anniversary of DN class in Poland. The wife and daughter of Wim van Acker took part in the meeting. The anniversary medal was established and all local organizers and sailors were honoured. Polish Sailing Association honoured some sailors and organizers with its awards. Jorg Bohn was the one foreign sailor who was awarded by Polish Sailing Association as the Friend of the Polish Sailing. The exhibition about 50 years of ice-sailing in Poland was opened in Olsztyn in Sailing and Ice-Sailing Center.

Two sailors: Karol Jabłoński P36 and Tomasz Zakrzewski P55 were awarded by President of Poland for their promoting Poland in international regattas.

Before the ice appeared in Poland, Polish sailors had been traveling to Finland and Sweden to train and race in the regattas.

The season in Poland started late: in the middle of January 2018 and was very long until March the 25th 2018. 12 Polish ice-sailors finished the season on the Baikal Lake on Baikal Icesailing Week.

During the season there were 10 regattas organized and co-organized for DN, DN juniors and Ice-Optimist classes:

- Mistrzostwa Flotyli Wschodniej, Wilkasy (East Fleet Championships)
- Mistrzostwa Polski w klasie DN, kategoria DN Junior, Giżycko (Polish Championships in DN Junior)
- Mistrzostwa Polski w klasie Ice-Optimist, Giżycko (Polish Championships in Ice Optimist class)
- Puchar Komandora Floty Polskiej DN, Giżycko (Polish Fleet Commodore`s Cup)
- Międzynarodowe Mistrzostwa Polski w klasie DN, Harsz-Giżycko (International Polish Championship)
- Memoriał Henryka Aniołkowskiego i Józefa Jaszczur Nowickiego, Giżycko (Memorial of Henryk Aniołkowski and Józef Jaszczur-Nowicki)
- Mistrzostwa Polski w klasie DN w kategorii junior młodszy, Giżycko (Polish Championship in DN junior U17)
- Puchar Floty Polskiej DN, Giżycko (Polish DN Fleet Cup)

Co-organized regattas:

- Caligula Cup, Okartowo
- Mistrzostwa Świata i Europy w klasie DN, Giżycko-Szczecinek (World and European Championships)

During last season Polish DN Fleet established the cooperation with company SailingNet

(www.dn.sailingnet.pl) about:

- Regatta registration on-line
- Ranking on-line
- Regatta results on-line
- It was good decision to make regatta easier for competitors and organizers and judges.

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The season 2017-2018 was a great success for Polish ice-sailors and Polish DN Fleet.

Sweden It was a very warm December but after the New Year it became colder. It stayed cold all winter long until April. We had good ice conditions almost all winter, first in Sandviken but it snowed out in the end of January. But then we got good conditions in Uppsala and Stockholm, in Stockholm it last all winter long. In February and half way in March Eskilstuna and the shallow lakes around Oxelösund were good. In the end of February and March Glan was really good. Further north in Hudiksvall etc. the ice was often covered by snow. In the South part most lakes were unsailable. All six planned regattas in 2018 were successfully completed. Attendance higher than in previous seasons – 30-40 sailors each events. And as the year before many first time sailors at the start line. Swedish Championships held at Lake Glan in Norrköping. The condition was perfect, 2,5 km between the marks, fast clear hard ice and very good wind condition; G-890 Holger Petzke won the regatta convincing and Fredrik Lönnegren Crowned Swedish Championship as second over all . There was Swedish representation at all the International Championships. S-812 Eddie Klemets became 2018 second in the World Junior Championship and third in the European Junior Championship.

Because we had so good condition in Stockholm all winter long and hard working functionaries we have many new sailors on their way into the sport. We see a bright future and looking forward to see many new sailors on the line next year.

United Kingdom Another normal season with no sailable ice in the UK. However as always our many European and Russian friends have welcomed us to their ice and kept us as dedicated as ever to this exhilarating sport.

North America The North American racing season opened with the Great Western Challenge in Minnesota in December. There was racing in all regions of the IDNIYRA. There was a hard cold snap in December and January and there was ice in all regions. This was followed by a very warm February. The North American Championships were held in Michigan at Lake Charlevoix at a lake that had never hosted a Worlds or NA's before. In the end we had 5 races in all fleets and ended with a good regatta. Ron Sherry won overall in softening conditions. The season ended in the East on Moosehead Lake in Maine on April 28 and in the West on Lake Minnetonka on May first.

