

International 2.4mR Class Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: August 11, 2025

Time: 11:59 AM (approximate start based on transcript timestamp)

Location: Virtual (via conference call or online platform)

Attendees:

- Heiko Kröger
- John Seepe
- Mikael Bekkevold
- Fia Fjeldahl
- Bruce Millar (Technical Committee Representative)

Absent: Nico

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order with discussions commencing on pre-meeting topics before formal items.

Agenda

1. Update on 2025 World Championships at Lake Garda, Italy
2. Funding Request for Austrian Event
3. Boat and Rigging Issues
4. Banking and Financial Arrangements
5. Future Meetings and Bids (TC Meeting, Norway 2027)
6. Regional Updates (Midwest US Fleet, German Participation)
7. Other Business

Discussion Summary

1. 2025 World Championships at Lake Garda

- Heiko provided an update from a recent call with Hannah, Fiona, and Carlotta from Italy. The hosting contract has been signed, resolving delays.
- Current registrations: 41 entries.
- Measurement and officials: Hannah confirmed an International Measurer (IM) is required; Tom (experienced) preferred, with class covering travel (boss pays) and accommodation. No need for additional delegates beyond IM. National Italian measurer and technical delegate discussed but clarified as unnecessary.
- Costs: Delivery fees for charter boats noted; event prep ongoing despite busy regatta schedule (e.g., Contender Worlds with 74 boats, Optimist regatta with 500).

- Action: Heiko to register soon; follow-up on IM (Tom) and costs.

2. Funding Request for Austrian Event

- Request for 500 euros to support an Austrian promotional event (first-time request).
- Discussion: Positive for class growth; aligns with past efforts (e.g., Hamburg lake events leading to 5 boats in a club).
- Decision: Approved unanimously. Fia and Heiko emphasized promotion for hopefully repeat events of this type.

3. Boat and Rigging Issues

- Super 3 incidents: Two lifting eye failures (straps/angle issues).
- Recommendations: Check straps (angle <45 degrees under load), hardware; valid float certs (<5 years).
- Other: Ontario yachts resuming production; new boats for Midwest.
- Action: Communicate strap safety to members; monitor Super 3 updates.

4. Banking and Financial Arrangements

- Discussion on class banking: Liechtenstein option explored (liberal for foundations, safe in Europe); Malta alternative. Challenges with current setup (e.g., UK bank issues). US account offered as interim (John: members approve hosting, euro-capable).
- Concerns: Need stable country-based account by year-end per Paul; Norway reviewing their capability to host account.
- Action: Heiko to follow up with Liechtenstein contact; explore country options.

5. Future Meetings and Bids

- TC Meeting: Confirmed September 3rd.
- 2027 Bid: Norway potential; Mikael to follow up on bid submission for AGM (February 2026).
- AGM (October 2025): Prep rule changes/minor items.

6. Regional Updates

- Midwest US: New fleet building (Milwaukee Yacht Club event; nice location and had 5 boats which were well received).
- Germany: Low registration so far and has the largest fleet which is close to venue. Norway sending 7 boats.

- Action: Encourage German participation; promote collaborative efforts.

7. Other Business

- No additional items raised.

Decisions and Actions

- **Worlds:** Finalize IM (Tom); Heiko register group; monitor entries/costs.
- **Austrian Funding:** Approved 500 euros; promote for repeats.
- **Safety:** Remind members on straps/certs.
- **Banking:** Pursue Liechtenstein and Norway; US backup plan if needed.
- **Meetings:** EC September 8; Norway bid for 2027 AGM.
- **Responsible Parties:** Heiko (IM/banking); Michael (Norway bid/TC prep); John (US account/comms).

Next Meeting

- EC Meeting: September 8, 2025.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned with well-wishes for sailing activities. No formal close time noted, but discussions concluded positively.