

2021 IRCA AGM MINUTES

DATE: 8th December 2021

VENUE: Online (Zoom)

Registration of voting delegates and email votes

Committee members present: Paul Leone, Marc Cardon, Murat Tuten, Marc Leutscher, Fred Becquart & Pedro Moura.

Committee Candidates present: Lissa McMillan, Lars Deiterding, Levents Nagy-Pal

The following national class associations appointed delegates: AUS, BEL, CZE, FIN, HUN, FRA, GER, GBR, ITA, LAT, POL, SVK

The meeting was quorate.

Previous Minutes

There were no comments to [previous minutes](#).

The introduction of the Ceri Williams award for recognised clubs of excellence was mentioned.

Chairmans report

Paul Leone welcomed the attendees and went on to thank the organisers of 2021 championships. Despite a challenging year the Class managed to organize the main events of the season in a good and friendly spirit.

European Championships were scheduled earlier in the year, but they were cancelled. The host, Vilamoura will host the event in 2022 in February.

The Kizezers Lake in Riga, Latvia saw some spectacular Raceboard action in August as 64 windsurfers arrived from 13 different countries to participate in the event.

The championship was a challenge for both competitors and Race Committee as the gusting and shifting wind stayed with the fleet for the whole week. It was not uncommon to have races with wind from 8 to 20 kts and storms also played tricks. All in all, it had been a fabulous performance with 14 races conducted for men and 12 for women.

We had Veterans and Youth, past and present Olympians as the mix of the fleet was noticeable. The local hero is Vita Matise, who dominated the women's fleet claiming the World Championship title. Ilona Grinberga and Helena Rozkalne were second and third. Juozas Bernotas, who had just come back from Tokyo 2020 for this event, was challenged all the way, especially by the legend of the fleet Patrik Pollak. Patrik had to settle for second place ahead of the Czech windsurfer Radim Kamensky.

The season ended with a combined Europeans and Masters in Hondarribia, which was a very nice and friendly event with over 50 competitors participating. Ivan Pastor dominated the event with a perfect result of 7 race wins, which is an impressive achievement. This time around he was on top also in the rivalry with Curro Manchon, who finished second overall. Jorge Maciel Andrés finished the championship on the 3rd podium place.

Financial Statements

The 2020 financials statements were discussed with the COVID-19 pandemic affecting the Class financials. There were no comments.

Class Committee Elections

Paul Leone thanked the the long-time Executive Committee members Murat Tueten and Piotr Hlavaty for their support for the Class. Murat and Piotr stepped down from the Committee at this AGM.

The following Executive Committee members have put their names forward for re-election:

Paul Leone (GBR)

Marc Cardon (FRA)

Fernando Consorte (ARG)

Marc Leutscher (ESP)

Fred Becquart (FRA)

Pedro Moura (POR)

The following candidates put their names forward for election of the Executive Committee:

Lissa McMillan (AUS)

Lars Deiterding (GER)

Levente Nagy-Pal (HUN)

All three candidates presented themselves to Class Members.

As per the Class constitution the Class Committee size shall be determined by the General Assembly.

The General Assembly voted unanimously to extend the Executive Committee to 9 members.

The General Assembly voted unanimously to approve the whole slate of candidates.

Class Committee recommendations

No recommendations come from the Committee.

Class Rule change submissions for World Sailing

[Submission 1](#) from FRA - To allow three registered sails at events

The submitter presented the submission and reasoning and discussion followed:

- It was noted that the change could increase cost of travelling to international events
- It was noted that the change could increase the cost of equipment, especially when a competitor chooses to register a third “light-wind” sail
- It was noted that the third sail option is available for Veterans
- It was noted that the introduction of a third sail could allow racing in “strong-wind” condition, where 9.5 proves to be too large
- It was further noted that national events are governed by MNAs and local organisers and that under regulations it is possible to change Class Rules in NoRs. The IRCA AGM therefore confirmed that the Class does not object to three sails being used at local events, if that is what the local NCA wishes

The submission was **rejected**. 4 votes YES, 16 votes NO

[Submission 2](#) from NED - Housekeeping Class Rule change

The submission was **approved** unanimously.

[Submission 3](#) from Class Secretary - Housekeeping Class Rule change

The submission was **approved** unanimously.

Other matters

Race days

Reducing the number of race days to four was discussed with opinions that 5 gives more value for those that have to travel.

Events

2022 events were presented and briefly discussed:

Europeans, 18 – 23 Feb, Vilamoura, POR

Worlds, 23 – 29 May, Balaton, HUN

Masters, 12 – 16 October, Campione, ITA

2023 candidacy for Worlds was presented:

June, Steinhuder Meer, GER