Topic 3 Approval of the Minutes of National Secretaries Meeting 2017

These were AGREED and Approved by Vote

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

There were no matters arising not covered by this Agenda

Topic 5 Financial Report

The Treasurer presented the Financial Report for 2017/2018 (attached). Discussion of the report concluded that the Junior Programme financial report should be included, and the full report should be sent out ahead of the National Secretaries' meeting.

Action: Treasurer and JPM

The Accounts were examined and verified by Hennie van den Brink and Bernd Zeiger. The Treasurer was warmly thanked for his work in 2017/2018 and the Report was approved by Vote.

Topic 6 WC/EC 2018 Report

The Commodore reported that the traditional ice scouting was made before the event and first Poland was examined, namely Jezioro Siemianowskie and Jezioro Niegocin. Both lake found satisfactory to organize the 2018 DN World and European Championship, however Niegocin (Gizycko) provided better conditions. According to the reports Estonia this time had no suitable ice conditions to host the event. Since Estonia was the organizing country for those events and an invitation came from the Estonian organizing committee the Commodore decided to visit the possible sites in Estonia as well. The main focus was made on the ice near the islands, but at the time of the visit no safe and good enough ice was found. However, the weather forecast promised cold in the following days the decision could not be made based on a promise. The predicted temperature was too low to race and snowfall was promised, as well. The site chosen by the Commodore was Gizyczko with a spare site at Jezioro Wielimie near Szczecinek. The Opening Ceremony was held in the Port of Gizyczko, but on the following day we were forced by the weather to move to the spare site.

There were 21 races held for the WC and 13 races for EC. The PRC worked perfect, but small problems occurred with the scoring. The PRC should pay more attention for choosing proper and experienced scoring team. The PRC worked under the new contract, but not all new contractual provisions could be enforced.

During the SM an opinion raised that we may discontinue to work according to the new contractual structure and to return to the old contract. The SM overwhelmingly decided to continue with the new contract and enforce all contractual provisions accordingly.

Action: Commodore and Polish Secretary

Post-Meeting Note: The Commodore made all necessary changes to make the PRC Contract clear and sent it to the Polish Secretary for review.

Topic 7 Junior WC/EC DN and Ice Optimist 2018 Report

The Hosting Fleet/Organiser of Junior World and European Championships was not established on National Secretaries Meeting in Warsaw 2017. It was only German DN Fleet with the cooperation of Deutche Segel Verbaund who undertook the effort of organization and financing of JWC/JEC 2018.

The list of sponsors:

- G 551 Dr. Christian Seegers
- G 99 Manfred Schreiber
- Segelshop Heiner Forstmann (1 Boom)
- CTM GmbH (Giveaways)
- Contrade Torsten Siems
- Bernd Zeiger and Jorg Bohn
- 1D Sails (1 Ice Opti Sail + 1 = 50% Voucher to DN Sail)

It is strongly recommended to avoid such a situation in future years that the Organizing Fleet is established in advance

Junior Worlds in DN and Ice Optimist classes took place in Siauliai/Lithuania. It was good decision because of economy reason: almost in the center of European Fleets with good and reasonable hotel's base.

There were 30 competitors from 8 countries in DN class and 36 competitors from 7 countries in Ice Optimist class. There were 3 days of regatta with two racing days. 7 races were sailed.

The ice conditions were good: 15-18 cm of ice (the dangerous holes in ice froze in the first training day).

The first day was raced with light wind conditions. After the first day snow fell, so the next day was sailing in the 10-15 cm of snow with 5-6 m/s of wind.

During prize-giving ceremony the decision of moving to Riga/Latvia for Europeans was announced. The reason was: Rekyva Lake was not sailable anymore because of hardening 10-15cm snow.

Winners DN juniors: 1st: Rasmus Mallin C20, 2nd: Eddie Klements S812, 3rd: Joosep Laus C74. Best woman: Zuzanna Rybicka P119. Winners Ice Optimist: 1st: Ader Karl C2, 2nd: Jakub Kamiński P280, Stanisław Konarzewski P292, Best girl: Lisbeth Tagg C1.

The Keizers Lake near Riga/Latvia welcomed the fleet of **European DN and Ice Optimist Championships** with 15-20cm of hard ice and 2-5 cm of hard snow (different conditions as promised). 3 races for each fleet were sailed. 30 Ice Optimists and 27 DN`s were sailing.

During the 3rd race the Police from Riga came in 4 cars with trailers and safety equipment and forced the organizers to take away all the quads of organizers/coaches and parents. All of them had to write the protocol and pay little fee. The main judge decided to finish the regatta due to lack of safety-equipment on ice.

