International 2.4mR Class Association

Meeting Minutes: 2.4mR International Class Association Executive Committee Meeting

Date: February 2, 2026 **Time:** 11:59 AM (duration: 1:06:31) **Location:** Virtual via Zoom
Attendees:

- John Seepe (Secretary)
- Mikael Bekkevold (Director - Finance)
- Fia Fjelddahl (Vice President)
- Heiko Kroger (President) **Apologies for Late Attendance:**
- Niko Salomaa (Director) **Absent**
- Technical issues delayed participation for some members. **Quorum:** Achieved upon Fia's arrival.
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1. Opening and Initial Discussions

The meeting commenced with John Seepe providing an update on communications regarding the World Sailing contract. Key concerns raised included World Sailing's control over venue choices without regard for boat availability, the proposed inclusive event in Poland for 2027 (which would withhold Para trophies and limit participants), and the potential impact on the class's inclusive World Championships. The group noted that the Poland event could create public relations issues due to its restrictive nature compared to the class's open format.

Mikael expressed dissatisfaction with World Sailing's approach, describing it as unfinished and heavy-handed. The committee agreed to draft communications that list specific requirements without outright rejection, aiming for a balanced agreement and including David Graham on distribution as he is the CEO of World Sailing.

2. Financial Approvals and Budget Strategies

The committee reviewed a request from the UK for 700 euros to support the purchase of a gantry crane. After discussion, a motion was approved to contribute 500 euros, aligning with the class's standard policy. John Seepe will send the response, and Mikael will coordinate the fund transfer with Ula.

Further discussions focused on promotional budget allocation. Mikael proposed utilizing up to 500 euros for club promotions, particularly targeting inactive clubs. The group agreed to encourage National Class Associations (NCAs) to submit requests for up to 500 euros each, with a follow-up push planned for summer to facilitate recruitment in northern countries. John suggested timing this outreach after NCAs pay their dues by June 1, emphasizing beneficial uses for growth and expansion.

John also reported on plaque sales and boat production: Hasse replaced one plaque (no new builds), Super Three built and sold four boats, and two plaques were ordered from Ontario Yachts in December (to appear in first-quarter reports). Annual reports for the World Championships and the ICA have been submitted to World Sailing.

3. AGM Preparations and Bid Review

The AGM package was reviewed, with no major concerns raised. Goals remain unchanged from 2025. John will allocate timings and distribute a cheat sheet to guide the meeting on February 7, 2026.

The Norway bid for the 2027 Worlds, received on January 19 (21 pages), was discussed. It requires formal acceptance but will be mentioned at the AGM under relevant sections, including World Sailing contract discussions due to competing events in the region. Mikael will confirm with the Norwegian team if the package is ready for attachment to the AGM email (marked as not for distribution). John will add it as an amendment once confirmed, potentially splitting the email into parts to address file size issues for recipients like Peter Wood in Canada.

Representatives for the AGM were confirmed for most NCAs, except Hong Kong and the Netherlands. John will clarify voting for Hong Kong with Virgil (webmaster, attending and relocating to France) and follow up with Maria for the Netherlands.

4. Organizational Structure and Governance

The need to register the class as an incorporated entity (e.g., LLC) in the European Union was emphasized as a top priority, having been discussed without resolution for three years. All agreed it should be addressed immediately after the presidential election, with responsibility assigned to the new president and relevant members. Mikael noted it may require only a PO Box.

The committee discussed Keith Gordon's potential departure as international measurer, noting the absence of official notification despite rumors and announcements by Steve Bullmore. Concerns were raised about procedural irregularities, including references to non-existent honorary positions. Suggestions included nominating long-serving members (e.g., Keith, Harald Rolfsnes) to the World Sailing Hall of Fame or establishing a yearly recognition system at the ICA level, distinct from NCA awards.

Internal class tensions were acknowledged, particularly negative interactions in the open class group chat. The group noted disappointment in low participation from certain groups at events like Kiel and the Worlds, and agreed to address inner heated discussions through Frank's AGM contribution and general mediation efforts.

5. Other Matters

Banking is stable, but registration is essential to avoid future issues. The Norway 2027 bid was positioned as a standard inclusive World Championship, with alternative trophies proposed if World Sailing withholds Para medals.

Technical issues (computer crashes) affected multiple participants, but the meeting proceeded.

Decisions

- Approved 500 euros for UK gantry crane request.
- AGM on February 7; package to be finalized and distributed with timings and Norway bid attachment.
- Next EC meeting scheduled for March 2, 2026 (tentative, to confirm with new members post-AGM).

- Prioritize class registration in the EU post-election.

Action Items

- **John Seepe:** Send UK response on 500 euros approval; coordinate fund transfer with Michael; add Norway bid to AGM package upon confirmation; allocate and distribute AGM timings; ping Maria for Netherlands representative; discuss Hong Kong voting with Virgil; finalize and send AGM package (split if needed); raise EU incorporation at AGM as priority.
- **Mikael:** Confirm Norway bid package readiness and notify John; coordinate 500 euro transfer with Ula; review bylaws on finance roles; consider promotional fund request for clubs.
- **All EC Members (led by new President):** Complete EU class registration.
- **Mikael:** Call Norwegian contact (John) for bid status.
- **All:** Attend next EC meeting on March 2; inform new board members of date.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:05 PM. Minutes prepared by the Secretary.