



Minutes
Annual General Meeting
August 25, 2018
Stenungsund, Sweden

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:20 PM by President Charlie Van Voorhis. The delay in starting the meeting was due to confusion regarding the start time of the AGM. Although the Swedish Fleet had scheduled and announced it to start at 4:00 PM, the WCA Presidents decided to move it forward an hour and did not coordinate this with the fleet hosting the event and providing the facilities in which the meeting was held.
2. Roll Call:
 - Bermuda represented by Penny Simmons
 - Chester represented by Ted Murphy
 - Fishers Island represented by Charlie Van Voorhis
 - Oslo Inner represented by Tor Lie
 - Marblehead represented by Bill Widnall
 - Nantucket (Arrived late at 3:55 PM) Richard Werdiger
 - Northeast Harbor represented by David Schoeder
 - San Francisco represented by Paul Manning
 - Sweden represented by Reine Larsson

Not present were LIS, St Mawes (but represented by proxy) and Oslo Outer was not present.

On the conference call we were also joined by Dannie Lawson, Bobby Constable, Craig Davis, Greg Mancusi-Ungaro and Chris Gould.

3. Approval of the 2017 AGM Minutes: Sweden made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes. That was seconded by Chester and approved by a unanimous vote of members present
4. Treasures Report: Charlie explained that an updated version of the Treasurer report had been distributed, but not yet posted on the class website, reflected income of \$13, 083 and expenses of \$10,539.92 leaving a bank balance of \$19,839.31 with and additional \$1,597.64 in a paypal account. Following some brief discussion and a few questions being answered, Bermuda made the motion to approve the report. Seconded by Northeast Harbor and approved by a unanimous vote of members present.

Agenda was then shifted to address item 8F (discussion of proposed changes to the Championship Regulations. As Charlie wanted to have Nantucket present to support/vote agenda on items 5 to 8E.

8. F Discussion of IODWCA Championship Regulations: Bill Widnall discussed his concerns with what was adopted at the last AGM and raised 3 issues:

- 1) Championships vs. those not going to the Worlds
- 2) All fleets submit qualifier by Jan 1 each year and
- 3) Care of boats at North Americans (adding water).

After much debate on nature of the intent of the changes and deed of gift of the NA trophy the general feeling was that this event should be left up to the fleets to organize and run. Shortly after Bill read some emails from David Rockefeller reflecting the spirit and nature the deed being to welcome teams that have not been to the Worlds in the past few years, Peter Rugg arrives with Richard Werdiger at 3:55 and depicts a very different view of what he thought David R had wanted in helping set up the North American trophy. It was clear that there was little agreement on what needed to be done with the CRs and the topic closed with no progress.

5. Officer Reports: Charlie gave a brief report on highlights from the year and made a call out to Roy Weedon doing a great job as Class Secretary. Mentioning that Bill Dowling had taken on the role of Treasurer and finally sorted out the accounts and Craig Davis had done a lot of work leading the technical committee. Charlie referenced his written report that is posted on the website as a place where more details on what was accomplished this past year.

6. Fleet Reports: Several Fleets have provided their reports and many are still outstanding. Those that are submitted will be posted on the website.

7. Selection of sites for next Championships:

	Worlds	North Americans
2019	Marblehead	
2020	Chester	
2021	Fishers Island	

Above proposed locations for each year were made official by a motion from SF and a second from Bermuda and a unanimous vote of the members present.

8. Other Business

A. Manhattan Yacht Club IOD Fleet Recognized as a Fleet (per recommendation of Executive Committee). Approved with a motion from Bermuda, a second from NEH and unanimous vote in favor of this motion.

B. Amendments to Constitution: After a brief discussion in which several concerns were raise with regards to Fleets having local governance of their own affairs the issue was put to a vote by a motion from Nantucket and a second from Sweden. The motion passed with only SF voting against it.

- C. Amendments to Bylaws: After brief discussion regarding concerns over bylaw 5 being way too broad the issue was put to a vote by a motion from Marblehead and a second from Nantucket. Passed with only SF voting against. Supported by two proxies which Charlie had personally recruited.
- D. Norwegian Fleet Name/Location Change: Charlie described this update as a “procedural change and not substantive” even though it does require an update to the Bylaws. The motion was made by Nantucket and seconded by Norway fleet and passed with a unanimous vote of the members.
- E. World Sailing Status/Membership: After some brief discussion about why Bermuda feels our Class should no longer be a member of World Sailing the motion to withdraw as made by Bermuda and seconded by San Francisco. The vote in favor was supported by Bermuda, Chester and SF but did not pass as those who opposed include all other fleets present as well as the two proxies that Charlie had recruited.

At about this point in the meeting, about 4:40 PM, the members of the team from Manhattan Yacht Club arrived to join the meeting.

- 9. Election of Officers: After a brief introduction of the slate put forward by the Nominating Committee was presented, Paul Manning explained that he had proposed an alternate slate on the grounds that the current slate had less than half the fleets represented and one fleet, NEH, having two members on the slate. He stated that this was inconsistent with what the Past President and member of the Nominating committee had personally agreed to two years prior. A proposed solution to resolve this conflict was to allow Nantucket to appoint an additional member from their fleet to be on the WCA and yet that amendment was not supported with a second. Peter Rugg then stated that while he had in fact agreed to the two terms mentioned he said he did not have the authority to honor his commitment. But one might ask if he ever had the intent to honor any part of that commitment he made.

The proposed slate includes:

Charlie Van Voorhis (FI) President
Steve Maderia (NEH) Executive Vice President
Tim Dittich (MRB) Secretary
Bill Dowling (NEH) Treasurer
Craig Davis (BDA) VP
Bjorn Walstrom (SWE) VP
Dayna Neldor (CHE) VP

The motion to elect the smaller slate than which we had last year was put forward by Nantucket and seconded by Marblehead. The vote went down with San Francisco obtaining and all other fleets voting in favor, including the two proxies that Charlie had personally recruited.

- 10. Alternate Slate of Officers: The alternate slate had been withdrawn Paul Manning

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11. Adjournment: The motion to adjourn was made at 4:42 PM by SF and seconded by Bermuda and approved with a unanimous vote of all members present. Leaving more an enough time to have started an hour later as the local fleet had originally scheduled the AGM to start.

Recorded by
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