

**International DN Ice Yacht Racing Association Europe  
IDNIYRA-Europe Society e.V.  
Minutes and Decisions of National Secretaries  
Warsaw, Poland, 21 - 23 April 2017**

**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

Czechia	Vladislav Ptasnik
Germany	Bernd Zeiger
Hungary	Attila Patakijr
Netherlands	Hennie van den Brink
Poland	Jerzy Sukow
Sweden	Oscar Wersall
United Kingdom	Chris Williams
NA Vice Commodore	Warren Nethercote

**Proxy votes:**

Austria	represented by Niklas Mueller Hartburg
Belarus	represented by Attila Pataki
Denmark	represented by Oscar Wersall
Estonia	represented by Alari Akermann
Finland	represented by Oscar Wersall
Russia	represented by Attila Pataki
Switzerland	represented by Chris Williams

Apologies were received from Austria, Belarus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, 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 was present. Attendance list of the general meeting was collected by the Treasurer.

**Topic 2 Opening remarks and Review of the 2016/2017 Season**

The Commodore opened the meeting with a welcome to all present and many thanks to the Polish hosts for all arrangements made for the weekend in Warsaw.

2016/2017 had been yet another very challenging weather season and only enormous help from weather scouts in many parts of Europe involving a great deal of time made the EC possible in Hungary on Lake Balaton.

**Austria** For the first time for several years a long and cold winter where we could sail almost all our locations. December - Lipno, Reschen, Neusiedersee and Tisza. Many new sailors at Neusiedersee and we hope for new IDNIYRA Austria members. Austrian championships on Wallersee - Peter Munnich OE 41, 2017 Champion.

**Czech Republic** The season started in Week 46 in Finland with CZ-112 in the Jonny Kohler Regatta. Low December temperatures enabled training sessions on Lake Lipno from 8<sup>th</sup> December for the first time in 15 years! In addition a small regatta for 5 sailors from South

Bohemia. From early January Lipno snowed in until end of Winter. Two January weekend regattas on Nove Mlyny reservoir included the Czech Republic DN Championships won by CZ-92 Martin Vacula. Due to poor weather the first time for 3 years one further Czech Fleet regatta on Lake Machovo also in January. In February CZ-101 and CZ-112 competed in the Polish Championships and 7 Czech sailors competed in EC 2017 on Lake Balaton where Czech Republic was the organising country for the event. Two Czech sailors, CVS-101 and CVZ-112 were part of the Baikal sailing week.

Overall a very good season compared with the last 3 years with 1 new senior sailor taking part and 1 Junior DN sailor with his first regatta. We hope they will be part of the team next year. We have no Ice Optimist sailors.

**Estonia** The season started early this year in Estonia. We had our first training runs in late December. It was very nice to see a lot of Polish sailors here on the first ice. In total we held 7 competitions, 2 on Lake Saadjarv, 4 in Saaremaa and one on Lake Vortsjarv. We had a total of 28 DN sailors of whom 10 were juniors, 20 Ice Optimist sailors and 6 Monotype XV's. Generally the ice conditions were good during the winter but we were lacking wind. In some competitions we only managed to pull off 3 races because of light winds. In the big events our young sailors did excellent, 10-year old Georg Paomees won the Ice Optimist WC, and in DN juniors Elgo Helimets won Silver in WC. We ended our season on 18<sup>th</sup> March with a last competition on Lake Saadjarv.

**Germany** December/January sailors went to Hungary, good ice, Resia where only Haidersee sailable and others sailed at Sandviken (Sweden). Worlds and NA in Wisconsin with 7 sailors - G-8907, Anja G-0390 top woman. All in Gold Fleet. 12-13 Feb. German Nationals on Acterwassen at Zemplin near Polish border. 44 competitors new lake long enough for WC/EC. Regatta won by Thomas Ebler D-112, Bjorn Martin Schneider won German Nationals ahead of Holyer and Jost. Very helpful PRC of 4 people. Polish championships at same date reduced our entries. EC had 13 German entries with some success. Followed by Swedish Nationals where Anja G-390 won ahead of S81, G-0890 and G-107 (4<sup>th</sup>). Last regatta Finnish Nationals with G-551 competing. A very active season and following a thorough and lengthy check we now have 346 fee-paying members.

