



**International DN Ice Yacht Racing Association Europe
IDNIYRA Europe - Eissegelfverband Europa
Minutes and Decisions of Autumn National Secretaries' Meeting**

Held: Online via Skype, on the 3rd October 2020 (10.00-13.30 CEST).

Attendance list

Present:

IDNIYRA Europe Executive Board

Commodore	Attila Pataky
Treasurer	Jerzy Henke
Junior Programme Manager	Stan Macur
Secretary	Attila Pataki, Jr.

National Secretaries

Austria	Walter Koelbl	
Belarus	Ivan Fershal	
Finland	Timo Caravitis	
Hungary	Attila Pataki, Jr.	
Netherlands	Hennie van den Brink	
Poland	Rafal Sielicki	(joined: 12:00)
Sweden	Richard Gustring	
Switzerland	Ambroise Johnson	
United Kingdom	David Howlett	

Also present:

Warren Nethercote	Commodore IDNIYRA-NA	
Debra Whitehorse	Secretary IDNIYRA-NA	
Ambroise Johnson	Auditor	
Peter Uhlmann	Auditor	
Tomasz Zakrzewski	Sponsorship Workgroup	(left: 12:00)
Mihkel Kosk	Vice-Commodore nominee	

Proxy votes:

Denmark	represented by Richard Gustring
Germany	represented by Richard Gustring
France	represented by Attila Pataki, Jr.

Apologies were received from representatives of Czechia, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Russia and vice-commodore candidates Peter Hamrák and Jerzy Sukow.

Agenda:

1. Ascertainment of Quorum
2. Opening Remarks
3. Approval of the Minutes of the National Secretaries' Meeting of April 2020 (Online)
4. Matters Arising from Topic 3 not covered by this Agenda
5. Financial Report 2019/2020 & Report of the Auditors
6. Matters Arising from the decisions made on the Spring Meeting, presentation of progress of Workgroups and Individuals:
 - a. International Race Committee on individual contracts with the members - Progress Report
 - b. Media and Communication Workgroup (WG1) - Progress Report
 - c. Event Sponsoring Workgroup (WG2) - Progress Report
 - d. Professional Meteorologist one week ahead and during the WC/EC - Progress Report
 - e. Paid Jury Chairman during the events - Progress Report
 - f. Race equipment - Progress Report
7. COVID-19 Action Plan
8. Discharge of the Board of Officers
9. Election of IDNIYRA - Europe Officers (for 2 year period):
 - a. Commodore
 - b. Vice-Commodore
 - c. Treasurer
 - d. Auditor 1
 - e. Auditor 2
10. Determination of contributions to the IDNIYRA - Europe and event entry fees
11. Budget 2020/2021
12. Constitution change
13. Organisation Rules change
14. Other Business



Topic 1 **Ascertainment of a Quorum (Day 1)**

It was confirmed that the invitation to the Annual meeting was issued in time and a quorum of 7 National Secretaries was present. Poland joined-in later. Attendance list of the meeting was collected by the Secretary.

Topic 2 **Opening remarks**

The Commodore opened the meeting with a welcome to all present. He noted that some topics were postponed in the spring to the current meeting and expressed his hopes of an in-person reunion once the COVID-19 related travel restrictions are lifted.

The agenda of the meeting was accepted unanimously.

Topic 3 **Approval of the Minutes of National Secretaries' Meeting held in April 2020 online.**

The Minutes of the previous meetings were made accessible to the attendees at the time of the invitation >>> [See Attachments](#)

The Minutes of the 2020 Spring Online National Secretaries' Meeting are AGREED and Approved by unanimous Vote.

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

NA Commodore Warren Nethercote expressed the need for a final edit on the wording for the 2020 Ballot on part of the European Secretary. This was agreed bilaterally. No decision was required on part of the national secretaries.

Topic 5 **Financial Report & Auditor's Report**

The Treasurer published Financial Report and Auditors' Reports were uploaded and accessible before the meeting >>> [See Attachments](#).

The Treasurer presented the Financial Report for 2019/2020.

The following observations were made by the auditors:

1. The accounts should arrive at least 2 weeks before the date of the AGM so that the auditors have time to analyse them and to ask/receive questions/answers.
2. The treasurer should provide ex officio explanations on certain amounts and better document the transactions as the wording is not always sufficient for understanding. These explanations should then accompany the minutes of the AGM.
3. They also recommend that all material acquired for the championships be expressly listed and valued so that it is not lost and forgotten.

