

International DN Ice Yacht Racing Association Europe
IDNIYRA-Europe Society e.V.
Minutes and Decisions of National Secretaries
Vienna, Austria 26th - 28th April 2019

Present:

IDNIYRA Europe Executive Board

Commodore	Attila Pataki
Vice Commodore	Timo Caravitis
Treasurer	Jerzy Henke
Insurance Manager	Niklas Mueller-Hartburg
Webmaster	Dietmar Gottke
Junior Programme Manager	Stan Macur
Secretary	Chris Williams

National Secretaries

Austria	Walter Koelbl
Finland	Olli Virta
Germany	Bernd Zeiger
Hungary	Attila Pataki Jr.
Latvia	Girts Fisers-Blumbergs
Netherlands	Hennie van den Brink
Poland	Jerzy Henke
Sweden	Richard Gustring
Switzerland	Ambroise Johnson
United Kingdom	Chris Williams

Technical Committee

Peter Hamrak

Also present:

Debra Whitehorse	Secretary IDNIYRA-NA
Peter Uhlmann	Member Austria

Proxy votes:

Czechia	represented by Niklas Mueller-Hartburg
Denmark	represented by Bernd Zeiger

Apologies were received from Lithuania

Topic 1 Ascertainment of a Quorum

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

Topic 2 Opening remarks and Review of the 2018/2019 Season

The Commodore opened the meeting with a welcome to all present.

Austria

The season for Austrian iceboaters started at lake Haidersee end of December 2018. There we met friends from Switzerland, Germany and Hungary. The next event was the EC in Poland where the Austrians started with 3 boats - in each group one. Philipp Hribar (OE777) reached the 25th place in Gold-fleet. We're very proud of him.

During the time of EC we had also some good ice conditions at Wallersee, but almost very light wind. In Carinthia we could sail for training purpose on Presseggersee and Feldsee (Brennsee) also for a longer time of period but also mostly with a light breeze of wind.

In February two of the Hungarians (2 x Pataki) and 3 of the Austrians visit lake Liptovská Mara in Slovakia for the very first time. There we found very nice and ice-sailing interested sailors and surfers with a lot of local weather knowledge. We had 25 cm thick, fast, smooth and hard snow ice without snow on it. We could sail with a speed of around 90 km/h for some hours. It's a very nice barrier lake with very low water level in wintertime (only one site to launch) and tricky in case of good wind conditions. Before the next visit it's absolutely recommended to call one of the local soft-water sailors first.

The season ends too early and with much to less hours in the DN with a trip to lake Lipno. We met there some Germans and again our friends from Hungary. The snow ice was good and we had also some light wind at the first day. The next days the weather starts to get warm and we had no wind anymore.

Finland

In the beginning of the season we had problems with ice; the traditional All Saints-Johnny Köhler Cup had to be cancelled.

We found ice in the beginning of December, first ranking at Alajärvi 8-9.12. Black ice and moderate wind, just perfect. Then snow storms covered all the frozen lakes by 30 cm of snow and we could not arrange races during January.

Six sailors participated EC in Poland; our rookie Risto Pesola sails now in silver fleet. Another rookie Eppu Kärki won the broze fleet.

The first Grand Masters Cup arranged 19-21.2 at Säkylä. Very nice regatta; Swedish fleet take care of arrangements of GM Cup next season.

Next race was the "floating"-ranking. We have reserved one "open date" race for every season. This race can be arranged if the circumstances are good. NOR one week before race. System works well.

We sailed the Finnish Championship regatta 1-3.3. at Säkylä. John Winqvist won the race.

Last regatta, Sunny Ranking was sailed at Vääksy, 120 km north from Helsinki. Best ice ever; strong wind. Our youngsters sailed 125 km/h, crazy!

We have been lucky; 5-6 new sailors participating the regattas, altogether the Finnish Fleet have now around 30 active members.