**Hungary** 2017 celebrated the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Hungarian Fleet. There was sailable ice from Christmas until late February. All major lakes were sailable and we were able to organise the Hungarian Open Championships again at Tisza Reservoir for the first time since 2011. We sailed multiple regattas and were very happy to unexpectedly host this year's European Championship on Lake Balaton. This winter's ice conditions made it possible for us to reach a wider public at home. With events and great media coverage we are building a base of enthusiasts who can later be recruited into the Fleet.

**Netherlands** A disappointing season with no sailable ice (just 3 cm) Some ice sailors tried to sail, fell through the ice and were rescued by the fire department. Not a good advertisement for ice sailing. We still have 460 paying members.

**Poland** Celebrating 50 years of DN class in Poland. Before the ice in Poland Polish sailors travelled to Finland for the Kohler cup 19/20 November, P-155 1<sup>st</sup>, P-13 2<sup>nd</sup>, P-243 4<sup>th</sup> and All Saints Regatta P-155 1<sup>st</sup>. During Christmas period some moved to Estonia to Saadjsov Lake and then to Hungarian Championships 7/8 January, P-155 1<sup>st</sup>, P-243 3<sup>rd</sup>. Polish ice formed from 6 January and first regatta took place in Gizycko 14/15 January. There were 9 racing weekends in Poland: Masurian Lakes (Okartowo, Gizycko), Warsaw (Zegze) - Warsaw Cup, Czluchow and Charzykowy, Vistula Lagoon (Tolmicko): DN Junior and Ice Optimist Polish championships and UKS Tolmicko Ice Cup. (topic 7). Polish DN championships in Western Poland at Szczecinek, Wielimie Lake. Top Sailors P-36, P-114, P-31 and P-55 travelled to USA for Worlds and N. Americans with great success in both regattas. A large number of Polish sailors competed with success in the European Championships on Lake Balaton. Last regatta 4<sup>th</sup> March Okartowo, Lake Sniardwy. During the season professional sailing photographers and movie makers were hired. The result of their work is noticeable on Facebook profile of Polish Fleet and website [www.bojery.pl](http://www.bojery.pl)

**Sweden** Considering it was a rather warm one we had good ice conditions almost all winter, most notably in Vasteras and the shallow lakes around Stockholm where it was sailable practically every weekend. Further north in Sandviken, Hudiksvall etc. the ice was often covered by snow. In the South most lakes were unsailable. Three of the five planned regattas were successfully completed. The first 2 cancelled due to weather and poor ice. Attendance higher than in previous seasons – 30-40 sailors each events. And many first time sailors at the start line. Swedish championships held at new location Lake Yngaren in Nykoping; G-390 Anja Fiedler won regatta and S-81 Tomas Lindgren crowned Swedish champion finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> over all. There was Swedish representation at all the International Championships. S-812 Eddie Klemets became 2017 World and European Junior Champion.

**United Kingdom** No sailable ice but much travel by K-11 who continues to gain racing experience and move up the ranking.

**North America** Despite challenging weather this was a successful season.

**Canada** Nova Scotia had first pre-Christmas sailing for the first time in 10 years with good sailing every weekend in March and the last sail April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Canadian Championships 25<sup>th</sup> March on Thunder Bay, Ontario, winner US-4824.

