

Type to enter textExecutive Committee Meeting Minutes – October 10th, 2024

Present: Heiko, Bruce, Niko, Fia (John Absent)

1. Bruce began the meeting approving the EC Meeting minutes from September. He then covered that his conversation with Brian Harding had not happened yet and he will in the next few days discuss the status and issues of his boat building. Need to stay focused on boat building and cover the demand for new boats that continues to grow. Hamilton Ontario just acquired several used boats and should have a new fleet with up 12 boats shortly. The Technical Committee at World Sailing agrees with the submission of our input to our changes in class documents with only some minor word changes. Thomas was unable to go to the International Measurement Seminar due to being ill at the time. We will see about the next session and extend our support to him for it. Next TC meeting will be on the 23rd of October, and they will be looking at the Worlds in Italy and any paperwork needed for it. Heiko still experiencing slow responses from Italy and reaching out on running the Para Worlds concurrently with our Worlds. Extending the Kiel Worlds template to them for their use if desired. The class was contacted by the Kiel YC for coverage of the cost (~1400 Euro) of International Measurer which has been referred to World Sailing and the Para group. Bruce talked about how John Finch came to the Canadian Nationals with an old, borrowed boat with 27 Kg less lead in the keel and original sails from 2004 taking 3rd place. Emphasis on focusing on sailing skills and boat handling versus gadgets and new things. The video from Worlds needs completed and there is a need for drawing files of the boat to use. The class needs to have a folder for these files and other things such as our logo and discussion from last month on clothing options. Heiko has investigated the clothing options and will share with the EC for consideration and further discussions. GBR requested 500 pounds for boat show which the EC approved for 600 Euros. Niko reported on Finland sailing and the numbers going down due to people aging out. They had a regatta canceled due to poor registration numbers. The EC discussed options for the class to consider combining the 2.4mR class with other classes in regattas. Many of the other classes are looking at the 2.4mR class due to trying to simplify their sailing without crews and saving on travel and sails etc. Niko and Bruce discussed class management and administration as well as the fact that we still have too much money in our bank account. Difficult for worldwide organizations which are like ours and not a legal entity. We wish World Sailing was engaged in this issue and helping to resolve it. Should the class consider giving back some of the monies to the NCA's using some formula? The committee discussed the NCA's need to have impactful purposes for the money. Niko emphasized the need to resolve some of our long-term issues with banking, class legal entity, and such. He suggested using some of our money to resolve these issues. Others discussed the roadblocks we have in doing this and how difficult it is to do these things. Bruce stated he thought we should have around 15K not 55K in our account but how to achieve this we didn't resolve. The support of our World Championships was mentioned and how that might look. Supporting the participation of sailors versus the coverage of the event for promotional purposes etc. The need for the money to be controlled by the class rather than however is doing the World Championship was

mentioned. There is a business in San Diego who is managing several international sailing classes which was brought up. Concerns expressed about what if the business goes bankrupt etc. The committee also discussed the ongoing difficulty in communicating with the membership worldwide, so information was received by every 2.4mR sailor directly. Will need to bring Virgile into the discussion and recognizing that Europe is more restrictive there must be a way to overcome this.

Next EC Meeting will be November 5th.