Germany

The Winter for Germans started in December with the Western Challenge - Minnesota/US followed by beginning of January in Sweden as well as in the South at Haider See. A Ranking Regatta as sailed in Sweden than, where 6 Germans trained up. Very difficult weather with light winds on Saturday. Sunday winds with about 3-5m/sec. 3 races where sailed, strong showing of the Polish Fleet. The



Regatta was won by P256 - Rafal Silikie before P155 Lukas Zakrewski and Frederik Lönegren of Sweden. 1st German was G107 Bernd Zeiger at 6st Place before G890 Holger Petzke 10th. After that the concentration went to WM for one Group, 21 Germans entered to the EM, which where sailed in Poland / Milolajki after a postponement of one day. Heiner Forstmann G 44 sailed into the Gold Fleet coming from Bronce- one of the oldest competitors with respect. Later 5 sailors travelled to the WM, held in the Indian Lake/Ohio. Good result of Holger Petzke finished 4th and Anja Fiedler 9th. First time married couple finished top ten. Holger won Grandmaster Trophy 60+ and G 551 Christian Seegers GM 70+. All Germans sailed Gold Fleet. NA's had to been moved to Indiana/ Lake Wawasee. Results confirmed the performance of not much training. In between that, there where 2 days of „onshore sailing“ at Lake Steinhuder Meer- Central Germany, with the option making the Iceboat License of German Sailing DSV. Thanks to Goodie taking care. Thin ice but safe enough. In March the Swedish Nationals where sailed at Storsjön with 35 actives, 6 from Germany. Very warm by 10 degrees, Bernd Zeiger finished 4th with only 2 points missing to 2nd. Strong showing of the Polish Fleet again, P 431 finished his competitive year winning. The saison ended in April at Lake Baikal, 4 Germans competed there.

Hungary

The Hungarian DN Fleet kicked off the 2018-19 season with great enthusiasm at our annual meeting last November. Because of our commitments to organize the European Championship and the Juniors we needed to keep ourselves to a strict financial plan. We got a very much needed support from the Hungarian Yachting Association. We re-organized our membership and recruited 4 new sailors hence brought our numbers to 37 members.

Peter Hamrák took part in the Great Western Challenge in North America where he finished 2nd place.

Unfortunately, because of the mild weather and fierce winds no sailable ice was able to form on Lake Balaton. Lake Velence had a long weekend of ice that some of our more daring members tried out. Tisza Reservoir was sailable for more than a week and looked very promising with 7-10 cm of ice and light snowdrifts. Sadly, by the time of the European Championship a warm front reached the region with daytime temperatures of +16°C.

We ended up organizing the European Championship on Lake Sniardwy, Poland with 119 contestants. The Hungarian Team consisted of 3 sailors: Peter Hamrák, Attila Pataky & Attila Pataki, Jr.

We organized the Junior World and European Championship on Lake Siemianowka, with 38 Ice Optimists and 42 DN Juniors, altogether 80 contestants and a somewhat 20+ supporting personnel. Mihály Hamrák represented Hungary in the DN Juniors category at the events.

We sailed two weekends with the Austrian Fleet in Liptovská Mara, Slovakia and in Lipno, Czech Republic. We have explored multiple lakes in Slovakia suitable for ice sailing regattas and are in the process of introducing the sport to local enthusiasts. This may be a solution for extending our season in the region.

Peter took part in the Polish, Swedish, World and North American Championships.

Latvia

Latvian fleet had some changes last year and now we have new secretary. We had average winter conditions. Good sailing ice in December and first ice tested on 2nd of December. Around the Christmas snow arrived and there was no ice for month. End of January we got the good sailable ice again in all country and managed three races till beginning of March. We sailed Latvian Nationals and our DN fleet reached biggest number of boats for a while. We had 19 DN on starting line from three different countries and 5 Ice Optimists. Last race and last ice of the season were tested on 10th of March on Lake Alukana in far east of country.

During the season we rediscovered few good lakes suitable for sailing. These lakes been sailed in past but for a long time ago and now we returned ice sails on them again. Looking for improvement in youth sailing. Two youth participated in Worlds and Europeans in DN class but there were no Ice Optimist sailors this year. Five sailors took part in Europeans this year.



Netherlands

For the Netherlands it was again a very bad ice-sailing season, even worse than the last 4 years. This year we had no ICE at all.

Also, this year, many sailors went abroad to Sweden, Poland and Finland where they sailed fine and safe.

In the Netherlands we hope for better winters, so that the number of sailors can grow again.