**USA** Western Region regatta, Green Lake, Wisconsin Jan 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, winner US-183. Central Region winner US-44 Gold Cup and North American Championship, Lake Kegonsa – Madison, Wisconsin delayed one day due to weather. 108 competitors from 9 nations. Winner P-36. 3 races in all 3 Fleets due to snow. North American Championships Green Bay, Wisconsin following 1½ day search 7 races each for 2 Fleets. Winner US-44, Silver US-4 and highest placed woman award Anya Fiedler G-390 (Jan Gougeon Award). A less than usual number of US sailors travelled to Europe but 4 went to Lake Baikal where US-5166 won the Baikal Cup.

IDNIYRA shows a small membership increase with most regions registering new DN sailors in their Fleets. It is apparent that IDNIYRA membership is mostly those who race in sanctioned events. Many more DN sailors only join their local clubs. The governing committee's priority to be the attraction of new and existing DN sailors to IDNIYRA membership.

### **Topic 3 Approval of the Minutes of National Secretaries Meeting 2016**

These were AGREED subject to one correction in Topic 23 where the heading should read "2017 vice 2016 - completed by the Secretary"

### **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 2016/2017 and a comparison of costs (see attached).

Hennie van den Brink and Bernd Zeiger checked the figures, declared all correct and were warmly thanked. The Treasurer was thanked for the very clear presentation of all the financial information.

### **Topic 6 EC 2017 Report**

A Europe wide ice search in challenging weather conditions enabled Lake Balaton to be selected.

Beforehand the Commodore and the Hungarian National Secretary (Attila Pataki Jr.) checked several sites throughout Europe. The original site, Lake Lipno, was reported by Vlada Ptasnik (Czech National Secretary) unsuitable for the EC. North of Poland was full of snow and the sites in West Poland where the Polish Championship and the JWC were

earlier held were also reported to be snowed in and thus there was no other choice than to head to Sweden. In Sweden six lakes were checked, three of which looked promising. Vörsjärve in Estonia was also checked.

Thanks to the reliable information and help from our fellow iceboaters from many countries the decision could had been made, though in the last moment and not so easy, but after the thorough analysis of all weather reports obtained and the possible sites visited Lake Balaton was selected as the optimal site. It was clear at the moment of decision that the EC would not last as long as it was planned, but the days available would provide good conditions. The event was completed with 23 races in 3 days.

There was uncertainty in the person of the PRO till the very last moment. The Commodore got certain promise from the Estonian team that they will delegate Jury Saraskin as PRO to the event, but during several telephone conversations it became clear that he had other commitments during the event, thus he couldn't take this responsibility. The Commodore volunteered to take this position. The PRC arrived in due time, well equipped. There was no problem during the check-in.

But we had some problems with the on-line rule test. In most cases it went smoothly, but some of the sailors had real language barriers. When their mates assisted them, it was not clear whether they only translated or solved the test instead of the helped. Therefore, we should have a multi language version of the program.

The work on the ice was good, fast and organized. This is why we could make 23 races in two-days. Thanks to the race committee for their perfect work during the races. The problems started on the third day, when the RC members decided that the ice is not safe enough without checking. They had to be "forced" to go on the ice, check and mark it after most of the sailors already were outside and started their morning training. There was also some misunderstanding on the decision mechanism during the races. The PRO should have ultimate and unquestionable right on any decision during the races. He/She is responsible for the organization and safety of the races.

It was decided with the Treasurer, that the contract for the RC will be changed in order to have the remuneration of the members more in line with work done. Therefore, the daily allowance will be divided in three parts. A fixed part will be paid for the arrival to the site, another part will be paid in proportion of the days they spent on the event and the third part can be paid as premium based on the decision of the PRO.

Action: **Commodore Treasurer & Webmaster**

## **Topic 7 WC/EC, Junior DN and Ice Optimist report**

Hosted by Poland at Znín 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> February. 32 DN Juniors and 42 Ice Optimists from 8 countries. Good ice conditions for all participants. Hosting Club Znín made a great effort to organise the shore base including tents for quad bikes and participants etc.

Polish Race Committee worked very well and included one invited Russian judge (Olga Scherbakova from Novosibirsk).

The new registration system worked properly.

