



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

Held: Online via Skype, on the 25th & 26th of April (10.00-17.00 CEST).

Attendance list

Present:

IDNIYRA Europe Executive Board

Commodore & Insurance Manager
Vice-Commodore
Treasurer
Junior Programme Manager
Secretary & Webmaster

Attila Pataky
Mihkel Kosk
Jerzy Henke
Stan Macur
Attila Pataki, Jr.

National Secretaries

Austria
Belarus
Estonia
Germany
Hungary
Netherlands
Latvia
Lithuania
Poland
Russia
Sweden
Switzerland
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Hennie van den Brink
Girts Fisers-Blumbers
Antanas Gerasimavicius
represented by Stan Macur
Sergey Pulkov
Richard Gustring
Ambroise Johnson
David Howlett

Also present:

Warren Nethercote
Debra Whitehorse
Ambroise Johnson
Jeff Kent
Peter Hamrák
Qiguang Wang, Ming Wu & Di Zhu

Commodore IDNIYRA-NA
Secretary IDNIYRA-NA
Auditor
Technical Committee Chairman
Author of Proposals
Chinese DN Fleet

Proxy votes:

Czechia
Denmark
Finland

represented by Austria
represented by Germany
represented by Sweden

Apologies were received from Beniot Marie representative of France, Peter Uhlmann Auditor, Artis Berzins Auditor candidate, EDNIA & Technical Committee members & candidates.

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1. Ascertainment of Quorum
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 - b. Technical Specification proposal: Sails - Karol Jablonski (postponed)
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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 5 National Secretaries was present. 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 expressed his hopes of an in-person reunion during the next Championship once the COVID-19 related travel restrictions are eased.


The agenda of the meeting was accepted without objection nor addition.


The National Secretaries gave a short review of their 2020-2021 Season:


 **Austria:** This iceboating season in Austria was very lousy. Because of the Covid Pandemic our iceboaters had no chance to cross the border without quarantine sanctions. They could not visit lake Reschen, Lipno, Tisza or other places with safe ice conditions within Europe. It was also not allowed to travel somewhere within Austria and stay there in a hotel. The season started in January in Carinthia. Lake Presseggersee was frozen early this year but snowfall stopped the iceboats very soon. After the big snowfalls' parts of Lake Ossiachersee froze so that OE250 and OE777 had some days of fun. OE41 visited 2 times from Salzburg and sailed in Carinthia. In Salzburg we had no ice on the lakes this season. The typical Russian cold temperatures reached the east of Austria in the middle of February. Lake Neusiedl got some cms of unsafe ice. In Mörbisch we found a safe area where 15 boats could sail for 2 days. In summary it was again a very lousy and poor season for ice-boating in Austria.

 **Belarus:** The season was not bad. At the base reservoir, the state of ice made it possible to train from December 10 to January 8 and from February 27 to April. The ice was covered with a thick layer of snow in the period from January 8 to February 27. During this time, we have trained more than 20 times and have made one competition. Despite the quarantine, small events were allowed to be held without approval. But unfortunately, travel outside the republic was complicated, so our athletes could not participate in other events in Russia. Buer is still of interest. This season, about 10 new people tried a buer and 3 new athletes took part in our joint training. I would also like to add that 2 sportsmen conducted classes on ice periodically.