Poland

It was the shortest season in our 50-years history DN in Poland. We only had four national regattas, and achieved very good results everywhere.

Sweden

We had a poor season this year. The weather where not with us this year. Too much snow in the north after Christmas that never melt down. The big lakes around Stockholm had more or less not sailable ice because of to warm weather. There was no sailable ice south of Stockholm this year. But still we manage to get Swedish Champion and all ranking sailing in except one. But the ice and wind condition where not easy to deal with at all.

The season start in the middle of December and it looks very promising for the rest of the season until we got a lot of snow in the beginning of January and after that warm weather south of Uppsala.

On the positive side is that the class is grooving on the senior side and that we got two new juniors, Axel Steffner and Oscar Svensson, that beginning to compete really good with the senior sailors. Oscar Svensson won one Ranking regatta in Uppsala. He was before guys like Tomas Lindgren and Tomek Zakrzewski.

We had two sailors at the world's and six sailors in the European. The result was not bad but not what we had hoped for.

Switzerland

The Swiss fleet appointed Ambroise Johnson as new secretary as Charles Martinet step down after 8 years in post. The new secretary has been sailing the DN for the past 13 years but never outside Switzerland.

The season started on the Haidersee last December as the keen competitors gathered to tune up for the coming competitions.

The Jura lakes started to freeze early February and we could sail the small lake 'des Rousses' for several days before it got covered with too much snow. The bigger lake of la Vallée de Joux froze partly allowing a few days of sailing as well but it all ended when a member tried very thin ice sailing and finished in the water. Fortunately, he could get out of the water quickly and his boat was recovered the next day with our rescue material.

Once again there was not sufficient ice to hold the Swiss championship.

The swiss sailors have had good results overall in the EU championship, *Jean-Claude Vuithier* won the first Grand Master and our Swiss representative in NA, *Arnaud L'Huillier* also made excellent scorings.

United Kingdom

A normal season with no sailable ice in the UK and much travelling to major event (EC and WC). One new member K14 David Lindsay.

K11 and K1 covered 4000+km through France, Belgium Netherlands, Denmark, Sweden, Latvia and Estonia to get to Poland for EC2019! Hope for better forecast in 2020.

North America

The season began in December 2018 in Battle Lake, Minnesota at the Western Challenge. This provided the first opportunity to use the new scoring software, Sailwave, which worked very well for the on-ice scorers and off-ice tabulator. Competitors and those who followed the regatta on their laptops and devices were able to see race results practically in real time.



The DN fleet returned to Minnesota on Lake Pepin in early January for the Western Region championship. Two fleets sailed 8 races each over the 2-day event. Ron Sherry took top honours in a tie break with John Dennis.

The Gold Cup attracted over 110 competitors from North America, Poland, Sweden, Hungary, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Estonia, and Russia. Central Lakes Rear Commodore Rob Holman found ice in the Central region on Indian Lake, OH for 3 fleets. A large Polish contingent attended the regatta but their boats were stranded in Paris customs. Poland's Michael Burzinski won his third Gold cup in a borrowed boat from Daniel Hearn. Snow fall in Ohio forced a relocation into Indiana, 2.5 hours to the west where the North American championship was sailed. Ron Sherry won his 3rd consecutive and 14th North American title.

The Canadian Championship was sailed in March and won by James "T" Thieler.

Topic 3 Approval of the Minutes of National Secretaries Meeting 2018

These were **AGREED** and **Approved by unanimous Vote.**

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

The Commodore reported about the possible legal problems arisen from the reorganisation of IDNIYRA-Europe Society e.V. and introduction of new membership structure. It was found that those types of required changes in the recent Constitution is complicated in Germany, therefore the Board Members and Secretaries present decided to find other way to solve this problem. One of the solution would be to relocate the Society to another country. The Insurance Manager made a pre-meeting research about the legal environment in Austria and reported, that relocation of the Society to Austria is possible and any further changes in the legal documents to be made are far easier. The practical way to do that would be to establish a new Society with the seat in Vienna, then transfer the founds to the bank account of the new Society and dissolve the old one.

The Commodore and the Insurance Manager were unanimously authorised to make all necessary arrangements for the relocation.