The DN Junior Worlds and Europeans were completed but for the Ice Optimists only the World championships. No EC due to fog and lack of wind on the last day. Many thanks to all sponsors:

Warminsko-Mazurskis Volivodship for statues

Kujawsko-Pomorskie Voivodship

Znín Town Mayor

Compotech for mast as prize

Hamrak for Runner bodies

Vector Sails

ID Sails

Macin Panas for covers  
Andrzej Dalecki for DN boom and chocks  
Tomek Zakrzewski for chocks.

### **Topic 8 Letters to the Board**

- a. Double entry fee for 7 competitors who thought they had registered – see Topics 9, 18 and 21
- b. Question from Finland concerning consequences of not arriving at regatta due to sickness or accident.  
For any repayment to be considered and agreed, a doctor's certificate and accident report is required.
- c. JPM proposal for time limit for the Ice Optimist races to be 1½ times the DN time limit was Agreed. This must now be promulgated to all Ice Optimist Nations and included in the Year Book Organisation of the IDNIYRA-Europe.  
Action : **JPM/Secretary**
- d. Redress following a crash during a race. JPM undertook to formulate a proposal.  
Action: **JPM**

### **Topic 9 Lessons Learned from EC 2017 and Junior WC/EC 2017**

- a. More information is needed for travellers – a daily report on the IDNIYRA-Europe website should be the minimum
- b. Misuse of Face Book was a problem with unofficial forecasts, optimistic ice reports, etc.
- c. Use of professional weather forecaster suggested – Poland offered this in Vestrgöte.  
Action: **Poland**
- d. Double Entry fee for 7 entries (Z-87, H-469, P-54, P-50, P-65, P-107 and P-15).  
An analysis of how 7 entrants had paid on time but were not registered revealed that none of the 7 had followed the online procedure correctly. This is fully covered in **Topic 21 Internet Communications** and the conclusion of the meeting was that as a one-off exception all 7 should be refunded. Action: **Treasurer**

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

JPM Briefed:

Another good season with steadily increasing numbers of Junior DNs and Ice Optimists.

Dates for WC/EC Junior DN and Ice Optimists 2018: 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Host nation to be notified.

Open Registration 02.01.18 CET 1200

Deadline for Insurance 25.01.18 CET 2400

Close Registration 28.01.18 CET 2400

#### Ice Camps

JPM briefed an outline plan for arranging ice camps for Optimist sailors from European Optimist clubs where there is sailable ice, with the date and place to be announced on IDNIYRA website 48 hours before the event.

Travel – organiser must collect and deliver teams from/to airport or rail station if using public transport.

Organiser to provide iceboat for each participant, local transport, coaching, hotel and food reservation, and alternative activities if no ice.

Price should include all of above and be provided with the announcement.

#### Ice Optimist Buttons

Arrangements had now been made with the International Optimist Dinghy Association (IODA) for the Junior Programme Manager to be responsible for obtaining all re-supplies of Ice Optimist Buttons for distribution to Ice Optimist Nations on request. Buttons would continue to be provided by IODA at cost price and the point of contact for supply, invoices and any other related matters is Fiona Kidd, the IODA Secretary General

[sec\\_gen@optiworld.org](mailto:sec_gen@optiworld.org) The plan is to invite an IODA Board member to attend the 23018

WC/EC Junior DN and Ice Optimist event so that they can see an ice Optimist in action for the first time.

Action: **Secretary /JPM.**

*[Post Meeting Note: Hungary reported unable to host JWC 2018 but would be honoured to host JWC 2019. Options for 2019 remain open with Germany as a possibility.*

Action: **JPM]**

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

Technical Committee Chairman Jeff Kent had provided a report ahead of the meeting (see attached). This describes a template for measuring all aspects of DN Runners for adoption by the DN class as an official gauge. The report was welcomed and the Runner template agreed as a very good idea, particularly the proposed control over its production from a single guaranteed source. Some doubts were expressed on the effect of hard metal (steel) on the runner being measured. This should be checked by the Technical Committee. Estimates of supply costs and timescales will be requested together with the proposed enforcement process (e.g. all major regattas).

