

2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF OKDIA

The 2023 Annual General Meeting of OKDIA was held at Lyme Regis SC, Britain on 24 June at 17.00.

Present: Mark Jackson, Robert Deaves, Alistair Deaves, Peter Robinson, Andreas Pich and Representatives from SWE, NZL, GER, AUS, GBR, BEL, NED and FRA FRA.

Apologies were received from: Mike Wilde, Pontus Gäbel and Morten Jacobsen (THA)

MINUTES

1. Approval of 2022 Minutes

The minutes, previously circulated, of the 2022 OKDIA AGM, held in Marstrand, Sweden were approved.

2. Reports and Accounts

a. President

A full year of some of the best OK Dinghy sailing yet summarises 2022. Excellent events throughout the year; deserving champions; great socials. Of course, the highlight for me personally was the World Championships in Sweden, only topped by presenting Thomas Hansson-Mild his entry to the Hall of Fame at Marstrand Castle, or is it a fort?

Secretary Robert will brief you all with details that the class continues to grow in terms of sailors, member countries and new boats.

We have started work on the renewal of the Strategic Road Map for the next 10 years 2024 to 2034 and you have all had the opportunity to participate in a survey to give us broad feedback as to what you would like from the class and the class association.

I would particularly like to thank the Committee for the work throughout the year. I must say it is great to work with you all.

- Vice President -Sailing Andreas Pich
- Vice President – Marketing Pontus Gäbel
- Vice President – Development Mike Wilde
- Secretary – Robert Deaves
- Treasurer– Peter Robinson
- Chair of TC – Alistair Deaves
- Committee – filled by current Webmaster Peter Scheuerl

I would like to make special mention of Mike Wilde who is stepping down as Vice President. Oscar, as everyone knows him, has been Vice President for the Southern hemisphere for as long as I can remember. Oscar was instrumental in modernising and growing the class through his vision and foresight at the international level. We would not be where we are now without Oscar's work over many years.

Finally, just a bit from me. You will have seen I am standing again for the position of President. Firstly, I consider it a privilege to play my small part towards keeping this great class of boat, not only great, but make it even better. It is also made easy by working with such a great Committee who share the load and all the responsibilities.

Finally, I am extremely motivated to ensure our plan for the next 10 years continues to build on the great foundations we now have in place.

Mark Jackson

b. Vice President Media

The focus for marketing within OKDIA has primarily been directed towards a few topics;

Charter boats: As the Covid pandemic is easing its hold on travel the big regattas are back on schedule and with the recent surge in interest for the OK dinghy there are many sailor wanting to join these events. There is a concern that the possibility to ship boats at a reasonable cost will difficult, hence the need for charter boats is increasing. Based on a survey sent to all national organisations we concluded that there is an interest to charter up to 10 boats for the big events, such as the Worlds, Europeans Bandol etc.. A simple web site has been developed to start communicating charter boats, for sailors to show their interest and boat owners to share details on boats available for charter. Please visit and charter boat pages on events.OKDIA.org and share your feedback

Events site: We are promoting the events.OKDIA.org site to become the hub of future information on the bigger OKDIA events.

A possible bonus inputs to share:

After listening to many sailors of different nationalities, one of the challenges to grow the class is the supply of entry level second hand boats. Many sailors tell the same story; having been approached by other sailors in the harbour or at the yacht club and chatting about the boat. There is undoubtedly a lot of interest! Having few second hand boats make the step in bigger than needed and does not result in new members and an even stronger and more vital class. What can we collectively do to support the growth of the OK dinghy?

... two new countries have joined the OKDIA family!

Pontus Gäbel

c. Secretary

For the seventh year in a row OKDIA membership has increased and it is now the highest for several decades at 947. After a 5-6% increase for several years, there was a lower 3% increase, but still an upward trend.

OKDIA now numbers 18 member nations and during the year the OKDIA office has worked with many of the smaller members to advise and guide them through the process of membership, measurement, and certification.

There is an increasing amount of work corresponding with their federations to request authority and dispensation for various operations and getting approvals for membership and certification. For example, in Bandol we sought FFV approval to allow OKDIA to appoint a non-French measurer to get the Spanish boats measured so they could compete.

These new and emerging associations may be small but need a disproportionate amount of time compared to the larger and more established associations. However,

it is very encouraging to see so many new nations and we all hope they continue to grow in the coming years.

In 2022 OKDIA sold 56 building plaques, a decrease after several years of increasing sales. We also sold 335 sail labels and 155 mast labels, both a big increase on 2021. During 2022 we also set up distribution centres in New Zealand and Australia to overcome the recent delays with international post.