Post Meeting notice: Two National Organisations (Austria and Hungary established IDNIYRA-EUROPE Eissegelverband Europa (Vienna) on May 9, 2019 and the Society was registered by Landespolizeidirektion Wien, Referat Vereins-, Versammlungs- und Medienrechtsangelegenheiten on May 30, 2019.

Topic 5 Financial Report

The Treasurer presented the Financial Report for 2018/2019. (See in Attachment) Ambroise Johnson (Swiss National Secretary) was requested by the Board and National Secretaries to audit the Accounts. He reported:

As requested by the Board and the National Secretaries, I have audited the accounts 2018-2019 presented by the IDNIYRA Treasurer.

I have received all the answers and explanations to my questions from the Treasurer, the amounts are reported in the accounts as per the bank reports. All the corresponding invoices were presented. In the light of my findings, I recommend the accounts as presented by the Treasurer of the IDNIYRA for approval by the present members.

The Accounts were approved by unanimous vote.



Topic 6 **EC 2019 Report and Lessons Learned**

The Organizing country for 2019 EC was Hungary. Unfortunately, the originally planned location did not provide suitable ice hosting 200 people, therefore the Commodore and the Hungarian National Secretary started their ice scouting tour one week ahead the planned start of the event. Several sites were visited in different countries, but no one was suitable to host the EC. Since by the time the decision was planned no place was found, which may comply with the requirements the Commodore postponed the full event by one day. This decision was met by the community with mixed emotions. The question had arisen, whether the Commodore has the right to decide that way. The answer was given by EDNIA under Topic 11.

The final venue, Lake Sniardwy, Poland was decided on Saturday. There were 119 participants from 17 countries. The sailors were divided in three fleet. 21 races were flown in three days and finally there was no need to use the reserve day, the Commodore added to the event.

This year the EC and the Juniors got a much-needed sponsorship from: The Hungarian Yachting Association, Rooster Sailing, Quantum Sails Hungary, Kwindoo and IceWise. Offering the events in one agreement-package made us more desirable for larger sponsors. Because of the unpredictable nature of icesailing locations, if possible, local sponsorships should be minimized. To avoid conflicts of interest, it is best if one sailmaker, one clothing manufacturer and multiple service providers are to be sponsoring an event/season. For future events, this practice is advised by this year's organizers.

A media-coverage limitation and accreditation of the Press might be necessary in the future to ensure top quality creative content.

Topic 7 **Junior WC/EC DN and Ice Optimist 2019 Report and Lessons Learned**

Regatta planned 4-8.02. 2019 on Balaton, Hungary was moved (decision JPM Friday Feb 1st 12:00) to lake Niegocin, Gizycko, Poland. According to NOR on Monday Feb 4th was measurement and check-in at EcoMarina. Because of bad weather change ice conditions on Tuesday Feb 5th morning was bad and regatta was moved to lake Siemianowka at Polish eastern border. We have got a great support from regional office and on Feb 6th after great opening ceremony with mayor of Michalowo in the harbour. We finished in good conditions 5 races in both classes.

We completed 7 races WC in DN-Junior and ice-Optimist on the second racing day Feb 7th and after small break we started first races EC both classes. On the evening organizers prepared dinner for everybody and WC 2019 trophy presentation with many medals and souvenirs for all participants with big support from local people. Later on, was a Junior Program Meeting on that place.

On the other side of the lake Friday, Feb 8th we finished EC regatta up to 5 races for both classes. Trophy presentation on special camping on the beach with mayor of Michalowo and Narewka. They both declared organization of Icesailing Bison Cup next years on lake Siemianowka!

Organization of regatta was very good and great cooperation Race Committee (only 4 persons) and Hungarian organizers (2 persons). This good cooperation with organizers and all participants and coaches with all support from local officers made really fine regatta.

We have got two trailers with all equipment, four-wheelers without payment from Polish DN Fleet.

Topic 8 **Junior Programme Report 2019**

In WC/EC 2019 has taken part 80 participants in DN-Junior and Ice-Optimist from 8 countries: Sweden, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, USA, Russia Poland and Hungary. This year no competitors from Switzerland, Germany, UK (as before) - necessary cooperation with parents, trainers, top sailors and maybe schools. It works excellent in Sweden, Poland and Estonia. Big progress in Lithuania.