 **Czechia:** Season 2020/2021 was very poor for DN sailors in the Czech Republic. Travelling abroad and within the country was very restricted due to coronavirus. Pandemic situation in the Czech Republic during winter 2020/2021 resulted in the worst result of the ratio of victims per 1000 inhabitants in the whole world. However the local weather situation was closely watched at 4 centres: Stare splay (Machovo lake), Cheb (Jesenice), Ceske Budejovice (Bezdrev pond) and Lipno Lake. First possible attempt to set-up boats on the ice happened at Machovo lake on 1.2.2021 where 4 local sailors could enjoy 2 days of sailing at moderate wind. Then snow covered Machovo lake heavily. Conditions at Lipno lake became good on 12.2.2021. Sailors from Machovo lake moved there together with CZ 112 (7 sailors in total) and had 3 day training in light wind conditions with ice cover of 4 cm snow. It was not possible to organize a regatta. Following the next three days CZ 112 continued training at Lipno lake, moderate wind condition and thin snow cover. At the same time Jesenice DN sailors had some nice training on their lake as well as CZ 110 on Bezdrev pond. There was no IceOpti sailing. The Czech DN fleet was not present at any international event. It was even not possible to organize the Czech Republic Championship **third year in a row** which keeps last champion CZ112 unchallenged for another year.


 **Denmark:** Because of closed borders the DN forecast looked very poor, but the the best winter for many years came, and we had good ice conditions on lake Arresø and the Fjord of Ringkøbing. It was not possible to arrange any regattas because of Covid-19. About 10 new DN members in Denmark this year.


 **Estonia:** Our local season was very good. First time we got on the ice was at the end of December. From there on we had decent ice and wind conditions nearly every weekend until the beginning of March. We managed to hold 6 national competitions in total. We had visitors from Latvia and Hungary which was very good considering the traveling conditions right now. We had a lot of new young DN sailors this year and also new faces in IO sailing. We had 29 sailors in DN, 10 sailors in DN junior and 18 sailors in Ice Optimist. All in all it was a very good year of icesailing.


 **Finland:** The season 2021 was controlled by the Covid-19. The season started week 46 in Muonio, Jerisjärvi. The Finnish team was in contact with the authorities and from there we got green light for outside events with no public:

1. Johnny Köhler cup 13.11.2020. 12 sailors 6 races the ice was good the number one was Winquist John L-601, 2. Rantanen Teemu L-137, 3. Oscar Lindell L-132
2. All Saints 2020 14-15.11.2020 12 sailors 10 races. Ice conditions were perfect with black ice. The winner of the regatta was Suojanen Reko L-112, 2. Lindell Oscar L-132, 3. Rantanen Teemu L-137.
You can find nice clips from the event in the links below: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sMOILX6lo-I> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0xCe77zOlVI>
3. St. Lucia regatta 12-13.12.2020 Vaala Painuanlahti. 20 sailors 10 races. Ice conditions were good. The winner of the regatta was Winquist John L-601, 2. Mihkel Kosk C-45, 3. Mikael Pettersson L-65
4. Kuopio Ranking and HSK-Ranking was canceled. We tried our best to have a race, but the wind was too weak.
5. The Finnish Grand Masters 11-12.3.2021 Säskylä Pyhäjärvi. 3 sailors 5 races. 1. Mikael Pettersson L-65. 2. Timo Caravitis L-37. 3. Petri Pennanen L-53
6. Finnish champion 13-14.3.2021 Säskylä Pyhäjärvi. 21 sailors 6 races. On Sunday, no Wind. Now we have a new Champion in Finland and he is Rantanen Teemu L-137. 2. Winquist John L-601 and 3. Oscar Lindell L-132
7. BSS Sunny Ranking 26-27.3.2021 Tehinselkä Päijänne. 23 sailors 6 races. On Sunday, no Wind. 1. John Winquist L-601. 2. Ossi Pajja L-139. 3. Mikael Pettersson L-65.


We recruited 7 new sailors in the Finnish fleet and 1 new IceOpti.


 **France:** No sailing due to pandemia, as no travel allowed. Interest from other people to join next time so maybe we can be 3 french sailors next year doing the international regattas. One guy was sailing in Lac des Rousses near Switzerland but couldn't get in touch with him.


