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Meeting of the Executive
2017 JAN 17 – 1100 Eastern, 1600 Zulu

1. Call to Order. Present: Peter Rugg, Sacha Simmons, Lars Johansson, Charlie Van Voorhis, Steve Madeira, Bill Dowling, Roy Weedon

2. Welcome to Fleet guests: Rick Thompson, John Roberts, Tim Dittrich, Paul Manning

3. Approval of Minutes of 2016 DEC 15 meeting: Charlie / Sacha - Minutes approved unanimously.

4. Report on 2017 Worlds – John Roberts: Twenty boats for competitors, two spare, NOR draft done, social schedule finalized, housing forms and SI's ready next week, five jurors signed up. Peter: Need qualifying information from all the fleets. Must be received no later than thirty days in advance of the regatta (per constitution).

5. Treasurer's report – Bill: Still not in receipt of PayPal account funds from Kin Yellott. Peter, Bill and Roy will continue pressure on Kin.

6. Matters Arising
   a. Constitution clarification update – Steve: Not a huge amount has happened since last meeting. We have found out that the Wild Apricot website has message board capabilities. Target March Meeting for reporting changes to Executive
   b. Hall of Fame – Tim Dittrich: Working on nominations. Communication issues with the committee. Two new nominations: Jud Smith, MHD, and Jim Bishop Sr., LIS

   c. IOD 75th Anniversary books – Roy & Bill: No execution yet on plan with Kin.

7. Strategic Planning – Rick Thompson with apologies from John Burnham
   Committee recommendations:
   a. We’d like to initiate a fleet survey in the next 30 days that would be a health report and looking for best practices in maintaining or growing each fleet. We also recommend, as you suggested, that we include the "fleet report” data that the WCA would normally require. We’ll chase the surveys but would ask for strong support from the WCA.
   b. We recommend a quarterly update from builders to the WCA that could also be used to form the basis for WCA communications to membership (newsletters, Facebook, etc.)
   c. In addition to the periodic newsletter the WCA is drafting, we recommend a monthly letter from WCA to the fleet. Keep it simple and just do it! (Author can rotate among President, VPs, Technical Committee, etc.)
   d. We recommend that the Communications Director enlist 3 writers to create a monthly Fleet Spotlight series. We will be on the lookout for writers as we pursue the fleet survey if there's a commitment to work with them.

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8. Technical Committee – Charlie: Nothing new since updating the class rules. We will be address the "water in the boat" issue prior to the 2017 IOD World Championship.

9. Any Other Business: Peter: World Sailing News. The class annual membership fee will be 173 Pounds plus 2% inflation since 2011. We need builder agreements for World Sailing. Discussion on where the reports files are located. Charlie: We need to be careful with licensing language with a builder. We are not giving an exclusive right to build an IOD. Peter asked the technical committee to review the World Sailing builder's plaque requirements and propose language change in WS agreement to conform to Class Rules and consider builder royalty fee increase before the next Executive meeting. Rick noted that that newly built IOD in Chester should be certified. Charlie advised that Shawn Mulrooney as a member of the Technical Committee has that under control.

Sacha asked about access to the member website. Peter said that class members who paid dues last year who have signed into the member only site have access until June 1, the deadline for fleets and members to pay 2017 dues.

10. Next Meeting 2017 FEB 16 at 1600Z

11. Adjourn: Charlie / Roy, unanimous