The clamour to return to competitive sailing was readily apparent in 2022 with 109 entries for the Worlds in Marstrand and 76 for the Europeans in Bandol. Despite the problems and uncertainty that Brexit has caused, Lyme Regis has attracted a huge 148 entries, which if everyone shows up will be the largest OK Dinghy World Championship ever. The previous record was 145 in 2012.

Over the year the Committee has been busy reviewing the Roadmap and renewing it for the next 10 years and we hope to bring that work to a conclusion soon. Part of that process was the two surveys carried out in May, which produced some interesting and useful information. Thanks to Pontus for leading that process and producing the presentations.

The committee is also exploring a new website but as you can imagine this is a huge amount of work. During the year we published the charter boat platform to assist with boats at worlds due to the high cost of containers. This met with limited success but with container costs coming down, we are hopeful of a number of European containers going to Brisbane next year.

An event strategy is also being formed. We are in discussions with Palma for an event in 2024 and are actively looking for interesting venues for the coming years, hopefully in some new countries.

The class finances remain in good shape, though general cost of living increases have meant we have been more stretched than usual, hence the recommended increases this year. We feel small regular increases are better than infrequent larger steps to maintain financial stability.

Finally, thanks again to my fellow committee members for their work over the past year. Mike Wilde is retiring and there's no doubt that we are in the comfortable position we find ourselves in today thanks to his lightbulb moment in Thailand in 2013, beer in hand, feet in pool, when he proposed a new direction for the class. Thanks Oscar.

If the growth and enthusiasm within the class continues, we are in a great position for the future.

Robert Deaves

d. Treasurer

No longer affected by global or regional pandemic, 2022 was a return to more normal conditions for OKDIA and most member nations. European, Worlds and seasonal major regattas were run with associated income from OKDIA Sailor Levies. Most other income was steady with minor increases from new activity and CPI increases.

Similarly, expenses were typical of prior financial years but with a notable increase in event media and publicity, as well as travel costs – reflecting the increased activity.

The Profit & Loss shows a loss of GBP3841 and Capital Reserves are GBP15,337.

Maintaining a level of income to cover the operational expenses of OKDIA is a priority for 2023. Membership fees, mast and sail labels and World Sailing plaques

have been increased in price at 2% over the past couple of years (indexed to CPI). However, inflationary pressure has the committee approve an increase in fees for next year of 5%.

The accounts have again been audited this year.

Peter Robinson

e. Report from the Chairman of the Technical Committee.

The past year has been another quiet year for the Technical Committee with no major issues or problems to solve. There are no nominations for new members and no members leaving this year.

The major work continues to be monitoring the rules to ensure that they are clear and correct. Most rule changes over the last few years are not actual changes but clarifications of a rule when we get asked a question to define or interpret the meaning. It is always good practice to review the wording in these cases to see if it could be written in a better way.

Some other rules changes are due to World Sailing when they amend the RRS or ERS.

This year we had several such clarifications and also two amendments from WS on PFDs and Class Rule B.2.

The only actual rule change concerns builders of new moulds. The intention is to get the first hull from new moulds fully measured by either a class approved official measurer or a World Sailing approved international measurer. It was agreed by the TC that on account of the new growth of the class some control over new builders would be in the best interests of the class. This rule will come into effect with the new edition of the class rules and the Exec will monitor it closely to make sure it is working as intended. This process will not mean that builders need to be licensed.

Last year in Marstrand there was a meeting of TC members, builders and measurers. Items discussed were the approval of the first hull from new builders and a long discussion on permitted electronics. No recommendations on the latter subject were made except the need for more discussion.

Those who undertook the recent class survey will have seen the questions regarding class rules and the equipment control. The TC and Exec will shortly take a look at all the answers and make a decision on how to respond to the many comments and questions.

Alistair Deaves

3. Accounts

3.1 The annual accounts for the year up to 31 December 2023 were presented.

3.2 The meeting acknowledgment and approved the accounts.

4. Election of Officers

4.1 The following positions were all elected unopposed.

- a. President: Mark Jackson (AUS)
- b. Vice-President Sailing – Andreas Pich (GER)
- c. Vice-President Development – Simon Probert (NZL)
- d. Vice-President Marketing – Pontus Gäbel (SWE)
- e. Treasurer: Peter Robinson (AUS)
- f. Secretary: Robert Deaves (GBR)

4.2 Peter Scheuerl, as OKDIA Webmaster as a committee member.

4.3 No changes in the composition of the Technical Committee were recorded.

5. Appointment of an auditor

Mark Perrow (NZL) was appointed.