 **Germany:** Corona stops Icesailing to the German Fleet heavily. Due to the Situation, our Training Sessions either in Sweden or in the South was cancelled. The Main Problem to us, was not going out of the Country, the Main Problem was by Return back you had to go Carantäne for 2 Weeks. That stopped many Sailors traveling legal. However, we had Ice in Germany at several Spots. At Week 6 the Ice was building, so 16 Boats sailed at lake Grimnitz near Berlin for Training. Steinhuder Meer was also frozen, but little dangerous with a couple of DN's sailing at the Shoreline. Then, there was superblank Ice at Lake Wittensee, where 7 Boats sailed. Also at Eutiner See, which is also in the North of Germany, where 7 Boats. Last not least from knowing, there were a couple of DN's at Schlei, the Ice there was Slush Snow, therefore not much sailing through light Winds. That was only one weekend we had here in Germany. 1 Member is sailing at the Baikal Sailing Week. Our Membership is constant, we had a Big Loss of G695, Andreas Volz passed away too early, but we also have 6 new Members, 5 in the south- Bavaria. It is good to see, there are activities even without Ice, and-or, in all this „Look Down“ Situation. Germany is looking forward to 2021-2022.


 **Hungary:** Because of the pandemic restrictions this season we couldn't hold any official events and most of our icesailors were not able to travel either. In late January we had 2 days of black ice at Tisza Reservoir and a week of ice in February at Lake Velence, where 5-10 of our members were


able to do some practice runs. We also had some very spotty ice on Lake Neusiedl, but unfortunately the hungarian part of the lake was inaccessible due to ongoing real estate development. M53 Péter Hamrák travelled and took part in multiple Swedish trainings, Polish-, Estonian-, Finnish Championships and regattas where he usually finished in the top 5 of his group. We had very good media coverage with multiple written articles and podcast-interviews published. Enthusiasm is growing towards the sport as we recruited 3 new members this season.


 **Latvia:** This season in Latvia went under very little sailing signe. Ice conditions were satisfactory at the second part of winter. However locally we had only few training events due to existing COVID restrictions, no official racing during the season was allowed. Few Latvian sailors participated in Iceboat racing in Estonia.

 **Lithuania:** This season in the second half of February - beginning of March we were allowed to organise 3 ice sailing regattas, in Elektrenai and Rekyva lakes. Lithuanian championships and cup regattas had good media coverage in articles posted on main news websites and it made one of the most popular tv channel news. Also we are very happy to announce that in sailing magazine "Vejo 3" organized Lithuanian Sailing Awards 2020 - a regatta of the year nomination winner was JWC/JEC 2020 in Sweden. Award will attract more people from soft sailing to find out what is sailing on ice. The DN fleet in Lithuania is growing and specially in the west of the country, 3 new sailors participated in regattas.


 **Netherlands:** It is unbelievable, but after 8 years of not having ice, it started freezing hard in February in this Corona year. This was a very welcome surprise for the dutch ice sailors. In this Corona year where we were not allowed to travel, we were able to ice-sailing for 4 days on beautiful black ice in our own country. Several lakes were frozen over in the north (Friesland) as well as in the west (north and south Holland). It was a pity that we were not allowed to organize competitions. It was beautiful how many ice sailboats there were on the ice. At the same time there was a large trade in ice sailboats. At the end of the frost period there was no longer a boat for sale. This was also very good for DN Nederland. After many years of fewer members, we became 23 new members this year. But also this year, when traveling wasn't allowed, sailors went to Sweden and Poland. All in all it was a good ice sail year.

 **Poland:** In Poland season started at the end of January, first regatta took place on 23, 24 of January. We have managed to organize 6 different regattas including Polish Championship for all categories: Junior, Junior under 16, Ice Opti and Senior. Competitors attendance was very good: average 45-50 persons, on Polish Championship - 60 (with very few colleagues from abroad). Due to Covid-19 we could make regatta happen only under certain conditions: online check in, as well as payment via bank transfers, no regatta office, no opening ceremony. We found out online check in very helpful for regatta's organizers so we plan to extend it for coming seasons also. We also introduced live scoring so after each race we had updated results. It is also very helpful for the race committee. The season could be longer, but big snow cover on all Masurian lakes made them impossible to race and fast warming caused ice to be dangerous.

