



International 5.5 Metre Class 2020 Annual General Meeting MINUTES

4.30 pm 30 June 2022
Hanko Yacht Club, Norway

Those Present:

AUS 44, AUS 63 (by proxy) AUS 66, AUS 70, BAH 22, BAH 24, FIN 4, FIN 6, FRA 63 (by proxy) GER 30, GER 79, GER 84, GBR 41, GBR 42 (by proxy) ITA 79, NED 26, NOR 57, NOR 68 (by proxy) SUI 211, SUI 219, SUI 224, SUI 226,

Louise Morton (Chair) Peter Vlasov, Rients van der Woude TC, Guy Roland Perrin TC. Observers: Jamie Clark and Tom Schubert (Jury members), Craig Symonette, Robert Deaves, Kim Chabini (on Zoom)

Apologies for Absence

SUI 214, Jamie McPhail (Chairman of the TC)

Welcome

Louise Morton welcomed everybody to the meeting.

Mark Dangel was invited to say a few words about Past International Presidents Felix Bibus (1991 – 1996) and Thomas Sprecher (1996 – 2003) who have both recently passed away and the meeting stood for a moment's silence to commemorate their lives and to recognise their contribution to the 5.5 Class.

The Class has asked Beat Reichen to become an International Class Measurer and he is hopeful that the paperwork can be completed by the end of 2022 so that the Class then has two IM's.

Action: LM/BR

There is currently no Class Secretary but LM is keen to find someone to work with going forward with the view to possibly helping or taking over the regatta organisation from Kim. She has someone in mind and will report back.

Action: LM

She questioned whether everyone had received the AGM paperwork that had been sent by email via the website and it was clear that not everybody had. Mariachristina Rapisardi asked if LM could contact her directly in future.

Presidents Report

LM confirmed that unfortunately the WC Rules and the Class Rules had not been updated since the AGM in 2020 but that this would be completed after this meeting together with any rule changes agreed at this AGM. There were no questions.

Minutes of the last AGM in 2020

The Minutes were approved, proposed by BAH 24 and seconded by BAH 22.

In March 2021, in lieu of an AGM, LM called a General Meeting with all the Country Presidents, and the Minutes were also presented at this meeting. These minutes were also approved.

LM gave an update on the SGC position. At the AGM in Helsinki Tom Schubert had suggested that the Class might need to think about some possible changes to the format in order to keep the trophy. Following on from that, TS confirmed at this event that they no longer have any concerns with the Cup being awarded to the 5.5 M Class.

Financial Report

Simon Pfandler presented the financial report.

The accounts were approved. Proposed by BAH 24 and seconded by SUI 219

Technical Proposals (see attached)

Proposal No 1: There was much discussion about this. BAH 24 says that World Sailing defines the transom as part of the hull and this means that the min panel weight can be less than the 5.5 deck weight. RvdW said that at the moment 5.5 Class rules don't mention the word transom and that this proposal is for the builder and designer to either define any area that could be defined as transom as either hull or deck. There was some support for the TC to do some more work on this for future boats as BAH 24 would like it defined as hull and not deck. Vote: 8 Owners approved the proposed wording and no Owners voted against.

Proposal No 2: G-RP would like lead ballast to be visible as the measurer cannot check it otherwise. 11 votes approved and 1 against.

Proposal No 3: 10 votes for this proposal and 0 against.

Proposal No 4: Much discussion. 6 owners voted for this being added to the Class Rules and 12 owners voted against.

Action: LM/Secretary/G-RP

Venue Proposals

Two venue proposals have been received since the AGM paperwork was distributed. FRA 63 presented an option for Benodet and GER 30 presented an option for Flensburg. BAH 24 presented the proposed options for a World Championship at the YCCS in Sardinia in September 2023 and a World Championship in NYYC in July 2024.

In addition, if there is an appetite for it, Miami in December 2024 and then a World Championship in Nassau in 2025, giving three major events stateside if it was felt appropriate. KN wondered whether the Class is ready for these events and could they be postponed, but KC stated that the dates offered were not flexible and that these events could not be transferred to later years.

Votes: 17 votes for YCCS in 2023 and 14 votes for NYYC in 2024, both giving a majority. However, it is noted that there is some concern about having a good local Owner who can in each case make both events happen.

There was no vote to hold a Europeans in 2024 – this is to be agreed on between Flensberg and Benodet at a future meeting.

AUS Owners would like the 5.5 Class to coordinate the regattas so that it makes it easier for them to come over and do several regattas at the same time.

Action: KC

Election of the Technical Committee

Proposed by AUS 66 and BAH 22.

Re-Election of International Committee

Proposed by BAH 22 and BAH 24.

Media and Communications

PV confirmed that we have stopped the programme to produce the 5.5 book. The idea was to get the information from Matti and his computer while it is possible but nothing has been forthcoming to date. Robert Deaves in the meantime is producing great newsletters and annual magazines. So far the Class has spent E10,000 and has received £21,000 in pledges. Post meeting note: RD did meet Matti in Helsinki following the Worlds and has agreed to go and spend some time with him to see if can get the history from him.

Action: RD

Any Other Business

There was no other business and the meeting was closed.

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