6. Rule Changes

6.1 Worlds/Europeans event levy was increased to €40.

6.2 Constitution:

Delete 11.7.

Add 15. Postal Ballots

15.1 In the event the Committee decides to obtain a decision of members outside a General Meeting, the Committee can request a decision of members by Postal Ballot. The Committee may also decide to defer all Class Rule changes to a Postal Ballot not more than 6 months after the AGM.

15.2 In the event of a postal ballot, all ballot papers and supporting material will be sent by the Class Secretary and all returns shall be made to the Class Secretary. A postal ballot shall only be conducted via email and votes shall be returned within 3 weeks of the date of posting the ballot paper.

15.3 Proportional voting shall apply, as in 11.4.

15.4 At least five responses from B, C and D members shall be received for the Postal Ballot to be valid.

7. Future venues

7.1 Update received on 2023 European Championship, Arco, Italy.

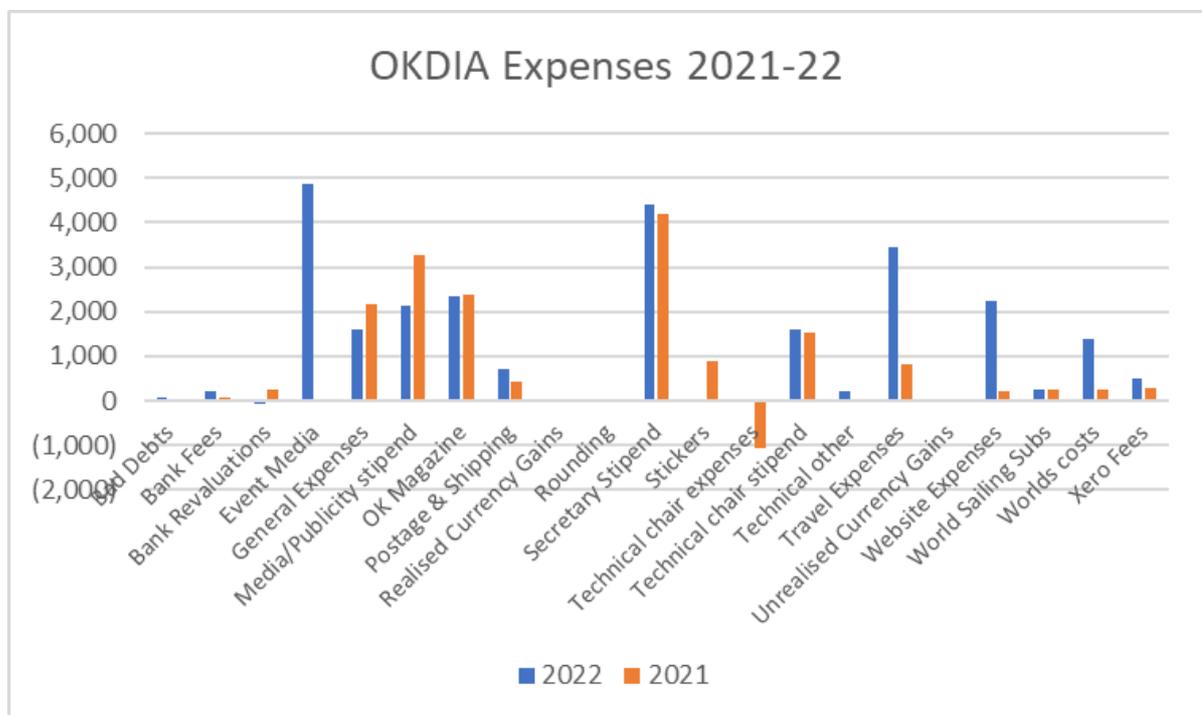
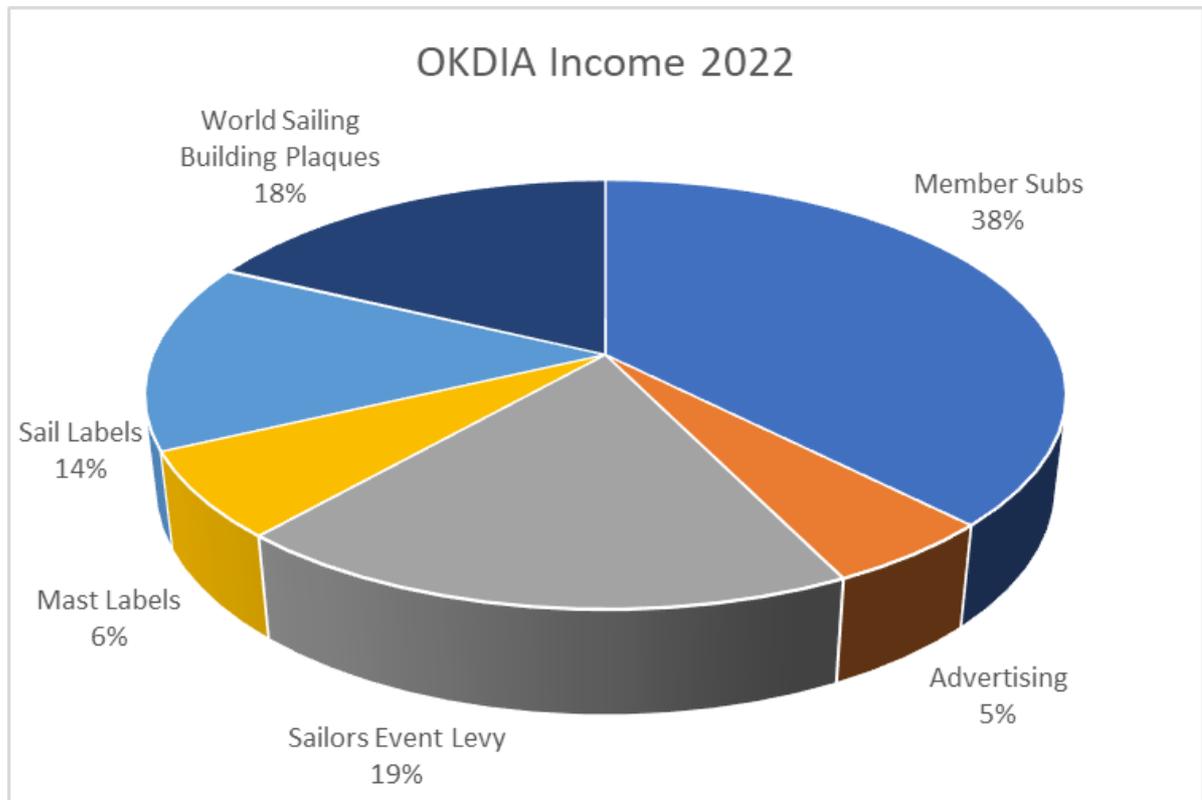
7.2 Update received on 2024 World Championship, Brisbane, Australia.