 **Russia:** Russia had a long season of iceboating possibilities from the end of October until the middle of April. Multiple fleets competed in sometimes simultaneous local regattas from Vladivostok through St.Petersburg. The Baikal Icesailing Week was held 19-28 of March with 4 international racers visiting from Poland, Germany & Switzerland. The Russian DN fleet hopes that for next year travelling will be easier and more icesailors will be able to visit their regattas.


 **Sweden:** Sweden has had the best ice season in many years. We have had navigable ice from Gothenburg to Kiruna. The whole of Siljan was navigable with really nice ice for a couple of weeks. It happens about every ten years. The only exception was the Mälardalen region, including Stockholm, Uppsala and Västerås, which had poor conditions.


Due to the corona pandemic, it was not possible to arrange any races at all. DN Sweden has arranged a joint training camp at Ymsen which was much appreciated. It has been sailed for more than several years in Sweden. Many new ones have been added. We are positive about the interest in the sport for next season as we hope to be able to arrange competitions again. Richard personally had 36 days with Dideric on the ice and sailed a total of 2500 km. At the end of March it was still possible to sail in the northern parts of the country.

 **Switzerland:** As always lake Resia located in the eastern part of Switzerland froze early december allowing a few members to take to the ice over Christmas and New Year. We were also lucky with the temperature conditions allowing the small lake of les Rousses (just on the other side of the french border) to freeze in January. Good ice, nice weather and gentle breeze attracted lots of DN sailors old, middle age and young! We also met newcomers invited by their DN sailors friend, which after all is the best publicity for the class. After two weeks or so of nice sailing, snow covered the whole playground bringing our activity to an end.

A few enthusiastic members went sailing the russian lake of Baikal.

We look forward to the next season, dearly hoping to have all the restrictions lifted at last !

 **United Kingdom:** Quarantine, Locked Down UK and no Ice. Looking forward to next season. We will be vaccinated soon and travel should become possible.

 **North America:** Pandemic travel restrictions between Canada, the United States, and Europe caused the Gold Cup and North American Championship cancellation. Three regional regattas were sailed, including the 2020 Centrals, 2021 Western Region, and 2021 Central Region.

No title regattas were sailed in Canada because inter-provincial quarantine requirements would have limited attendees to residents of Ontario and Quebec.

In place of the North American Championship, Vice Commodore Jody Kjoller US5435 organized a non-ranking U.S. Nationals for the same week as what would have been the Gold Cup. Fifty-two competitors registered for the three-day event held on Black Lake in northern Michigan. Both Gold and Silver fleets sailed nine races in a variety of conditions. Ron Sherry US44 won the Gold Fleet, and Andy Allen US5451 won the Silver Fleet. COVID19 precautions included mandatory online registration, and race lineup sheets were texted to competitors to avoid crowd gatherings.

Internet searches for winter outdoor activities drove more traffic to the website than in previous years. idniyra.org website logs from October 2020 to March 2021 indicated that the "Get Started DN Sailing" page was the third most viewed page after the Home and the Specification pages.

Topic 3 Approval of the Minutes of National Secretaries' Meeting held in October 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 Autumn Online National Secretaries' Meeting were AGREED and Approved by unanimous Vote.

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

No remarks. No vote needed

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 2020/2021.

The Accounts were approved unanimously.

Topic 6 Commodore's Report on the 2020/2021 Season and Lessons Learned:

The 2020-21 season was dominated by continuous restrictions because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore - though every effort was made - no IDNIYRA ranking event was organized during the season. Most international events, including the World-, the European- and the North American Championships were cancelled. Even a non-ranking Europe Cup could not be organized.

Notwithstanding the travel restrictions, the season was very busy for the Nations. Some reported the best season for a long time.

