

IDNIYRA-Europe
International DN Ice Yacht Racing Association Europe
IDNIYRA-Europe Society e.V.
Minutes and Decisions of National Secretaries
Aalsmeer, The Netherlands, 26 to 28 April 2013

Topic 1 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

Present: IDNIYRA Europe Executive Board

Commodore	Joerg Bohn
Vice Commodore	Attila Pataki
Treasurer	Christian Seegers
Insurance Manager	Niklas Mueller-Hartburg
Junior Programme Manager	Stan Macur
Webmaster	Dietmar Gottke
Secretary	Chris Williams

National Secretaries

Czech Republic	Vladislav Ptasnik
Germany	Bernd Zeiger
Hungary	Attila Pataki
Latvia	Madars Alvikis
Netherlands	Hennie van den Brink
Poland	Jerzy Henke
Russia	Yuriy Astashev
Sweden	Tomas Lindgren
United Kingdom	Chris Williams

United States	Deb Whitehorse
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Proxy votes

Austria	represented by Niklas Mueller Hartburg
Denmark	represented by Vladislav Ptasnik
Finland	represented by Tomas Lindgren
Switzerland	represented by Chris Williams

Topic 2 Opening remarks and Review of the Season 2012/2013

The Commodore opened the meeting by welcoming all present and a special welcome to Madars Alvikis, Yuriy Astashev and Bernd Zeiger to their first European National secretaries meeting.

AUSTRIA – A good start in December 2012 on a small lake in Carinthia with sailors from all over Austria. Further sailing in January to March in Carinthia, Salzburg, Czech Republic (Lipno). Highlight of season was EC 2013 with 6 Austrian DN sailors and newcomer OE-777 Philip Hribar winning the Bronze Fleet.

CZECH REPUBLIC – Weather had allowed only one regatta with one day sailing. 3 sailors took part in EC and a group of 4 - 5 sailors sailed intensively in Poland in local regattas and small fleets.

Regrettably Mitropa trophy with Czech, Hungarian and Austrians not possible (weather). Two new sailors this year but no Ice Optimists.

GERMANY – A very poor season due to weather. One local regatta with 33 DNs at "Saaler Bodden" in Eastern Germany in February. 8 Germans in WC in NA and 20 Germans in EC in Poland. We now have 396 DN members and 6 Ice Optimists.

HUNGARY – A very poor season with practically no sailable ice. The cold and warm periods changed quickly and prevented the formation of any safe ice on the lakes. Hungarian Championships and Mitropa Cup not sailed.

LATVIA – Season lasted about 4 months with 2 good regattas. Latvian championships on lake Kisevers and new regatta "Jahtas.LV" travelling trophy on Riga Bay – an historical event. Numbers of sailors who competed and trained on Latvian ice similar to previous seasons.

THE NETHERLANDS – A long winter but not cold enough for good ice. Frisian and Dutch championships sailed in one week at end of January on the Tjeukemeer. New Dutch champion Piet

Hopma Zijlema (H-667). 25 new members in 2013 with paying members now totalling more than 500. DN Netherlands celebrate 50 years in 2014.

POLAND – Very short season. First regatta with very good ice 29/30 December in Gizycko, many German and Czech sailors. Further regattas in early January with the last in mid-March. Overall a total of 9 regattas which included 4 Polish championships in all groups (Seniors, Juniors, Young Juniors and Ice Optimists). Seniors a great success with 65 sailors from 5 countries.

RUSSIA – There is steady growth in Russian ice sailing. Russian championships sailed in St Petersburg 3 to 7 January with 28 DNs – winner Valentin Uvarkin R204. 8 Russians competed in EC 2013 and one in WC 2013 in USA. A number of regattas were completed in Volgograd, St Petersburg, Novosibirsk and Vladivostock. The major regattas were held in April on Lake Baikal – the Asia Cup followed by the Baikal Cup with 46 DNs from 7 Russian regions and 7 Nations and in addition 7 Ice Optimists. This unique lake is usually quite warm in April despite 1.5 meters of ice. Thanks are due to Joerg Bohn for promoting the Baikal regattas and to Ron Sherry for virtually crossing the globe to participate. The next Russian Championships and Baikal Cup are planned for 5-15 April 2014 – all ice boaters are welcome.