7.4 Update received on 2025 World Championship, Arco, Italy.

7.4 Discussion on event strategy 2026 onwards

Close of AGM 1803

Appendix A – Accounts



Profit and Loss

OK Dinghy International Association
For the year ended 31 December 2022

Account	2022	2021
Income		
Member Subs	9,547	9,251
Advertising	1,300	1,350
OK Worlds/Euros/Interdoms Sailor Levy	4,725	0
Mast Labels	1,644	1,122
Sail Labels	3,598	3,244
Other Income	30	30
World Sailing Building Plaques	4,506	5,835
Total Income	25,349	20,831
Cost of Sales		
World Sailing Plaques	3,252	0
Total Cost of Sales	3,252	0
Gross Profit	22,097	20,831
Administrative Costs		
Bad Debts	68	0
Bank Fees	218	82
Bank Revaluations	(64)	261
Event Media	4,877	0
General Expenses	1,600	2,158
Media/Publicity stipend	2,140	3,256
OK Magazine	2,352	2,379
Postage & Shipping	726	429
Realised Currency Gains	30	12
Rounding	0	(3)
Secretary Stipend	4,410	4,200
Stickers	0	870
Technical chair expenses	0	(1,077)
Technical chair stipend	1,589	1,533
Technical other	200	0
Travel Expenses	3,439	833
Unrealised Currency Gains	3	0
Website Expenses	2,222	201
World Sailing Subs	265	265
Worlds costs	1,374	236
Xero Fees	490	274
Total Administrative Costs	25,938	15,909
Operating Profit	(3,841)	4,923

Balance Sheet

OK Dinghy International Association

As at 31 December 2022

Account	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021
Current Assets		
Cash at bank and in hand		
HSBC Bank Account	12,892.90	16,692.96
NZD Bank Account	1,995.95	1,994.04
Wise Business GBP	220.00	0.00
Total Cash at bank and in hand	15,108.85	18,687.00
Accounts Receivable	640.80	754.82
Total Current Assets	15,749.65	19,441.82
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Accounts Payable	412.93	264.60
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within	412.93	264.60
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	15,336.72	19,177.22
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	15,336.72	19,177.22
Net Assets	15,336.72	19,177.22
Capital and Reserves		
Current Year Earnings	(3,840.50)	4,922.54
Retained Earnings	19,177.22	14,254.68
Total Capital and Reserves	15,336.72	19,177.22