Because of the lack of any international event, the willingness to register as an EU member and pay the membership fee was very low. At the time of writing this report (end of March) we had only 65 paid members. The breakdown by nations is the following:

Belarus - 0	Netherlands - 7	Poland - 10
Estonia - 5	UK - 3	Russia - 1
Czechia - 0	Finland - 3	Sweden - 10
Denmark - 2	Hungary - 3	Lithuania - 1
France - 1	Latvia - 1	Switzerland - 4
Germany - 10	Austria - 4	

This is very low compared with the last season when we had 210 paid members. The low registration may cause some financial problems since the cumulative income from 65 members and the 15 nations is only 2000 EUR. The other problem will be a possible European under-representation in the upcoming Class Votes (only registered and paid members can vote!)

To ease this situation I suggest tying at least 2 years of paid membership as a condition for participating in IDNIYRA-Europe events.

There were slight problems with the website during the season. Our regular payment system became unavailable after a while and shutdowns frequently happened. Unfortunately, the transition was not smooth with the leaving of the former webmaster. The current webmaster did not receive all the necessary information on the website in time. Godie did a tremendous amount of work on the website, but we have to admit that in the long term the knowledge of maintaining our main form of communication cannot rely on a single person. More detailed information will be given in the Internet Communications and Media Workgroup report.

New nation filed an application for IDNIYRA Europe membership. Chinese sailors approached us to join our community. Details in the dedicated agenda item.

The Commodore's Report was accepted unanimously.

(Post meeting note: the number of registered members on May 10th 2021 is at 79)

Topic 7 Junior Programme Report

Covid-19 situation has complicated junior ice sailing this season.

We had some DN-Junior and IceOptimist activity especially in Poland, Estonia and Russia. Other countries had no possibility to organize official regattas.

We had five big regattas in Poland including the Polish DN-Junior and IceOptimist Championships, Races were held in Estonia and Russia with about 20 IceOptimist participants at the Baikal Icesailing Week 2021.

We had a very good cooperation between JPM and Estonian DN Fleet and made great effort to find a way to organize the Juniors WC/EC 2021. Ultimately this was unsuccessful due to the situation, but we have decided to postpone this season's championships to December 2021, to give a chance for all juniors, especially for sailors who are going to age out of their class this year.

Proposed date for the postponed Juniors WC/EC 2021 is 5-10 December 2021.

Junior championships 2022 is planned for 6-11 March 2022.

The Junior Programme Report was accepted unanimously.

Topic 8 Technical Committee Report

In light of Covid with the major continental championships being canceled activity presented to the TC was greatly reduced. Several new proposals for sailors are presented to you for your initial approval / dismissal at this meeting. In the past year, a ballot was presented and voted upon by class members for specification changes.

Specification's review:

In months ahead I will have time (medical recovery) available to finally review specifications and further attempt to make them clearer combined with diagrams where necessary for review by TC and governing committees. »» [You can read the Report in its entirety here.](#)

The Technical Committee Report was accepted unanimously.

Topic 9 Insurance Report

Because of the reasons described in the Commodore's Report very few insurance policies were sent for checking and assigning insurance ID. Altogether we received less than 90 insurances and assigned 57 IDs for the seniors and 29 IDs for the juniors.

Since we also received improper confirmations, therefore I ask everybody to carefully read the ["Insurance - What to know" posting on the website](#). Only insurances complying with the listed conditions will be accepted.

The other condition to assign insurance IDs is that only IDNIYRA Europe members can receive insurance ID, with the condition that all dues are paid both by the member and the relevant national organisation.

We received no information about any insurance-related accidents this season.

The Insurance Report was accepted unanimously.

Topic 10 Media & Communications Report

EU Website: Unfortunately the transition of webmaster privileges/access was not seamless and didn't complete until late november when it was already too late to make major infrastructural changes.

