

Minutes  
Annual General Meeting  
August 2017  
Northeast Harbor Fleet

1. Call to Order
  - a. Fleet Roll Call Present- NEH, CHE, FIS, NAN, SWE, MHD, BDA, NORO, LIS, SFO, NORI
  - b. Not Present - STM
2. Approval of Minutes from the 2106 AGM. Approved unanimously.
3. Fleet Reports – See on [website](#)
4. President's Report – Peter Rugg

Peter spoke about Sacha Simmons' more than 20 years of dedicated service to the Class and presented her with a gift. Sacha thanked the "body" of sailors and wished everyone well. A gift for Lars Johansen and his service on the Executive was also presented for Björn to take back to Sweden.

Accomplishments. Steve M. - Craig , C. Rugg, Paul Z. on constitution and by-laws.

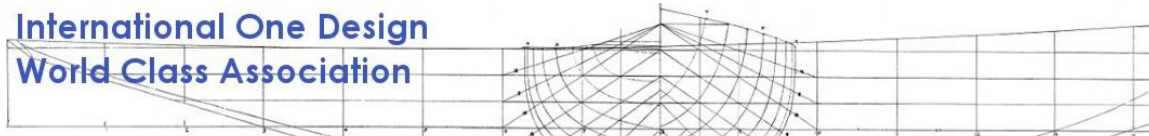
Member site on website... please ask all your fleet members to help update the website.

John Henry HOF- committee to reach out to class captains

World Sailing - accepted the IOD Class, \$273 a year + small builders fee for new boats. They have a lot of respect for IOD's. "This is a class that builds world class sailors."

Signed agreement with World Class Sailing. Not on website.

Rick Thompson and John B. are on the \* Strategic Planning Committee\* – class history preservation – very important. Class website should have all the photos and results from our major regattas; permanently on a website to preserve the history. We don't want regatta specific websites.
5. Treasurer's Report – Bill Dowling, report will be posted on the website. This year funds were transferred to new accounts. The WCA spent \$3,100; \$2,700 was for on-line services and communications expenses. 10 books were sold ... All dues are paid, the bank balance is +\$7,000.
6. Technical Committee Report – Charlie Van Voorhis  
No report prepared.  
Re-writing of champ regulations... now they can be a document that is no longer just a "guide line" but a document to be used for regattas.



Bigger issue of class rules.... SFO issue with class rules and fleet rules....  
Appeal was settled yesterday/... Class rules are prevailing when there is any  
conflict with Fleet Rules. Fleet specific rules need to be submitted and  
approved by the class.  
We are going to press the fleets to give us their Feet Specific Rules so they  
may be worked into the Class Rules.

7. Approval of Venue for future Championships

	Worlds	NA's	North Sea Cup
2018	SWE (last week of August)	CHE (no dates)	
2019	MHD (end of June)	NAN no dates	NOR
2020	CHE	MHD	

Peter proposed/ John Roberts 2nd – Approved unanimously.

- a. Note new 120-day notice for world entries in New Champ Regs.

8. Governance Documents

Steve introduced the changes and spoke about why his committee made the  
changes....new documents are not perfect but more consistent with the class  
rules.

A process for modifying rules, built in language for a recourse if WCA / Tech  
C. acted improperly and other "checks and balances" now included as this is a  
fleet driven class.

Bill Widnall - Typos- the body should pre-approve fixing any typos that may  
be found.

Paul Manning- spoke against the documents...specifically sections 2.3 / 2.4  
SFO is against the change. Deed of Gift for Shields awards omitted.

Peter and Herb noted that the Shields Trophy is not a championship trophy  
and does not need be in the Championship regulations.

- a. Vote on Amended Constitution: Peter - Proposed / Herb- Seconded

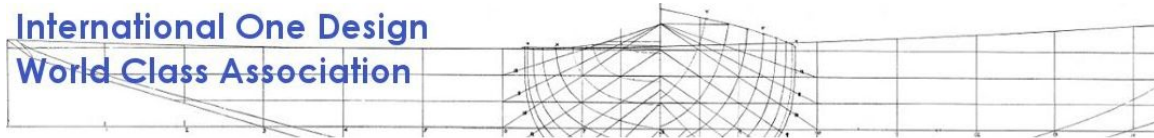
Paul asked why there were several changes from the committee drafts.

Peter / Charlie / Steve spoke on what improvement were needed and that the  
drafting committee had input on the final drafts.

Paul asked about fleet rules contradicting the class rules.

Charlie answered that on some issues the fleet has the option to change class rules  
in sailing instructions. On other issues fleets can submit fleet specific rules for  
adoption. Finally, there is an appeal right if the fleet specific rules are not agreed by  
the WCA.

Craig Davis added that class rules has not changed with regard to amendments.  
There was a discussion on the speed with which a change can be implemented.



Bill Widnall about the clarifications of fleet obligations to remain in good standing. and suggested that anyone who wants a specific change can submit a request, then after distribution to the fleets, there can be a special meeting for discussion and approval.

Steve noted that under the proposed amended constitution, we can have an electronic meeting for a special meeting and not delay until the next AGM.