Action: **Secretary**

### **Tech Committee**

Jeff Kent's acknowledgement and thanks to Dag Erikssen for his 12 years' contribution and membership was warmly supported by all at the meeting.

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

Insurance Manager reported:

- a. It seems to be getting more difficult to get proper Insurance, even in countries where until now it was never a problem. In the long term we may need to consider insurance only for personal damage, and exclude material damage.
- b. It was clear this year that an increasing number of sailors do not read the Insurance postings on the IDNIYRA home page
- c. All National Secretaries are strongly encouraged to spread all Insurance information via local networks to ensure that their sailors know what should be sent to the Insurance Manager.
- d. There have been cases of sailors not reading confirmation of their cover before forwarding to the Insurance Manager. In several cases "incorrect cover" has required unnecessary additional work and time. Confirmation of cover is an essential part of the insurance process.

Action: **All sailors**

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

The presence of the IDNIYRA Vice Commodore (Warren Nethercote) was much appreciated and provided a NA perspective to many of the discussions and in particular his support for IDNIYRA-Europe's approach to Topic 14. . The draft of the 2017 NA Annual Meeting Minutes was provided ahead of the meeting and is attached.

### **Topic 14 IDNIYRA World Wide - one International Class Organisation - starting discussions**

The information provided ahead of the meeting by Christian Seegers resulting from his discussions with IDNIYRA-NA was the focal point of this Topic. Christian was thanked for his representation of IDNIYRA Europe and we can now progress with the areas where we are in agreement. There were other areas where the Meeting did not agree with Christian Seegers' approach e.g. World Wide Membership Fee when all European Nations have their own national membership fees, and World Wide Board when we have been successfully running in parallel

(Europe and NA) for many years. For these reasons it was decided to replace him with another European representative for further discussions with IDNIYRA NA. It was agreed that at present the key areas where progress was urgently needed were Online Membership Data Base, Online Voting and the provision of the Specification Management System (SMS) in a readable and readily understandable form.

**Online Voting** (This was also covered in Topic 21 - Internet Communications)

A fundamental requirement for this to function reliably is the accuracy of all National membership lists, for which every National Secretary is responsible.

**Action: All National Secretaries**

The Rules for Membership of IDNIYRA in Europe are clearly defined in the 2017 Year Book, page 133 para. 2a.

For keeping track of the National membership lists we have to establish a membership database (desirably a world-wide one). This database can be used to set up the rights in on-line voting system and e.g. in the on-line entry system keeping track of valid insurances, etc.

**Action: Webmaster**

**SMS** The proposal to bring the SMS up to date and in a readable form was warmly welcomed and strongly supported. UK undertook to make a start (K-1 and K-13) and provide an example of how this could be done and in the process consult with Daan Schutte, Vaiko Voorema, Dietmar Gottke, Attila Pataki and Jeff Kent.

**Action: K-1 & K-13**

### **Topic 15 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 16**

a. **Election of IDNIYRA-Europe Officers** (for 2 year period)

Webmaster

Junior Programme Manager

Secretary

All elections were positive and unanimous and all officers accepted their appointments.

b. **Election of European Technical Committee Member** to replace Dag Erikssen for 6 years.

Richard Larsson of Sweden was unanimously elected to replace Dag Erikssen who was warmly thanked for his very helpful 12 years on the Technical Committee.

### **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 2018 €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 2017/2018**

The Treasurer presented the Budget for 2017/2018 (attached) with agreed adjustments included to allow for

Registration re imbursements (Topic 9) and PRC payment for Hennie van den Brink.

## **Topic 19 Various Proposals**

All dealt with under "Letters to the Board".