Due to hacking attempts and virus attacks during the summer and for a short time in the autumn the website was down. Fortunately with the help of Godie we brought it back to life.

The main reason for our vulnerability was most likely in minor part some customized code and in a bigger part the out of date themes & plugins and I do have my reservations about our host service as well regarding price/security/quality of service.

Because of stability concerns, after consulting with my predecessor we decided that the best course of action is to wait with the updates until the end of the season, however after it was

decided that there will be no major regattas this season I updated the plugins and so far they run well.

Because of the years of customization and effects of previous virus attacks a lot of the features don't work the way they should. Making changes to the website is time consuming, includes a lot of trial & error and working around the problems.

From September I made some minor changes to the User Interface of the site:

- Applied a modern full screen-responsive layout
- embedded a Facebook page feed for media
- set up and embedded a sharable and subscribable (google based) DN Class Regatta Calendar and gave editor access to all national secretaries and to the North American Organisation. This calendar was used this season with events from the Swedish, Russian, Finnish, Lithuanian, Polish & North American Fleets. I would like to ask all of the representatives to add their events once their annual schedule is public. This database is easily accessible and editable in case of changes in time & venue which is typical in our sport. Sailors can choose which member fleets' calendars they'd like to subscribe to.
- revised the menu structure for accessibility, ease of use and a better user experience.

In addition to having the newswall on the website as our main form of communication I advocate for having a backup infrastructure for means of communication and already semi-detached some of the mission critical features should there be a problem with the site again.

We had an unpleasant surprise with the payment system during the start of the registration period when it suddenly stopped working. The errors were twofold :

1. The out of date plugins on the website,
2. The move of the organisation from Hamburg to Vienna was not implemented properly at our payment platforms. This is mostly resolved and all german accounts are now closed and transferred to Austria. The pandemic and the move to Austria had a positive impact on our e-commerce platforms. Now many of the features we had to pay for earlier are free or cheaper.

Email address leaks, spams and scams are still a problem, the latest was an impersonation of Jörg Bohn (Be sure to always check and verify the email address of the sender).

I believe the subscription-service to post-notifications might open us up for some spam attacks. The move of this feature behind a paywall for members might solve this problem. For subscribers a 3rd party alternative with a monthly digest-like newsletter from the posts might be a solution ... perhaps together for the whole class?)

Google Analytics data are now also available on the usage of idniyra.eu

DN World Portal: dniceboat.org

Deb has put together a wonderful website to showcase media, store common documents and attract new sailors into our sports community. We had very productive workgroup meetings in the Autumn and are in constant contact with each other and giving feedback via email.

As a proof of concept I added the top menu bar to the EU continental site as well to aid navigation. The experience will be further improved once we revamp the continental websites for a unified visual DN class experience.

Social media has been extremely busy.

Luckily we created a Youtube channel in the beginning of the season for the whole of the DN Class where we compiled and curated playlists to save videos from and for our community. It's ready for self-produced content, live streams, etc... The two continental secretaries have admin access to it. Subscription is slowly growing.

We had new videos coming out almost every week, sometimes more than one in a day. Tomek Zakrzewski's Tech Talks, Mike Madge's Sailjuice and Steve Orlebeke from Harken along with the

regular fleet-made action-cam and news coverage made enormous contributions to this season's DN media content.

On our [Facebook Page](#) we made over 250 posts/reposts in the last 180 days bringing together our own and community content from various DN related pages, groups & profiles making it pretty much the most up-to-date DN news hub of the season.

Information and news on the DN related activities continues to be fragmented throughout the web, especially in our social media presence, which is disorienting for people new and old to the sport alike - Consolidation would be welcomed for better reach and less noise. In this spirit I would like to propose to have one main facebook page for the class (for external communication) and one main facebook group for (internal) community discussions. The easiest and most efficient way would be the rebranding of the current continental facebook presence (as those have the largest reach within our NA & EU members). Admin rights would be granted to both continental secretaries. We would only go forward with this if both parties agree.