SWEDEN – After a very cold start in November massive snowfalls prevented good ice until first ranking 12 – 13 January at Glan (Norrköping). More snow followed on Stockholm area. Second ranking 9 – 10 February at Kungsbacka followed by Nationals at Kungsbacka 23 – 24 February with over 70 sailors from all over Europe. Sailing continued until April in most parts of Sweden. A late start but a decent season. 15 Senior DN sailors at EC 2013. 4 Senior DN and 2 Junior DN for the first time at the Worlds in USA. In the Junior WCEC in Lithuania we had our first Junior DN World Champion – Eddie Klemets S-812. Thanks to a major effort by Hans Adolfsson.

UNITED KINGDOM – No sailing but plenty of travel with one DN (K-11) in the WC in USA and two (K-11 and K-13) in the EC in Poland.

NORTH AMERICA – Another average year with sailing opportunities for those willing to travel.

December 2012 Western Challenge regatta – 77 DNs in 2 Fleets. NA Ice Optimist championships – 8 sailors. Last year for Griffin Sherry (US-1) and Frankie Hearn (US-2).

Central Region 2012 regatta on Lake Houghton, Michigan with 42 DNs in 2 Fleets.

January 2013 Western Region regatta on Lake Kegonsa near Madison with 66 DNs in 2 fleets.

GC on Lake Pepin with 101 DNs in 2 fleets. Very challenging conditions, a total of 11 races, 6 in A Fleet and 5 in B Fleet.

February NA Championships on Lake Pepin. Light and shifty winds allowed only 4 races, 3 A and 1 B. Canadian Championships Kingston, Ontario. 7 races for 17 DNs.

Topic 3 Approval of the Minutes of National Secretaries Meeting 2012

These were AGREED and APPROVED.

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

The proposal from Karol Jablonski was discussed under Topic 10 – Junior Programme Report.

Topic 5 Letters to the Board

No letters received.

Topic 6 EC 2013 Report

Weather had caused a N. Europe search for ice with minimal snow. Much searching over several days with help from Mons Oscarsson (Kungsbacka), Arne Persson (Mariestad), 3 generations of Attila Pattaki, Karol Jablonski, Tomek Zakrzewski, Jerzy Henke and Stan Macur with further help during the event from Juri Saraskin resulted in Gizycko (Poland) being selected with good ice close to accommodation. 10 races were completed before snow arrived and following a vote, a move to Lake Siemanowske on the Belarus border for good clear ice. Accommodation was in Bialowieza, 35 km. away. One good day of racing was completed before on the second day a Force 6 gale ended the Championship. Dideric van Riemsdijk was thanked for the giveaways and T Shirts and Finland for the trophies and medals.

Prize giving was held at short notice in a small restaurant in Bialowieza. The PRC and Stan Macur were congratulated on a well organised regatta which had been held in difficult and challenging conditions.

Topic 7 Junior DN and Ice Optimist 2013 Report

Regrettably the planned site – Lake Rekyva (Lithuania) was snowed in some time before start date and following a considerable ice search Neringa on the Baltic was selected. 30 Junior DN (4 races) and 43 Ice Optimists (3 races) completed the regatta in very challenging conditions due to strong winds. The Lithuanian organisers were congratulated on an excellent regatta very well supported by the PRC.

Topic 8 Financial Report 2012/2013

The Treasurer presented the Financial Report for 2012-2013 (16. 4. 2012 to 18. 04. 2013). Assets were very healthy but it was decided to leave the IDNIYRA fee at the present level (€45). The change of 3 days for the Annual report to 18 April vice 15 April was agreed. Jerzy Henke from Poland did an audit of the Accounts for the financial year 2012/2013 and agreed. The “audit” of the Accounts in 2014 would be carried out by Vladislav Ptasnik. The Treasurer was warmly thanked for his very efficient work and clear presentation.

Topic 9 Lessons Learned from EC 2013 & Junior DN/Ice Optimist WC/EC 2013

EC 2013 Lessons submitted in advance of meeting:

- a. In addition to normal Protest procedure from racing incidents, any disagreement with the Measurer MUST be referred to the PRC chairman and if not resolved satisfactorily, a written Protest must be submitted within the time limit (after the race or within two hours of the finish of the day's racing).
- b. Greater attention must be paid to visibility conditions.
- c. Before start of last race of the day, sailors in Fleets who have completed for the day should be warned to keep well clear of race course when returning to the shore depot.

Payment

- d. Date for end of Insurance check should be in NOR.
- e. Sailors who have registered and not paid will be deleted from the list.
- f. PRC should have a list with all regular registered sailors.
- g. Late entry sailors can pay by bank transfer or pay at check-in.
- h. Sailors who make late entry and have no Insurance ID must show confirmation.
- i. In both (g.) and (h.) above this should be possible in last hour of regatta check-in where Insurance Manager and Treasurer should both be present.

