## MINUTES - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the International Raceboard Class Association

Date: Saturday 1st July 2017 Venue: Salou, Spain

## 1. Welcome and registration of voting delegates and email votes

The class chairman, Paul Leone, welcomed delegates and observers to the meeting. Four members of the committee were unable to attend and sent their apologies.

Committee members present: Paul Leone, Fernando Consorte. Votes - 2
The following committee members submitted email votes: Piotr Hlavaty. Votes - 1
The following national class associations, holding current membership of the international class, appointed delegates: ARG, AUS, CZE, ESP, FIN, SVK. Votes - 6

The following national class associations, holding current membership of the international class, submitted email votes: GBR. Votes - 1

Nayl Dryss, Class Representative for the Salou World Championships \& appointed to verify the voting procedure, declared there were $\mathbf{1 0}$ valid votes at this AGM and that the meeting was quorate.

## 2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Chairman referred to the intention of setting up a Technical Committee reporting to the Class Committee to consider specific technical issues identified. He noted that this would be executed following the election to the committee of the new nominees. The Chairman also reflected on the decision at the previous AGM to keep the Production Board Rule (CR A.9.1) but to reduce the requirement from 50 boards to 25 boards, which he was in support of. Comments were raised from some delegates about the shortage of builders, therefore limited choice and availability, and price and durability of current boards albeit recognising that the new pricing introduced by Starboard had mitigated price escalation.

## 3. Chairman's Report

Paul Leone gave a brief report. Highlights included: strong championship programme in 2017; stable membership; beneficial charter provision; new "short" raceboard from Starboard being introduced.

## 4. Financial Statement

The Chairman gave an overview of how the Class's finances are part of the broader IWA accounts published on the IWA site. The Class continues to manage its financial affairs based on its income and pro rata cost contribution to the running of the IWA. Any surplus funds have been allocated by IWA for future needs.

## 5. Class Rules (CR) - No proposals received.

Note - A corrected version agreed with World Sailing will be published before the year end.

## 6. Class Championship Rules (CCR)

a) Course options - a proposal from France Raceboard.

To introduce variety regarding course options, as the current focus is on windward/leeward courses and "upwind-downwind" racing. Approved.
b) Nations Cup - a proposal from France Raceboard.

To introduce during a World Championship a Nation Cup, with a race during half day with three competitors in each national team: 1 man, 1 woman and 1 youth. The cup competition to take the form of a "relay race". Principal of Nations Cup approved- details to be finalised by committee.

## 7. Future Championships and venues

2018 Worlds - Blanes, ESP, from $25^{\text {th }}$ to $30^{\text {th }}$ June, pending exchange of signed event contract.

## 2018 Masters Worlds - tbc

2018 Europeans - tbc

## 8. Elections

The following members stood for re-election to the Committee: Paul Leone (GBR), Marc Cardon (FRA), Murat Tuten (GER), Fernando Consorte (ARG), Sam Wong (HKG), Piotr Hlavaty (POL).

The following new members were proposed and seconded for election: Marc Leutscher (ESP), Fred Becquart (FRA).

All above candidates were elected unanimously

## 9. Any Other Business

The Chairman raised the issue of sail measurement to ensure compliance against class rules. After a short discussion it was agreed that this issue be reviewed by a technical committee and that a recommendation be in place by year end so that both sailors and manufacturers are fully informed for the 2018 season.

The Chairman confirmed the setting up of a Technical Committee, reporting to the Class Committee, which would review and assess options on a range of issues to be agreed with the Committee. The final composition of the Technical Committee to be decided by the committee as soon as practical, and to include the newly elected members: Marc Leutscher (ESP) Fred Becquart (FRA). The chairman requested that names of candidates outside of the Committee be forwarded to the class.

Meeting closed