Peter remarked that there had been no special changes submitted to change these proposed documents,

Roll call- 6 for, 4 opposed 1 abstention. Needing a 2/3 vote, the motion did not carry.

b. Vote on Amended By-Laws

Paul Manning criticized the amendments, including section 5 on dispute resolution without any proposal for improvement, suggesting that the changes merely codified the Executives previous interpretation of the original documents.

Peter said that several changes to the committee draft were made to eliminate conflicts with other documents.

Steve said that every member of the committee and the Executive has opportunity to comment, and that Steve, Peter and Charlie did the bulk of the work. Charlie noted that the amended by-laws reflected the interpretations reported by the US Sailing Appeals Committee.

Herb- called the vote.

6 – for, 4- opposed, 1-Abstain motion did not carry

c. Vote on Amended Championship Regulations.

Peter- The Shields award is the Class award.

Herb- Organized the award; “Not a worlds trophy.”

Paul- The deed of gift of the says it needs to be presented at the World Championship.

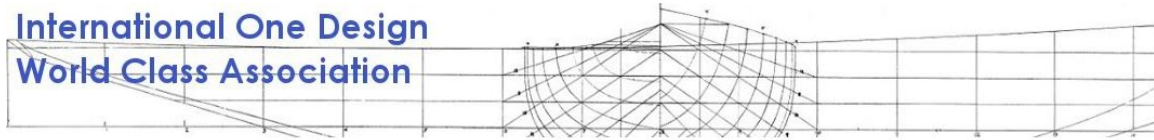
Language of championship rules is too specific. It no longer lets the fleets determine who gets to go. A qualifier might not have paid their dues or loaned their boat and it takes away power from local fleets.

John Henry – expressed concern that there was a lack of respect for the hard work by members of the Class executive from Paul Manning.

Charlie- trying to make the document so you can use it for the regattas. We are trying to do the best we can and create a fair environment to sailing in other regattas besides the Worlds

Rich- Said that SFO are sensitive to the power of the WCA and suggested that actions by the WCA had reduced fleet activity.

Peter- Reported the extensive work done by the WCA to communicate with and support the SFO regatta. In the end, the regatta sailing instructions violated a number of class rules and the championship regulations., but given the 1 day timing, the Executive had no choice but to let the event proceed



Bill Widnall- said he had carefully reviewed the new regulations and we should vote passage. Also changing the NA's from an invitational to a championship may deter the desire to spread the fun around In addition, qualifiers must be done the year before. For the host organizers it is essential to be done well in advance.

Craig- We need to get input from the other fleet, on issues that they have with the regulations

Peter M- Nantucket supports the Class rules. Fleets should rely on the elected representatives. We are a worldwide organization.

Craig asked the Scandinavian fleets what are the problems they saw in the amended documents

Martin- said more time needed to review the changes.

Wislar said people should read these documents, discuss with their fleets, and come to the meetings prepared.

Steve M.- we used this as a template so that confusion does not happen again and we now have an opportunity to put in safeguards.

Widnall noted that another special meeting would take at least 60 days.

Peter called the question -9 in Favor, 1 Opposed; 1 Abstain Motion carried.

d. Vote on Amended Class Fees

Peter- these fees have not changed in at least 30 years. Fees that members pay are all remaining the same.

The builder's fee is being increased from \$1500 to \$2000.

Herb- When is the fee actually paid? Peter- must be paid by the delivery of the IOD.

Herb- There have been times when the class was left hanging. Peter – this can be managed in the builder agreements.

The Vote – carried unanimously.

e. Other Business: Herb- I have history books in my car....

Widnall- survey results....

Two most significant discussions- Format of the Regatta

Gold / Silver Fleets NOT GOOD

On the Water Judging Less compliance because the honor system not in place with the judges. Very expensive for international judging. Consultant fees + expenses....

There are a lot of serious issues with on the water judges...

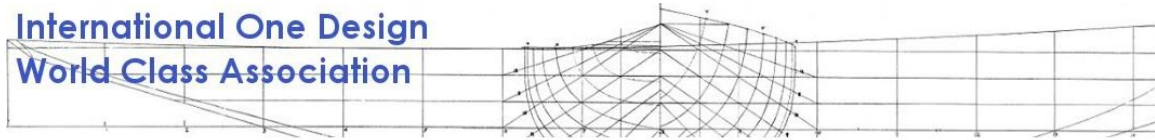
f. Report of the Nominating Committee and Election of Officers

President- Charlie Van Voorhis (FIS)

EVP- Steve Madeira (NEH)

VP - Craig Davis (BDA)

International One Design  
World Class Association



VP - Tim Dittrich (MHD)  
VP - Paul Manning (SFO)  
VP - Björn Wahlström  
Secretary- Roy Weedon (NAN)  
Treasurer- Bill Dowling (NEH)

Respectfully submitted

David Rockefeller, Chair (NEH)  
Danielle Lawson (LIS)  
Martin Rygh, (NOR)  
Beth Scholle (FIS)  
Sacha Simmons, (BDA)

Vote – slate carried unanimously

g. Adjourn meeting

Herb / Steve All in favor.... 11:40 AM

Respectfully submitted,

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