Late Entry

- j. Entry priority:
 - (1) Sailors who registered but not paid in time will be first
 - (2) Sailors who made an online late entry will be second
 - (3) If space is left (less than 200 entries) sailors who are at the regatta can make a late entry

Withdrawing an entry

When a registered sailor withdraws his/her entry within the registration period the entry fee will be returned to the sailor MINUS the IDNIYRA fee which will be retained.

Entry form

There should be a paragraph in the form where the sailor understands and accepts the restrictions of insurance claims for boat and equipment damage.

EC2013 Lessons raised and discussed at meeting

Stickers and Sail Tag

It was agreed that better and more durable stickers should be obtained for 2014 with the Runner stickers probably oval in shape. The sail tag presented many difficulties in attaching and a simpler tag was needed for 2014. **ACTION: Webmaster**

Number of Races versus time for other activities

A lengthy discussion centred on the number of races in a day versus the time left for socialising, equipment preparation and relaxation at the end of each day. It was agreed that the previous decision to aim for 5 races per fleet per day was too ambitious, and to date had not been achieved. (Secs meeting 2011Topic 19i)

Topic 10 Junior Programme Report

JWC 2014: 17th to 22nd February 2014 hosted by Latvia 17th-18th are practice days and 19th-21st racing championship days with 22nd February as a reserve day if there is no minimum of three races finished.

Karol Jablonski proposal

Shortly before the meeting Karol Jablonski had submitted a proposal concerning the rising ages in the sport, caused in part by young DN sailors not moving up to the senior fleets, and two potential solutions were presented by the Polish National Secretary:

- a. To allow sponsorship for young sailors up to the age of 30
- b. IDNIYRA Europe should cover costs of competition for at least 10 talented young sailors.

This led to a lengthy discussion covering many aspects associated with proposal (a). Proposal (b) was not considered affordable.

Present situation

A significant number of young DN sailors in Europe do not have the finance to continue iceboating once they are no longer Juniors, and drop out of their individual Junior programme. The costs in Europe for competitive material, fuel, ferries, hotels and entry fees etc. prevents those without financial family background from competing once they turn 21 years of age. DN iceboating needs young people to join the class and it was particularly sad to see talented young sailors leaving after all the effort invested in their junior programme. Personal sponsorship for the 21 to 30 year olds would allow them to ask possible sponsors (e.g. local industry) to finance their travel and sailing. This would continue until they turned 30, by which time they would have had a chance to establish their own income and could finance future iceboating.

Decision of the Board **for Europe only**

The Board agreed to allow personal sponsorship for young sailors aged between 21 and 30. Any possible event sponsorship (e.g. stickers) would have priority over personal sponsorship. It was also strongly agreed that the class did not want personal sponsorship in the future for all their sailors!

Personal Sponsorship could be placed on clothes/race suit, the hull, plank, mast and in the sail above the upper batten, as well as below the lower batten. This will take effect from the season 2013/2014.

Topic 11 Technical Committee Report

Secretary reported inputs from European Technical Committee and Jane Pegel, Chair of IDNIYRA Technical Committee. A very busy year covering a wide range of decisions and interpretations. Jane Pegel was warmly thanked for her unstinting work as Chair of the Technical Committee. For clarity Secretary undertook to email all inputs to National Secretaries and the Board.

ACTION: Secretary

Stan Macur raised the question of sail measurement and pointed out that a full sail can be up to 2 ins/5 cm wider than a flat sail, and there did not appear to be any allowance for this variation in the sail specifications. Commodore undertook to email Jane Pegel. **ACTION: Commodore**

Topic 12 IDNIYRA-Europe Insurance Report

Insurance Manager reported no problems in EC 2013 and the 2012/2013 season. The current mandatory insurance cover level of €500,000 would be reviewed at the 2014 Secretaries' meeting. Most DN sailors in Europe had cover well in excess of this. **ACTION: Insurance Manager**

Topic 13 IDNIYRA-Europe NA Contact Report

The exchange of information Europe to US and US to Europe was reported as very good and Deb Whitehorse was congratulated on her contribution in this very important area. Deb's presence at this meeting was greatly appreciated and warmly welcomed.

Webmaster briefed that with many similar names in European nations it would be very helpful as an option for the Ranking List to contain only sail numbers without sailor names. Deb undertook to request that this be started with the next Ranking List. **ACTION: Deb Whitehorse**

Feedback on NA 2013 from Europeans who participated would be much appreciated by NA Commodore.