Tracking:

More and more of our members are using sports tracking technologies during regattas and their regular training activities. We created an [International DN Strava club](#) for uploading, sharing and comparing statistics, giving mental support and to push one another in a positive way. Kwindoo regatta tracking and broadcasts were a hit and miss this season. It worked very well on certain regattas like the [Lithuanian Championships](#) and the [North American Central Regionals](#), where together with the social media broadcast it was quite entertaining. Onsite support from fleets, volunteers and promotion might be the key for wider adoption. I will try to provide this service for as many regattas as possible (if welcomed) for next season.

Yearbook:

This season we actively worked together with Deb Whitehorse, Bob Commins, Chris Williams, Hans Adolfsson & Daan Schutte. We wrote a few chapters on the European history of the DN Class & The IceOptimist and proposed a new structure for the yearbook for better accessibility. Unfortunately some of our contributions didn't make it into the last issue. We will rework these for next year in the hopes of adoption.

Plans for 2021:

The EU website will be rebuilt from the ground-up during the summer and tested before the season.

We are soft-launching the DN World Portal and adding pages and additional features as needed in tandem with interweaving it with the continental sites.

»» You can read the Media & Communications Report in its entirety [here](#).

After a short discussion the Media & Communications Report was accepted unanimously.

Topic 11 Event Sponsorship Report

Unfortunately we didn't receive a report on this topic other than what was discussed at the Media & Communications Workgroup & Tomek Zakrzewski could not join us this year due to medical reasons.

Topic 12 EDNIA Report

Unfortunately we didn't receive a report on this topic.

Topic 13 IDNIYRA EU-NA Contact Report

We had a very productive season working together on the Yearbook, in the Communications Workgroup, and a successful cooperation in making contact with the Chinese DN Fleet.

In response to Warren Nethercote North American Commodore's memo the Secretary has admitted that the error was done on our part and confirmed that a revised wording of the proposals will be sent to the Technical Committee by the end of May.

(Post meeting note: We received a copy of the planned NIA Amendments thanks to Warren Nethercote & Ron Sherry and have given feedback and review after consulting the National Secretaries & top European sailors)

Topic 14 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 15 Election of IDNIYRA - Europe Officers for 2 year period (Only National Secretaries vote)

The following were elected and approved for 2 year period:

Secretary: Attila Pataki, Jr (reelected) by unanimous vote
Junior Programme Manager: Stan Macur (reelected) by unanimous vote

The following Auditors were elected and approved:

Artis Berzins was elected by unanimous vote for a 2 year period. We thank Ambroise Johnson for the work he did in this position.

Topic 16 Election of a European Technical Committee Member (for a 6 year period)

Tomasz Zakrzewski was reelected by unanimous vote.

Topic 17 Election of EDNIA Members (for a 5 year period)

The following members were elected and approved for 5 year period:

Daan Schutte, Dietmar Gottke, John Winquist & Vaiko Voorema were reelected and Max Koszela was elected by unanimous vote. We thank Hans Adolfsson for all the work he did in this position.

(Post meeting note: **Tomas Gross has accepted the role of Jury Chairman** for the next season)

Topic 18 Letters to the Board

- a. Technical Committee Memo - Warren Nethercote (discussed under NA-EU Report)
- b. Technical Specification proposal: Sails - Karol Jablonski (postponed)
- c. Technical Specification proposals: Fuselage, Cockpit, Runner, Plank, Sail, Steering - Péter Hamrák (postponed)

Due to the already significant amount of questions planned for this season's ballot and the current state of the European membership it was decided that the review of the technical specifications proposals will be postponed until the next season. This decision was confirmed by a unanimous vote.

d. Chinese DN Fleet Membership Application

We received an application from the Chinese DN Fleet for becoming a member of IDNIYRA Europe. On behalf of the Chinese DN Fleet, Mr. Qiguang Wang chairman of the Jinzhou Yachting and Sailing Association and Jinzhou Bay Sailing Club, Mr. Ming Wu director of the club and Ms. Di Zhu, Chinese-Canadian interpreter was also invited to aid throughout the process.

