

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
held at Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club, Wellington, New Zealand
on Friday February 12th 2010**

Present: A Blasse (President), M Reddyhoff (Secretary), D Kraz (Vice President North), A Deaves (Technical), P Scheuerl (Webmaster), B Tyler (Auditor)
Representatives from: AUS, DEN, GBR, GER, NZL, POL, SWE.

Apologies: D Ager (Treasurer), R Deaves (Marketing) J Porebski (Vice President South)

1. Reports from the Officers

President: He proffered his thanks to the New Zealand Association for hosting a fantastic World Championship, and to Mary Reddyhoff for all the work she does behind the scenes. The Technical Committee has been very busy during the year, with particular thanks going to Alistair Deaves and Terry Curtis for their work on the Rules. There are still a few matters to resolve on measurement, one of which is to discuss the addition of the ISAF issued Class plaque number to the hull. Once these discussions have been completed the new Measurement Form will be issued.

Secretary:

- She thanked the National Secretaries for all their work within their countries. The National Secretaries were requested to pass on all results of regattas and other interesting information to the webmaster in order to keep the website current and newsworthy.
- Costa Rica is now building a fleet of wooden boats, with support and guidance from both the Canadian and USA Associations. Our thanks go to Philip Jarman who has had both the vision and the energy to bring the project this far – a World Championship state-side has moved a bit nearer!
- Unfortunately, contact has been lost with the sailors in Brazil.
- Lots of building plans have been sold this year, primarily to USA members, and over 50 new OKs have been built, measured and ISAF Class fee plaques issued.

Treasurer: in the absence of the Treasurer, the Auditor reported that a fully audited set of accounts had been presented at the July 2009 World Championship.

- A Special General Meeting will be held at the Europeans in July 2010 to receive the accounts for 2009. At this meeting the subscriptions for the year will be reviewed as will the price of the purchase of an ISAF Class building fee.
- He reported that sales of *Completely OK* had now covered all costs. £800.00 profit had been forwarded to OKDIA already. 45% of stock had been sold; henceforth 75% of purchase price of all future sales will go to OKDIA, with 25% royalties to Robert Deaves, the author. National Associations were encouraged to buy in bulk at a 25% discount and proposed selling prices are: AUD 40, NZD 50, the difference representing a profit for the National Associations.
- Sweden has been successfully selling *Completely OK* at dinghy shows
- New members to the New Zealand Association pay an inflated subscription in the first year which includes a copy of *Completely OK*.

Technical:

- A committee of ten had been reconvened when Alistair Deaves took over the Chair in 2009 and communication had become very effective.

- All past Minutes of OKDIA AGMs had been perused to ensure all Rules which had been passed were incorporated into the set of Rules on the websites of ISAF and OKDIA. This work had now been completed.
 - The committee are currently using the expertise of ISAF to improve the wording of all technical data.
 - Dick Batt has agreed to act as Chief Measurer at the Europeans in 2010 and the Worlds in 2011, with a view to becoming International Measurer for the Class. All represented countries agreed to his attendance at these events.
2. a) **To receive nominations and elect the following Officers and members of the Committee**
Vice President Southern Hemisphere: Joe Porebski proffered his resignation. Mike Wilde (NZL) was nominated by NZL and he was duly elected by a unanimous vote.
Treasurer: Dan Ager was re-elected unopposed.
- b) **To record changes in the composition to the Technical Committee:** there were no changes to record.
3. **Appointment of an Auditor:** The President expressed his very grateful thanks to Bill Tyler who has acted as auditor to the Class for the last ten years. Mark Perrow (NZL) was nominated by AUS and he was duly elected by a unanimous vote.
4. **Membership subscription:** this would be considered at the Special General Meeting in July 2010.
5. **OK Class Rule changes**
 Rule 12.5 to be replaced with:
The mast spar weight including all fixed fittings and the halyard in their normal racing position, and excluding the goose neck pin, and in dry condition shall be not less than 8kg. Corrector weights totalling not more than 1.5kg, permanently fixed to the exterior face of the spar, are permitted. The bottom mast bearing may be made of any material.
- A short discussion ensued:
- 1.5kg lead weight must be external so it is clearly visible and capable of being weighed
 - The long term plan is to reduce the weight of the correctors to encourage more mast builders to become involved with the OK Dinghy Class.
- For: AUS, DEN, GBR, GER, NZL, POL, NOR (received by the Secretary as a postal vote)
 Against: none
 Abstention: SWE
 The proposal was carried.
6. **A.O.B.**
 GBR did a short presentation on 2011 World Championships at Largs, Scotland. It is the National Sailing centre for Scotland, holding World and European events for Laser, Topper and Optimists etc. so on-the-water will be slick. There is plenty of cheap accommodation in the area, probably campervan camping and the town boasts plenty of shops and restaurants. The scenery is beautiful and socials could include Highland Games and a whisky distillery visit. Entry by ferry is via Newcastle, which is 200kms away, or Glasgow airport (via London) 40 kms away.

7. The official business of the OKDIA Annual General Meeting was concluded and a general discussion followed.

Open Forum

- Denmark is still keen to hold the 2012 World Championships, a venue is being sought.
Action: Danish National Association
- Russell Page-Wood is going to put the plans to build an OK Dinghy into a digital format.
Action: Russell Page-Wood
- Metal booms are difficult to get hold of, should the Class consider moving to carbon booms? The Europe had tried carbon but had reverted to metal booms. AUS had sufficient orders to sustain the metal boom market as NZL bought in bulk from time to time. Should some experimental work be done in this area, where dimensions were relaxed to allow development? The Technical Committee will investigate and report back.
Action: Technical Committee
- The request to recommend standardisation of rudder pintel placement, rudder security, mast length etc. was reiterated.
Action: Technical Committee

After Minute

Brad Johanson (CAN) had to withdraw from the World Championship at the last minute owing to a change in the schedule of his work. He proffered his apologies by email to the Secretary.