Fortunately both events were fulfilled in one day with three races for both groups: DN junior and Ice Optimist.

Winners DN junior: 1st: Rasmus Mallin C20, Eddie Klement S812, Zuzanna Rybicka P119, Best woman: Zuzanna Rybicka P119. Winners Ice Optimist: 1st: Gustaw Miciński P163, 2nd: Jakub Kamiński P280, 3rd: Jorgen Kuivonen C5, best girl: Maria Konarzewska P1924

The decision of IDNIYRA Board from 2017 meeting in Warsaw about time-limit for Ice Optimist class was checked and it's working very well.

Topic 8 Letters to the Board

There were no letters to the Board.

Topic 9 Lessons Learned from WC/EC 2018 and Junior WC/EC 2018

See topics 6 and 7 above.

Topic 10 Junior Programme Report

This topic is Covered by Topic 7.

Topic 11 Technical Committee Report

The TC received one question about runner body during the season, and had several requests to discuss the current specifications to update to today's needs, but none lead to any proposals or interpretations by the committee.

The interpretations and the proposals were put on hold by the request of the Commodores to give priority to the voting system changes and the reorganization of the documentations by the governing bodies.

The discussed topics were:

1. Masts weight and balance

The idea would be to Completely remove C 3./f and C 3./g paragraphs.

Reasons:

Today's carbon masts can be produced 30% lighter than earlier masts, so it is necessary to put about 2,3 kg lead in each mast to meet requirements. It is the 1/3 of the mast weight, which is significant.

A. The balance point has no real effect on the performance of the DN. We don't sail on waves, and the masts balance point hardly goes out of the center of gravity of the yacht.

B. There is no reason to have the weight limit for the masts as it has very little or no real advantage if the mast weighs less.

The placement of the lead is really difficult for the masts, especially on the top section. It requires special molding, extra material and work.

The lead filling procedure makes the masts more expensive.

2. Fuselage and plank material addition for better build-ability, safety, and efficiency

Reasons for change:

Today, most of the fuselages and planks are built of fiberglass, mostly out of the real expensive S-glass. There is a number of additional material, that could be used more effective, and more efficient. The use of Carbon fiber would also make the hulls more safe for impacts.

This rule would also recognize molding technique, which is a common technique for a long time in composite building.

This rule change would be a follow up of the currently used building systems and adds also cheaper materials.

3. Wood Runner body is impossible to enforce to rules, as rules aren't clear and no technical solution to check the inner body.

The evolution of the **insert runners** was not followed up in the Official Specifications for a long time. The several modifications in interpretations are confusing and incoherent.

The Specification does not even contain CARBON fiber as allowed material for runners.

The minimum wood content of the runner body is not clearly specified.

There is no eligible method to enforce the adherence of the runners, especially the inner content.

To allow any material for internal core body of the insert runners would eliminate all problems of control of the runner bodies, and keep all today's insert runners legal.

Topic 12 IDNIYRA-Europe Insurance Report

Insurance Manager reported:

This year I did not get any information about big claims at insurances and as far as I know there were no severe accidents.

As I mentioned last year, in some countries it is getting harder and harder to find an insurance company covering icesailing. Good news is that obviously in other countries sailors found a broker who offers coverage for icesailing. E.g. Lithuania.

Having now a lot of claims lying on my table I strongly recommend that damages of the boats should be listed (and if possible documented) at the protest hearing. Both sailors should confirm that list. So discussions about damages and the following claims should be avoided.

As I also mentioned last year a lot of sailors do not read their confirmation of cover before they send it to me, and then they are surprised that they do not get an ID because e.g. the region of coverage is missing.

The SM decided that the protest hearings with international involvement should be held in English, the primary language filling the Protest Form is also English, which as required by local regulations can be accompanied by a translation to the local language. The Protest Form with the decision of the Protest Committee should be signed both by the protesting and by the protested sailors.

Action: All times the current Chairman of the PC

Topic 13 EDNIA Report

Appeals

EDNIA had 2 appeals. One of these (M-53) was not taken due to missing the time limit of 30 days. But some recommendations were given by EDNIA. The other appeal (D-126) was dismissed, because there was no procedural mistake and a correct decision at the original hearing

Both appeals and decisions will be published on the website in the EDNIA section.

Protest hearings archive

All original minutes of protest hearings of an event shall be collected by a member of the board and be saved for one season. They shall be digitalized in PDF format and archived on the webserver.