Planned Junior Program Meeting has taken place evening after WC trophy presentation Feb 7th. JPM has made several discuss with trainers from Sweden, Estonia, Poland, Lithuania and Hungary and made some decisions:

1. Change regatta formula:

Decision - Friday 12:00

Practice and measuring - Sunday 10:00- 14:00

Check-in - Sunday 15:00-19:00

Opening ceremony - Monday 10:00

1st race WC - Monday 11:00

WC is finished if

- a) on Tuesday 7 races are finished in Both classes
- b) minimum of 3 races are finished in both (DN-Junior and Ice-Optimist) to the evening of Wednesday (if not continue next day)

Next start EC regatta and finish on Thursday if there is a minimum of 3 races in both classes. Friday is a reserve day if there is no minimum of 3 races only.

2. Organizer of WC/EC DN-Junior and Ice-Optimist 2020: Lithuania - Lake Rekyva, Siauliai (16-21 Feb 2020).
3. Each country will look and present at next WC/EC candidate for next JPM. The best candidate will confirm next year WC/EC and present at European Secretaries Meeting.
4. Stan Macur will continue one more period (2 years) as JPM.
5. Junior program Meeting at next WC/EC - Tuesday or Wednesday evening.

Topic 9 **Technical Committee Report**

Chairman: Jeffry Kent US 3535

Members: Paul Goodwin US46, Steve Orlebeke US4926, Tomek Zakrzewski P55,
Peter Hamrak M53, Richard Larson S807

2018-19 Season from the TC Chair's point of view has been rather quiet. Some would say this is a good thing and reflects stability in the class.

In the past weeks, the TC have been presented with one Proposal for approval and review to be submitted to the Class Secretary.

Proposal summary is as follows

Received 3.3.2019 Bob Gray US 65 Section E.2.h

Subject Runner Steel Proposal general topic is to reduce min. thickness on insert type steel to 0.1870" (4.76 mm) rational as this is the thickness most stock can fit to tolerance which is 7 gauge in North American metal suppliers.

To date this is the only business before the TC.

As Chairman, I will review proposal before me, I will make my recommendations and follow up with our committee for discussion and their input with wording and any effect to other specification if any. As well as discuss this with the author. All of this before any presentation to the governing committee. It is my goal to get the proposal when validated, to the Class Secretary much before deadline of September 2019



On a continuing basis, I am working towards a draft that combines the Official interpretations into the Specifications for a clearer read this most likely include diagrams to make the written words clearer. More on this later.

Peter Hamrák was unanimously elected for a further 6-year period.

Topic 10 **IDNIYRA-Europe Insurance Report**

- a) This season I have not heard about any problems with solving insurance claim issues.
- b) I realized that especially the confirmations of covers for the juniors were sent very late. So, it was not possible to help during the season to find proper insurances for not too much money.
Finally, I could organize an offer via a Bavarian broker. In short: €5 mil lump sum; insurance valid for Europe, incl. Baltic and Northern sea; valid from 01.07. to 01.07.; cost per sailor €100 about that we are still discussing. Maybe it will be cheaper.
Insurance should be organized/arranged for groups and not only for single sailors.
- c) It is very important that sailors are in the results list with the sail number with which they are covered at their insurance. It is not important to use that sail number - this is a “deal” with the Race Committee - but at the end the sail number has to fit to the insurance - please.
- d) I suggested to delete the claim restrictions we had in the NOR the last years.
First of all, the mentioned prices were not correct prices compared with the market, second it seemed not to be practicable. The meeting followed my suggestion and we decided to delete that part of the NOR.
- e) I realized that sailors from Europe were sailing at the WC/NAC in US while I only have seen a confirmation for Europe and assigned only and ID for Europe. I don't know if those sailors brought a special and extra confirmation of cover, but I suggest to be careful.
- f) How to act after a crash (concerning insurance claims): please make pictures of the damaged parts; please make together with all involved sailors a list about that parts and please try to estimate the costs of the damage. (if you are not sure, ask a third person or the jury).
All involved sailors should sign this list.
Please ask the jury for a copy of protocol of the protest hearing.
If you act like that, it will be much easier to make a claim at insurances.
- g) I realized that a lot of my mails with the assigned IDs go into Spam. Please check your Spam and the list on our homepage before you ask me 2, 3, 4 or 5 times for an ID.

