

Meeting Minutes for Feb 4th, 2025, EC Meeting

Quick recap

The meeting covered various aspects of organizing upcoming regattas, including the 2025 and 2026 World Championships, and preparations for the Annual General Meeting. Discussions also focused on improving communication within the organization, addressing potential controversies, and the need for volunteers to support the class's activities. The team addressed technical matters related to boat measurements and jigs, as well as administrative tasks such as finalizing agendas and documents for upcoming meetings.

Next steps

- Heiko to contact Maria from Netherlands regarding their formal bid for 2026 Worlds and their representation at the AGM.
- John to send out the AGM link today.
- John to send out action items and timelines for the AGM tomorrow.
- Bruce to send John suggested time allocations for each section of the AGM agenda.
- Heiko to follow up with Italy organizers about having a representative speak at the AGM regarding the 2025 Worlds.
- Heiko to request a drop-dead date from Italy organizers for releasing the Notice of Race for 2025 Worlds.
- Bruce to obtain digital file of measurement templates from Thomas and arrange for Ontario Yachts to receive them.
- Bruce to follow up with Thomas regarding potential costs for the digital template files and report back to the Executive Committee.
- John to add "revisit midyear meeting" to Attachment 8 of the AGM agenda package.
- Bruce to give a 5-minute Technical Committee report at the March 4th EC meeting.

Summary

Ontario Yachts, Worlds, and Communication

Bruce discussed the ongoing work with Ontario Yachts, including the need for a signed agreement and the potential for the company to produce their own spars in the future. He also mentioned the need for regular communication with the EC and TC. John brought up the topic of the 2025 and 2026 worlds, with Heiko confirming that the Netherlands still wants to host the 2026 worlds. However, there was some confusion about the formal recognition of this bid. Heiko agreed to reach out to the Dutch representative again to clarify the situation.

AGM Planning and Communication Improvements

The group discusses preparations for the upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM) and plans for improving communication within the organization. The EC decided to revisit the idea of holding a mid-year meeting, possibly opening it up to all interested sailors, and add this to the proposal for the Executive Committee's work in 2025. Bruce emphasized the need for a centralized file system to store important documents and agreements, ensuring accessibility across different administrations. John is working on organizing the meeting agenda and attachments, and plans to share a draft with the group for input.

Managing AGM Meeting and Controversy

The team discussed the upcoming AGM meeting and the potential for controversy. Bruce and John agreed to act as moderators, ensuring the meeting stays on track and remains civil. The EC also discussed the importance of tone in communication and the need for participants to respect the meeting's time allotments. The team agreed to rely on NCA members to maintain order and ensure the meeting remains productive.

AGM, Volunteers, and Timeline Discussion

In the meeting, John, Bruce, Heiko, and Fia discussed the upcoming AGM and the need for volunteers. Bruce emphasized the importance of understanding that volunteers are spending their time for the greater good of the class. They also discussed the timeline for the AGM and the need for input from all members. Bruce offered to provide a summary for each section of the timeline. They also discussed the contributions of Virgil and Paul, who operate outside of the committees but are valuable assets to the class. The next meeting was scheduled for March 4th. Bruce also mentioned that he would be available to give a TC report at the next meeting.

2025 World Championships Status Update

The team discussed the status of the 2025 World Championships, particularly the Para and Open Worlds. The EC noted that the title of the regatta had been confirmed as "2.4 Mr. Para and Open World Championship 2025". However, there was still uncertainty about the confirmation of the event, with Heiko mentioning that the final response was not yet received. The team also discussed the need for further communication with the organizers and the importance of having a representative from the event at the upcoming AGM. Additionally, the EC discussed the progress on the NOR (Notice of Race) for the event, with Bruce mentioning that the latest communication was received just a day after his last meeting. The team agreed to push for a response on the NOR within the next few weeks.

Compensation for Digital File Scanning

Bruce proposed to compensate a company for the cost of scanning a digital file containing templates for measuring boats. The file was requested from Thomas, who was unsure about the cost. Bruce also mentioned his ongoing work on building measurement jigs for Ontario Yachts. Heiko expressed gratitude for Bruce's long-term contributions to the Executive Committee. John acknowledged the importance of Bruce's experience and knowledge in the class, and the need for continuity in the class's operations.

EGM, Action Items, and Timelines

John announced that he would be sending out a link to the AGM and a document detailing action items and timelines. He also mentioned that he would be in touch with everyone on Saturday. Bruce and Heiko agreed to these plans.

Next EC Meeting Scheduled for March 4th