## **Topic 20 Year Book and Runner Tracks**

In response to a request from NA for assistance it was agreed to share the production costs of the Year Book though the cost indicated by the NA Board was considered rather high with only minor annual changes.

Action: **Treasurer**

## **Topic 21 Internet Communications**

### **Webmaster briefed:**

#### Technical Side

The website is running stably without problems. The main goal this year is the successful defence against spam attacks which is time consuming. This strong spam protection system has been running for 3 years.

The "online entry" system seemed to have a bug this year but after long and detailed investigation no bug was detected. However, there were two external issues:

First - this year more people than usual (7) stopped during the procedure (they thought they had completed their entry but had not fully read the instructions).

Second - the main browser companies (Google, Apple and Mozilla) changed some internal programming (SSL issues) without a public announcement. When the Webmaster became aware of this the online entry was already running. He found a workaround ("make it twice") which was published in time so that every sailor could make their entry. The Junior sailors who used the online entry the first time had no failures. The website will now become extra secure and a SSL certificate will be set up to prevent problems with the new browser generally and also to show the lock symbol in the browser address field, indicating our website is trustworthy. The online test is a great success and is in almost daily use world wide and the results become better and better. The only downside is that sailors in Europe with their many different languages have difficulties understanding the English questions and answers. Webmaster has undertaken to set up more rule test versions in different languages, and the appropriate Nations are requested to make translations. Commodore will circulate the documents with the questions which are required to be returned by 15th August 2017.

Action: **Webmaster, Commodore, Appropriate Nations**

Webmaster will research the possibilities of a PayPal set up for online entry to reduce manpower for the board and improve information about paid entries. The current online entry procedure will stay active until the new one is proven to be stable and reliable. PayPal makes some charges for their service which this year will be paid by IDNIYRA-Europe. Next year entry fees will be raised a little to allow for these charges.

Action: **Webmaster, Treasurer**

Online Ballot From the technical server side the online ballot vote is no problem. There are several solutions on the market which promise well to fit our needs, including mobile devices, for example "Election Runner". An essential requirement for an online ballot is "validated and up to date membership lists" which in IDNIYRA-Europe is an essential and important responsibility of every National Secretary.

The change to an Online Ballot will require a Class vote with an active date of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018.

Action: **Webmaster, Secretary, All National Secretaries & Commodore**

## **Topic 22 WC/EC 2018**

Host Nation: Estonia (100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a Country)  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February to Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March  
Open Registration 1200 CET 02-01-18  
Deadline for Insurance 2400 CET 25-01-18  
Close Registration 2400 CET 28-01-18  
Ice Sailing has been in Haapsalu for 130 years

### **Topic 23 NA 2018**

The dates for NA 2018 are 21<sup>st</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> January with the Eastern Region hosting.

### **Topic 24 Host National Secretaries Meeting 2018**

Hungary's offer to host the 2018 National Secretaries Meeting in Budapest 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> April was accepted with great pleasure and many thanks.

Action: **Hungary**

### **Topic 25**

EC 2019 – Host nation and date not decided.

### **Topic 26 Other Business**

WC 2020 on Lake Baikal.

A full discussion of this proposal reached the following conclusions:

- a. The cost of travel for sailors and equipment would significantly reduce the number of participants.
- b. The suggested use of a sponsor for the whole event was considered to be an unwelcome loss of IDNIYRA independence for this major event.
- c. Insurance would be a major challenge and in some cases not possible.
- d. Experience of Lake Baikal in recent years has shown that weather impacts regularly on sailable ice in terms of snow cover and sufficient areas for a major regatta.
- e. There is no alternative ice sailing site for a major regatta with up to 200 participants.
- f. If Russia is to be host nation for a WC then St. Petersburg should be approached as in 1988.

Over all it was agreed that although Lake Baikal is a wonderful site for FUN small regattas, as in recent years, there are too many limitations for a major regatta (WC).

The Commodore thanked all present for their valuable contributions to DN Sailing throughout the season and the Meeting closed at 11.30 a.m.