Topic 11 **EDNIA Report**

After this year's EC a question was asked of EDNIA; if the Commodore can unilaterally add a day to the EC. This was never taken up by us, because it never actually happened, but the answer seems clear; YES, as the commodore has infinite powers in the run-up of DN races.
Is it desirable? Not really. The simple solution is clear as well; This is the only one area where the monotype class has things organized better than the DN. They have well thought out standard Sailing Instructions on the website that are mandatory to use. This is something the National Secretaries Meeting could do as well, would simplify things greatly for organizers and avoid an annual headache...



I personally do like a reserve day, if only just for the EC as there is no real need to take flights into account. I suggest you take that up in your discussions as well, it never really was an issue in the past.

Maybe it is time for an update on the Commodore's rights and duties after our discussions in 2015? In the run-up, where and if a race is started is up to the Commodore.

While a race is going on the decision to continue or abandon is delegated to the Principal Race Officer.

After a race is finished and has been scored, only the jury can make changes to the results.

Topic 12 **IDNIYRA-Europe NA Contact Report**

- a. Voting strategies and implementation of the EPIC/RMA agreement continues to be the most discussed topic between both continental organisations through email and telephone calls. Both governing boards have kept each other informed on potential issues and solutions that have arisen as both continents prepare to adopt the agreements.
- b. There were 8 European countries represented at the Gold Cup hosted by the North American Central Lakes region in February 2019.
- c. Exclusion for Dangerous Sailing is to be included in NOR.
- d. The dates for our 2020 North American Championships are now set. The event will be held January 18th - 25th, with the Western Region as the host. We were tentatively targeting the last two weeks in January, awaiting announcement of the Gold Cup dates. Historically, these two weeks offer the greatest number of options for good ice in the Western Region with cold temps locking up most of our lakes by that point, and with less chance of them being snowed out. At the recent National Secretaries meeting in Europe, February 8th - 15th was selected for the 2020 Gold Cup, so we are going for the earlier of our two target weeks to maximize the gap between the two events. Unfortunately, it will end up being a bit tight for those of you planning to race on both continents, but it's workable. We did consider going even a week earlier, but decided that wasn't great either, as that would likely make the NAs the first regatta of the season for too many of you. We may end up conflicting with the Northwest Regatta, but as always, we have to look for **January 18th - 25th for the DN 2020 North American Championships.**

I know it's a long way off, but it's never too early to be thinking about volunteers. After Mother Nature, it's the volunteers who make our events amazing. So, if you're inclined to pitch in, or know someone who would, I'd appreciate an email, text or call letting me know. Whether it's for a day or two, or the entire week, I'd be very happy to add any names to my list for support in any capacity. Contact info- dhearnUS5352@gmail.com (mobile) +1-608-692-4007.

Topic 13 **Discharge of 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.

This was confirmed by a unanimous vote.



Chris Williams expressed his heartfelt thanks for the 25 years during which he had had the privilege of working and sailing with such a wonderful team of ice sailors, both in Europe and North America. His task as the European Secretary could not have been completed without the exemplary secretarial support of his wife Jenny.

Topic 14 **Election of IDNIYRA-Europe Officers**

The following were elected and approved for 2 year period by unanimous vote:

Secretary: Attila Pataki Jr.
Junior Programme Manager: Stan Macur (reelected)
Webmaster: Dietmar Gottke (reelected)

Topic 15 **Determination of Contributions to IDNIYRA-Europe Society e.V. and WC/EC Entry Fee**

By unanimous vote it was agreed to leave this at €220 until completion of a planned additional meeting.

Action: Commodore

Topic 16 **Budget 2019/2020**

Attached to these Minutes

The Budget was accepted by a unanimous vote.

