ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the International Raceboard Class Association

Date: Thursday, 8th September, 2011 Time- 20.00hrs

Venue: Club Nautico Hospitalet - Vandellos, L'Hospitalet de L'Infant, Spain.

MINUTES

1. Welcome and registration of voting delegates and email votes

Paul Leone - committee chairman Marc Cardon - committee Fernando Consorte - committee Piotr Hlavaty - committee email vote Sam Wong - committee email vote John Ellis - committee email vote Murat Tuten - committee email vote Jean Francois Reggio - committee email vote ARG - delegate AUS - delegate FIN - delegate GBR - delegate SVK - delegate CZE - postal vote GER - postal vote HKG - postal vote LAT - postal vote POL - postal vote

18 votes in the room.

Ceri Williams attended as non-voting class secretary.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

There were no matters arising.

3. Chairman's Report

Over 20 delegates and observers were welcomed to the meeting. The chairman began by congratulating the organisers of this year's championship for presenting a superb venue, assembling a big team of volunteers and offering great racing on the water. The addition of a long distance race had been a great success and should be repeated at future championships.

Good venue selection was critical for the future development of the class; as was the evolution of a new hybrid class under the auspices of the Raceboard Class Association.

There was agreement from the meeting that encouraging the participation of women and under 35 men was a priority.

It was also important to continue with a policy of providing charter equipment, whilst learning the lessons from this event.

4. Financial Statement

The chairman confirmed that the class activity generated a small surplus. IWA managed the finances of all its member classes and produced annual accounts which are published on <u>IWA</u> website.

5. Class Rule Submissions

(i) To amend rule C.8.1 to read: "During an event a maximum of THREE sails shall be registered and used . . . "

The proposal was not approved - YES 4; NO 14

6. Class Championship Rule Submissions

(i) Weight Divisions

To amend rule 2.3.1 to read: "Lightweight - a sailor who weighs less than 82kg"

To amend rule 2.3.2 to read: "Heavyweight - a sailor who weighs more than 78kg"

The proposal was **approved** - YES 10; NO 9. The chairman had the casting vote.

(ii) Equipment Divisions - 7.5

To amend rule 2.4.2 to read: "A division for sailors using maximum sail size 7.8 sq.m."

The proposal was not approved – YES 7; NO 11

(iii) Equipment Divisions - Hybrid

To amend rule 2.4.1 to read - "A Hybrid is any 'production raceboard' with a maximum length of 310cm."

The proposal was approved - YES 15; NO 3

(iv) Youth Title

To award the Raceboard Class Youth Title to the Hybrid Division.

The proposal was **approved** - YES 16; NO 1; Abstain 1

7. Future Championships and venues

South American - Buzios, Brazil. 9th-15th January Oceanics - Hawks Nest, AUS. 1st-4th February World Championships - Yyteri, Finland. 11th-16th June Youth & Master World Championships - Medemblik, NED. 11th-19th August Youth & Master Europeans / Europeans - Eilat, Israel. 22nd-27th October

It was agreed that championship venues should be in countries with an established raceboard fleet.

It was agreed that a daily prize giving , including leaders jerseys, could be introduced.

8. Elections

The following committee members were re-elected:

Paul Leone (GBR), Marc Cardon (FRA), Piotr Hlavaty (POL), John Ellis (GBR), Sam Wong (HKG), Fernando Consorte (ARG), Murat Tuten (GER), Jean-Francois Reggio (FRA).

No other nominations were received.

Meeting closed at 22.00hrs.