Protest hearings in a look back on WC/EC 2018

We had 11 hearings. The handling of protests, hearings and other related issues were a little bit better than in former years.

Positive:

- There was a list of candidates from most nations for joining the jury
- There was a separated room for the hearings.

Negative:

- There were no protest forms and rule book on the ice.
- There was no list of jury members at the notice board on the ice.
- There was no information on protests, time and location of the hearing at the notice board on the ice.

Suggestions:

Jury members shall be nominated in the run-up to WC/EC by each nation. Their mobile numbers shall be provided too.

There shall be a meeting with PRO and Jury Chairman prior to the regatta to mention all requirements needed (see also *Organisation of IDNIYRA-Europe*, para. 6)

Statement:

Good handling of rules and all protest issues is the manifestation of professionalism. We are on a good path.

Topic 14 Discharge of the Board of Officers

It was agreed that the Board of Officers (Commodore, Vice Commodore, Insurance Manager, Treasurer, Junior Programme Manager, Secretary and Webmaster) had discharged their duties according to the Constitution in a very satisfactory manner.

Topic 15 Election of IDNIYRA-Europe Officers (for 2 year period)

The following were elected and approved by vote:

Commodore	Attila Pataki
Vice Commodore	Timo Caravitis
Treasurer	Jerzy Henke
Insurance Manager	Niklas Mueller-Hartburg
Junior Programme Manager (for one year period)	Stan Macur

Topic 16 IDNIYRA Europe – NA Contact Report

The representatives of the two Continental Boards met before the SM to discuss possible solutions for problems occurred from the historical arrangements of governing documents among the Continental Organisations.

It was a very productive and successful negotiation. We could agreed on two Agreements (EPIC Agreement: Established Procedures on Iceboat Competition and Regatta Management Agreement), which would regulate our intercontinental affairs. Items included in these two documents (Official Specifications and Plans, Racing Rules and Race Management, International Ranking) will be our common business, which both continent should obey and any change should be agreed accordingly. All other continental affairs will remain as they were earlier and there will be no substantial change in the flow of our own business. Maybe we should adjust our continental documents accordingly.

In order to make a clear differentiation in continental and intercontinental businesses we introduced the term “DN CLASS”, which should refer to our international community as a whole. There will be no additional organisation introduced, but the two Continental Organisations will make up the DN Class.

To introduce these changes, we have to have a clear definition of Continental Organisation’s Member, defining his/her obligations and privileges. Recent definition of being a member of IDNIYRA (North America) or INDIYRA Europe differs substantially, which however reflects the differences of the two Continental Organisations, but may be a serious problem when we are speaking about the fairness of voting on DN Class affairs. There is almost tenfold difference in the number of members in favour of Europe. Though this difference cannot be noticed when we arrive to a Class Vote since usually only a few hundred European votes used to be made, mainly by our members who are deeply involved in racing and manufacturing of DN gears and a few other who are interesting in Class affairs.

In order to taking in account this reality we want to introduce slight changes in our membership structure.

As today we define the membership in Europe as being a National Fleet member. But to sail an DN Class Regatta (WC, EC or NAC) the member should pay either an EU-fee (45 EUR) or a NA-fee (25 USD). As today we pay the EU-fee together with the entry fee and nobody realise that this fee is a kind of membership fee. In our proposal we would like to detach this EU-fee from the entry fee, make it possible to anyone to become a Continental Member and having the relevant privileges.

To be clear we do not want to change the structure we are recently doing our business in Europe, but for those sailors who will pay the EU-fee we would like to give some additional privileges, like sailing on DN Class Regattas, i.e. WC, EC and NAC, having right to vote on DN Class issues, i.e. Official Specifications, Racing Rules, Race Management and International Ranking Rules, and having privileged communication from the DN Class.

Since the information provided by the Commodore was new for the participants of the meeting it would have been unfair to vote on the change of the European membership structure. Therefore it was decided to give time to the National Secretaries to discuss the issue with their national team members and make an electronic vote at the end of May.

Post-Meeting Note: The electronic vote was made and there was an overwhelming (16:1) support in favour to change the recent structure.

(Results at: <https://vote.electionrunner.com/election/2S4J1/results>)

Both draft Agreements were sent for legal review and will be published for the community for information. The documents will come to force only after they will be accepted by the Community by a Class Vote.