These future structural changes will be implemented after the meeting.

The Accounts were approved with one abstention.

Topic 6 **Matters Arising from the decisions made on the Spring Meeting, presentation of progress of Workgroups and Individuals:**

- a. International Race Committee on individual contracts with the members - [Progress Report](#) by Stan Macur.
The report was approved unanimously.
- b. Media and Communication Workgroup (WG1) - [Progress Report](#) presented by Attila Pataki, Jr.
During the first WG meeting held in September Members, [Rules of procedures](#), and sub-budget were proposed and Communications Strategies were workshopped. Deb Whitehorse previewed dniceboat.org, the new DN Class Portal. A new [DN Class](#)



[youtube channel](#) was set up for the collection and publication of iceboat-related videos.

The Media & Communications Workgroup Report was approved unanimously, with the stipulation that the sub-budget is reworked with the Treasurer.

- c. Event Sponsoring Workgroup (WG2) - Progress Report.
Unfortunately, Tomek had to leave the call before the topic, but he made a report during his liaison with the Media & Communications Workgroup which was conveyed by the Secretary:
“Tomasz Zakrzewski shared a comprehensive summary of his consultations with PR & marketing agencies about the idea of professional discipline presentation. He proposed the need for Marketing Material Package (with possible multiple tiers), the need to create a short (90-120 second) introductory film about the sport, the assessment of sponsor display possibilities and the assessment of our viewership for market research. He also agreed that the hiring of a professional content creator is an investment, with which we can bring sponsorship into the sport, which will hopefully relieve future budgets, ensure the visibility and survival of the sport and might even bring back money”
The Report was approved unanimously.

- d. Professional Meteorologist one week ahead and during the WC/EC - [Progress Report](#) by the Commodore.
The Commodore expressed his scepticism for the need of a Professional Meteorologist.
The Report was approved unanimously.

- e. Paid Jury Chairman during the events - [Progress Report](#) by Stan Macur.
The Report was approved unanimously.
Post Meeting update: Dietmar Gottke is no longer available for the position for this season due to health issues.

- f. Race equipment - [Progress Report](#)
The Report was approved unanimously.

Topic 7 COVID-19 Action Plan

1. Unless decided otherwise, preparations for the season will be done in the usual way.
2. Necessary preventions taking place during an event: Body Temperature monitoring, social distancing, masks, open air ceremonies.
3. There will be an ongoing monitoring of the situation country by country with the assistance of the national secretaries.
4. The final decision on the sustainability of the event will be made on the 19th December 2020.

Topic 8 Discharge of the Board of Officers (Only National Secretaries vote)

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

This was confirmed by a unanimous vote.



Topic 9 Election of IDNIYRA - Europe Officers for 2 year period
(Only National Secretaries vote)

The following were elected and approved for 2 year period:

Commodore: Attila Pataky (reelected) by unanimous vote
Vice-Commodore: Mihkel Kosk elected with 10 votes
(other nominees: Jerzy Sukow & Péter Hamrák received 1-1 votes)
Treasurer: Jerzy Henke (reelected) by unanimous vote

The following Auditors were elected and approved:

Ambroise Johnson (reelected) by unanimous vote for a 1 year period.
Peter Uhlmann was elected by unanimous vote for a 2 year period.

Topic 10 Determination of contributions to the IDNIYRA - Europe and event entry fees
(Postponed)

By unanimous vote it was agreed to have the entry fee of €195 and the membership fee of €25. Additional banking costs will be borne by the sailors.

Topic 11 Budget 2020/2021 >>> [See Attachments.](#)

The 2020/21 Budget was approved by unanimous vote.

Topic 12 Constitution Change >>> [See Attachments.](#)

According to the decisions made at the Spring Meeting of 2020 the attached changes were made in the wording of the Constitution. These changes were accepted unanimously.

Topic 13 Organisation Rules Change >>> [See Attachments.](#)

According to the decisions made at the Spring Meeting of 2020 the attached changes were made in the wording of the Organisation Rules. These changes were accepted unanimously.

Topic 14 Other Business

The Commodore and the Secretary thanked all the participants for joining and invited them to the Skype call on the final decision on the event held on the 19th December 2020 from 14:00 CET.

The Board of IDNIYRA-Europe wishes everybody a successful and responsible preparation for the season. Stay Safe and Think Ice!



Attila Pataki, Jr. M101
Secretary
IDNIYRA Europe



Attila Pataky M100
Commodore
IDNIYRA Europe