As they told us, in the past three years, during the introduction, training and participation in- and hosting of various icesailing competitions, they stumbled across pictures and videos of DN iceboats on the Internet. The appearance, structure, speed and specifications of the DN immediately aroused everyone's interest. In 2019, they purchased plans from North America and manufactured a few of China's first iceboats of the class. Last year contact was established with IDNIYRA - Europe and official talks began on joining the Organisation. We received their application of membership earlier this year.

At the same time, they have also received strong support and approval from the Chinese Sailing and Windsurfing Association. They plan to join our association as a local organisation, and at the same time, continue to promote the DN icesailing across the country.

After an impressive presentation and interview, **the national representatives unanimously approved the membership application** and greeted the new member fleet with an ovation.

Topic 19 Yearbook & Runner Tracks

The IDNIYRA Yearbook and Runner Tracks continue to be published on schedule. The IDNIYRA board is reviewing the and considering rewriting the history page. We encourage class members to contribute articles to Runner Tracks. The class is grateful to the support from our advertisers:

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The class also benefits immensely from our relationship with some wonderful professional photographers whose photos help tell the story of the DN class.

Igor Bessarab, Russia

Gretchen Dorian, USA

Catherine Firmbach, USA

Connie Hartviksen, Canada

Sean Heavey, USA

Gwidon Libera, Poland

Sophia Marc-Martin, Switzerland

The report on the Yearbook & Runner Tracks was accepted unanimously and IDNIYRA-Europe congratulated and thanked Deb for all her wonderful work.

Topic 20 WC/EC 2022

The 2022 Gold Cup World & European Championship will be organised by Switzerland & IDNIYRA EU between February 19 & 26 on the best ice in Europe. NOR is to be published no later than 2021 Dec. 15th. Regular Entry closes: Jan. 19th. Insurance ID Closes: 2021 Dec. 15th. The European Championship 2023 will be organised by Latvia.

Topic 21 Junior WC/EC 2021-2022

Proposed date for the postponed Juniors WC/EC 2021 is 5-10 December 2021.

Junior championships 2022 is planned for 6-11 March 2022.

Organising nations:

2022 - Estonia, 2023 - Poland

Topic 22 NAC 2022

The dates for the North American Championship 2022 are not set yet.

Topic 23 National Secretaries' Meeting 2022

The 2022 National Secretaries' Meeting will be held online on the 23rd & 24th of April.

Topic 24 Determination of contributions to the IDNIYRA - Europe and event entry fees

By unanimous vote it was agreed to have the entry fee of €195 and both the individual and national fleet membership fees of €25. A 2 year consecutive membership will be required at registration and a re-admission fee of €25 will apply in case of prior broken individual membership. Additional banking costs will be borne by the sailors.

Topic 25 Budget 2021/2022

»» See Attachments.

The 2021/22 Budget was approved by unanimous vote.

Topic 26 Other Business

It was brought to our attention that the World Anti-Doping Agency has banned all Russian athletes from competing for 4 years starting from 9th of December, 2019. This decision was halved by the Court of Arbitration for Sport. **The DN Class as a WADA-member enforces this decision and will only allow Russian icesailors to compete at international events until the 9th of December, 2021 with the following stipulations:** "The team cannot use the Russian name, flag, or anthem and must present themselves as "Neutral Athlete" or "Neutral Team". The ruling does allow for team uniforms to display "Russia" on the uniform but only up to equal predominance as the "Neutral Athlete/Team" designation, as well as the use of the Russian flag colors within the uniform's design."

The Commodore and the Secretary thanked all the participants for joining and invited them to an in person meeting during the next event.

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



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