Topic 14 Discharge of the Board of Officers

Following the proposal by Hennie van den Brink it was unanimously agreed that the Board of Officers (the Commodore, Vice Commodore, Insurance Manager, Treasurer, Junior Programme Manager,

Webmaster and Secretary) 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 by acclamation for a 2-year period:

Junior Programme Manager

Secretary

Webmaster

Technical Committee

Andreas Bock was elected to the European Technical Committee for a further 6-year period.

Topic 16 EIA Membership

Secretary explained that the need for a European Ice Boat Authority (EIA) continued in order to enable Appeals against a Protest Committee decision in Europe. This was because the NIA did not recognise the course sailed in Europe (2 darling marks) and would not hear Appeals. Stan Macur had replaced Piotr Burczynski in the EIA and the membership was now as follows:
Dietmar Gottke, Stan Macur and Daan Schutte.

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

It was agreed that the contributions to the above would remain unchanged at:

- a. IDNIYRA-Europe Society e.v. €45 per member nation and per registered starter in WC/EC 2014
- b. Entry fee for WC/EC 2014: €150 per registered starter. A total of €195 Junior DN and Young Sailor (aged 21 – 25) fee for WC/EC 2014 €75 (50% of Senior DN entry fee)
- c. DN Juniors and Young Sailors do not pay the IDNIYRA fee

ACTION: NOR Drafter

Topic 18 Budget 2013/2014

The Treasurer briefed the Budget which was unanimously agreed. Copies were provided for Society members present. The establishment of the “Young Sailor” – Junior DN up to age 25 was unanimously agreed.

Topic 19 Various Proposals

Madars Alvikis proposed that in major regattas at the end of each day the top 3 sailors in each Fleet should mark their boats for the next day with a coloured sticker on the sail to indicate:

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| 1 st | Yellow |
| 2 nd | Blue |
| 3 rd | Red. |

The sticker should be clearly visible at a distance.

This idea was welcomed and it was agreed that it would be tried on a voluntary basis at WC/EC 2014. The position on the sail and sticker adherence/tag position should be researched early in the season. Webmaster undertook to provide stickers. Madars Alvikis was warmly thanked for his proposal.

Topic 20 Year Book and Runner Tracks

Year Book – this was now available on line (end of May for 2013 edition). Deb Whitehorse could provide the link for access.

Runner Tracks – issued 4 times per year. Articles from European sailors (DN or Ice Optimist) would be much appreciated. Emails to Deb Whitehorse: debwhitehorse@iceboating.net
IDNIYRA membership payment contact NA Treasurer Geoff Sobering to check payment: sobering@gmail.com

Topic 21 Internet Communications

The Webmaster provided a comprehensive brief on the draft of the new IDNIYRA Europe web site. It will make full use of new technologies which better fit our needs with easier use, a tidy design and adaptation to mobile devices e.g. smart phones and social media with a Facebook integration. SMS notification was considered too expensive to set up.

[Post meeting Note: Following discussions with the NA Webmaster (Jim McDonagh) better NA/Europe cooperation is planned with "mirrored information" on e.g. Official Specifications, Ranking etc.]

Topic 22 WC/EC 2014

Host Nation Poland. Saturday 1st March to Saturday 8th March 2014

NOR to be issued by 1st December 2013

Insurance application Open 2nd December 2013 at 1200, Close 2nd February 2014 at 1200.

Registration will Open 2nd January 2014 at 1200, Registration will Close 9th February at 1200. Pay by 14th February.

ACTION: Commodore
Poland
Insurance Manager
Secretary

Topic 23 NA 2014

January 19th to 25th, 2014 Hosted by Western Region

Topic 24 Host National Secretaries Meeting 2014

Latvia's offer to host the 2014 Secretaries' meeting was accepted with pleasure.

Dates 12th-14th **September** 2014.

Topic 25 EC 2015

The Netherlands' offer to host EC 2015 was warmly welcomed and accepted.

Topic 26 WC/EC 2016

Lake Baikal under discussion. Decision to be made at 2014 meeting.

Topic 27 Other Business

- a. Webmaster requested all nations to put their Regatta dates on the IDNIYRA-Europe website.

ACTION: All National Secretaries

- b. Webmaster's request for an additional €300 to cover the cost of new IDNIYRA-Europe stickers was approved.

- c. Secretary requested Membership Lists from all nations by 15th October 2013.

ACTION: All National Secretaries

The Commodore thanked all for attending and The Netherlands for all the excellent arrangements and transport. He wished all a safe trip home.

The meeting closed at 1145.