

MINUTES - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the International Raceboard Class Association
Date: Friday 26th August 2016 **Venue: Brest, Brittany, France**

1. Welcome and registration of voting delegates and email votes

On behalf of the class chairman, Paul Leone, Ceri Williams (Class Secretary) welcomed delegates and observers to the meeting. Unfortunately 7 members of the committee were unable to attend and sent their apologies, but they all voted by email.

Fernando Consorte – committee member present. Total committee votes – 8.

The following national class associations, holding current membership of the international class, appointed delegates – ARG, AUS, BEL, ESP, FRA, GBR, GER, SVK, TUN. Votes – 9.

The following national class associations, holding current membership of the international class, submitted email votes – CZE, FIN, ITA, LAT, NED, POL, THA. Votes – 7.

Bruno Marques, chairman of the World Sailing Windsurfing & Kiteboarding Committee, appointed to verify the voting procedure, declared there were 24 valid votes at this AGM.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting - there were no matters arising.

3. Chairman's Report

Ceri Williams gave a brief report on behalf of the class chairman. Highlights included: strong championship programme in 2016; stable membership; beneficial charter provision; new "short" raceboard from Starboard coming soon.

4. Financial Statement

A summary of income and expenditure was circulated – [view here](#).

5. Class Rules

There were a number of proposals to change Class Rules, all with the aim of increasing participation by more brands/builders. Frederic Becquart gave a detailed presentation on behalf of the French and Spanish Raceboard Associations. Ceri Williams responded on behalf of the Raceboard Committee. Issues raised concerned; shortage of builders, therefore limited choice and availability; price and durability of current boards; lack of equipment inspection, and particularly sail measurement for rule compliance.

After all delegates were given the opportunity to respond the proposals went to a vote.

Note – changes approved by the AGM will require World Sailing approval before being implemented.

5.1 – It was proposed to keep the Production Board Rule (CR A.9.1) but to reduce the requirement from 50 boards to 25 boards.

A proposal from the Class Chairman, Paul Leone. **FOR -18; AGAINST – 5; ABSTENTIONS – 1**
The proposal was **APPROVED**.

5.2 – 3 proposals from FRA-France Raceboard Association

5.2.1 To change the current A.9.1 and B.1 articles of IRC rules discussing registered boards. This change consists to authorize the custom boards respecting a rule box with the current specifications that qualify a board by the raceboard class but without the necessity to produce at least 50 identical boards to expect a homologation. **FOR – 7; AGAINST – 15; ABSTENTIONS – 2**

The proposal was **NOT APPROVED**

5.2.2 To change the current C.5.3. article of IRCA Class rules discussing Hull weight by: The hull weight including footstraps, centreboard, fin and air ventilation screw shall not be less than 15kg. **FOR – 2; AGAINST – 13; ABSTENTIONS – 9**

The proposal was **NOT APPROVED**

5.2.3 Not valid – see CR C.1.2.

5.3 – 3 proposals from ESP Raceboard Class Association.

5.3.1 Proposal 1

5.3.2 Proposal 2 : including Appendix A and Appendix B

5.3.3 Proposal 3

No voting took place as all issues covered in #5.1 and #5.2 above.

6. **Class Championship Rules (CCR)** – No proposals to amend championship rules were received. Those present at the meeting posed questions about, and asked for a review of:
- Age divisions and proposal from Spain to introduce Super Veteran category
 - Weight divisions, including checking and awards
 - Nation ranking system

7. **Constitution**

It is proposed to amend #6.5 by adding – “Amendments to the Constitution and Class Rules require a two thirds majority of votes present”. **FOR – 13; AGAINST – 5; ABSTENTIONS – 6**
The proposal was **APPROVED**.

8. **Future Championships and venues**

Ceri Williams confirmed that finalizing a 2017 calendar was “work in progress” with nothing as yet confirmed by contract. Options included:

- Lake Balaton, Hungary
- Gizycko, Mazurian Lakes, Poland
- Oslo, Norway
- Yyteri, Finland
- Blanes? Spain an option raised at the meeting

9. **Any Other Business**

A) Working Party (WP)

It was agreed the AGM recommend to the committee the setting up of a Working Party, reporting to the committee, and that it should review and assess options on a range of issues, including, but not limited to:

- Class rules, inspection & measurement policy, production board and production sail systems
- Youth policy, hybrid or longboard; affordable options
- Championship Rules, titles and criteria, age v weight divisions

The final composition of the Working Party should be decided by the committee, but every opportunity should be taken to consult as widely as possible, to include a minimum of 50% membership of WP from outside of the committee. The meeting strongly recommended the inclusion of Frederic Becquart on the WP.

B) Insurance

It is an area of concern that there is no longer an easy (to obtain), worldwide and affordable 3rd party liability insurance policy available to international competitors. The option offered on IWA website – via link to IKA and its German partners – is no longer available to competitors from outside of the European Union.

C) Australia

The meeting received an update on the plans that were in place for the forthcoming worlds in Brisbane; with particular reference to the provision of charter for foreign competitors.

Plan A - to return charter to Europe for future charter and sale – could not be finalized;

Plan B was now in place and all those still booked to travel, or wishing to travel, with promise of charter being available, would now be contacted.