Topic 17 Determination of Contributions to IDNIYRA-Europe Society e.v. and WC/EC Entry Fee

- a. It was agreed that the IDNIYRA Europe Society e.v. fee should remain at €45 per registered starter and member nation.
- b. Entry fee for WC/EC 2019 €175 per registered starter. A total of €220.
- c. Junior DN sailors €87.50 per registered starter (50% of Senior DN entry fee and no IDNIYRA Europe e.v. fee).

Action: Treasurer

Topic 18 Budget 2018/2019

The Treasurer presented the Budget for 2018/2019 (*attached*) and briefed that the reducing number of entries was having a negative impact on funds. A year by year comparison would enable visibility of this and could be included in future Minutes. It was agreed that the Junior Programme budget should be included in future budget statements.

Post-Meeting Note: The Comparison Report 2006-2018 is attached.

Action: Treasurer

Topic 19 Various Proposals

The Finnish Secretary Olli Virta proposed a Grand Masters 60+ regatta in order to encourage greater participation by older DN sailors. Rules could be different – less running and the event could be held near and after the Junior/Ice Optimists to encourage mutual interest/support for both regattas. Olli undertook to conduct an initial survey for interest.

The proposal was welcomed and further information was strongly encouraged.

Post-Meeting Note: An initial survey in Sweden and Finland has indicated strong support from “60+ sailors” and the GM Regatta will be arranged next season. Where and When is yet to be decided but it could follow the Junior/IO regatta, making ice scouting and race help easier.

Topic 20 Year Book and Runner Tracks

Deb Whitehorse was complimented and congratulated on all the hard and excellent work she provides for both these publications. The membership lists published are those sent to the publishers. If there are any errors (e.g. personal information or duplication) members are asked to initiate corrections via their National Secretary.

Action: **All listed members**

Topic 21 Internet Communications

Webmaster briefed:

Website

The layout was completely overhauled and transformed to a display which adapted automatically to smartphone, tablet or desktop.

Our spam protection had another successful year. All hacking attempts could be prevented. Since 4th November 2015 about 1,104,000 spam bots were blocked.

A new European law to protect the privacy of website users became active at the end of March and we have to publish a privacy statement on our website which covers the requirements of this new law. We urgently have to take care of this in order to avoid receiving a warning letter. I have a draft ready to publish.

It was agreed that this Privacy Policy should be published on the website.

Action: **Webmaster**

Rule Tests

The rule test is now available in eight (8!) different languages and the last check-in showed that all worked without problems.

Some small mistakes in languages were noticed, but please tell me where and what.

Negative: Many nations sent their translations after the deadline and this brought me into time pressure because I had to spend greater efforts into the integration of the payment procedures. Please in future respect the deadlines.

Integration of Online Payment

This was more difficult than expected, because there have to be two different payment providers: one for credit cards and one for Paypal. With both I had to run through a time-consuming verification procedure for our organisation. Then our current entry procedure had to be combined with these two payment procedures – not that trivial. But in the end it worked successfully and less than 10 users had problems and they were caused by their own IT devices or their inability to read correctly what to do. About 150 made it.

Next year we will have a completely new online entry procedure – more compact, less input fields, quick handling – very smart.

Online Ballot Vote

Online vote is ready to use. After research of suitable software I came out with the service of ElectionRunner (<https://electionrunner.com/>) which is simple and safe. It has all the features we need and is easy both to maintain and to use with all kinds of devices.

- Import of a list of eligible voters
- Invitation link and reminder by email
- Only one-time vote possible
- Immediate result

Topic 22 WC/NA 2019

16th – 23rd February 2019 NA Region to be announced
Open Registration 1200 CET 02-01-19
Deadline for Insurance 2400 CET 25-01-19
Close Registration 2400 CET 28-01-19

Action: NA

Topic 23 EC 2019

The offer by Hungary to host EC2019 was welcomed and accepted with thanks.
Regatta: 20th -25th January 2019 (last race 25th)
Registration: December 1st 2018 – 6th January 2019.
Insurance deadline: 2nd January 2019

Action: Hungary

Topic 24 Host National Secretaries Meeting 2019

Austria's offer to host the 2019 National Secretaries Meeting in Vienna 26th to 28nd April was accepted with great pleasure and many thanks.

Action: Austria

Topic 25 Junior WC/EC 2019

4th – 8th February 2019 Host Nation: Hungary
Registration: December 10th 2018 – 20th January 2019.
Insurance deadline: 15th January 2019

Topic 26 Other Business

Perpetual Trophies – transfer to other continent

A discussion concluded and agreed that the transfer between continents was the responsibility of the trophy winner.