Topic 17 **Letters to the Board and Proposals**

- a. Official Specification Modifications. Peter Hamrak submitted a proposal to modify the Specifications for the DN - Fuselage, Runner Plank, and Mast. The aim is to make DN building easier, more efficient and less expensive. He also emphasised increased safety in sailing with the proposed materials. The proposed changes as well their detailed explanations are attached to this Minutes.

After the extended discussions the NS Meeting approved by majority vote two of proposed changes to proceed according Article VIII of Specification Management System. These two are the change specification on Mast and Runners. The other two proposal on change the specification of the Fuselage and the Plank was refused by majority vote.

- b. Niklas Mueller-Hartburg proposed that current restriction on the claim costs on DN parts be deleted.

This was unanimously agreed.

Topic 18 **Year Book and Runner Tracks**

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

Action: All listed members



Topic 19 Internet Communications

Member Accounting

Setup of online registration for the members' database was a little bit tricky because some preconditions had to be taken into account. Accounts of our website (WordPress) should be simultaneous the new members accounts, online payment, also recurrent, should be possible, export of a members list for online voting should be possible. There are very less plugin solutions for that and they are all not for free. The chosen "Paid membership Pro" software had all features for our needs, but after our unlucky stop of the members accounting practice shows that it is not usable due to much overhead. Webmaster will look for a better plugin, probably the same as the NA one, but with payment integration. In the end, it was a huge workload because after the stop also the old system has to be placed back.

Online voting

Good news from NA, they will use the same online voting software than IDNIYRA-Europe. It's "Election Runner", which already is used and proofed by us.

Ice Reports

Webmaster intended to have the ice reports send to every member in the new member database, but due to the not foreseeable stop of membership registration the ice report remained in the old state.

Juniors Online Entry

Together with the setup of the Juniors' online entry the Seniors' online entry has to be adapted so that there is no danger of confusion on the webserver. Both procedures worked very good and after a hesitant start the Juniors' entries came in all without problems.

We now can state that the whole procedures with the ID-check prior to the entry are reliable and indispensable tools for IDNIYRA Regattas.

Rules Check

Another indispensable tool, meanwhile well accepted, is the rules check, which is taken 5262 times by now, with an average of 89.25% "passed" results. This year the French version was added and some corrections in the Netherlands version.

Email Addresses Structure idniyra.eu

Just a reminder on an email webmaster sent last year to all board members and Nat. Secretaries. If you want to send a bulk mail to all National Secretaries or to all Board members, you can use "natsec@idniyra.eu" resp. "board@idniyra.eu". If you want to address a National Secretary there is no need of their private email addresses, you simply can send to "germany@idniyra.eu, poland@idniyra.eu, sweden@idniyra.eu," Find all appropriate addresses in the Contacts section on the website

Action: Webmaster

Topic 20 WC/EC 20

To date there was no candidate organizing country so IDNIYRA-Europe would take responsibility.
8th - 15th February 2020.

The NOR to be published 1st December 2019 latest.

Registration opens 20th December 2019, closes 16th January 2020, Insurance ID up to 13th January.
Latvia indicated they would host EC 2021.

Switzerland indicated they would host WC/EC 2022, both offers were warmly welcomed.



Topic 21 **Junior WC/EC 2020**

16th - 21st February 2020, Lithuania hosting - Lake Rekyva, Siauliai

The NOR to be published 1st December 2019 latest.

Registration opens 19th December 2019, closes 3rd February 2020, Insurance ID up to 27th January.

First race 17th February.

Topic 22 **NA 2020**

18th - 25th January. Western Region hosting.

Dates for Open Registration, Deadline for Insurance and Close Registration to be promulgated by NA when available.

Topic 23 **Host National Secretaries Meeting 2020**

Finland's offer to host the 2020 National Secretaries Meeting in Helsinki 24th to 26th April was accepted with great pleasure and many thanks.

ACTION. Finland

Topic 24 **Other Business**

a. List of DN measurement for Race Committee. Hennie van der Brink undertook to provide these at WC/EC 2020.

ACTION: Hennie

b. Regret was expressed that no food or drink was provided at the EC 2019 Opening Ceremony. Commodore apologised for this oversight in challenging conditions.

c. Grand Masters Regatta. This was a great success and Finland was congratulated on all the arrangements made. The 2020 GM is planned to be hosted by Sweden.

