

Meeting Minutes for 2024 eAGM (Annual General Meeting) held Feb 8th, 2025

Quick recap

The meeting focused on the need for a marketing strategy to promote the class internationally, updates to the class rules, and the proposal of an international ranking system for sailors. The election of executive committee positions for the 2.4 class was also discussed, with concerns raised about Fia's absence from the AGM. Lastly, the meeting involved discussions about the 2.4m class, focusing on budget proposals, communication strategies, and the need for a legal seat in the EU.

Next steps:

- Heiko to continue working on establishing a legal seat for the class in the EU.
- Heiko and EC to develop a marketing strategy to promote the class internationally.
- Carlotta and Luigi to open registration and publish the Notice of Race for the 2025 World Championships by mid-March at the latest.
- Peter Russell and Technical Committee to assist Carlotta and Luigi with preparing the Notice of Race for the 2025 World Championships.
- Luigi and Carlotta to investigate transportation options between camping areas and the club for the 2025 World Championships.
- Heiko to follow up with World Sailing to confirm approval of the Para World Championships status for the 2025 event.
- Maria and Dutch NCA to begin preparations for hosting the 2026 World Championships in Sneek, Netherlands.
- Bruce to set up a cloud storage system for centralized file storage and document management.
- EC to form a committee to decide on ways to spend the allocated budget for class promotion.
- Technical Committee to work on producing instructional videos for measurement forms, certificates, and buoyancy testing procedures.
- All NCAs to provide feedback on the AGM format and suggestions for improvement to John.
- EC to organize another mid-year meeting to facilitate more discussions outside of the AGM.

Summary

Roll Call and establishment of Quorum.

The quorum requirements were met. Representatives from fourteen NCAs were present / represented: AUS (Peter Russell), AUT (Georg Wietzorrek), CAN (Siobhan MacDonald), CZE (Alexander Sadilek), FIN (Rikard Bjurström), FRA (Loic Eonnet), GBR (Paul Schroeder), GER (Stephan Giesen), HKN (Virgile Bertrand), ITA (Fabio Mariani), NED (Marie Poiesz), NOR (Jon Bjorklund), SWE (Hasse Malmsten), USA (John Seepe), as well as members of the Executive and Technical Committees. Meeting Minutes will be reviewed by CAN and SWE.

Class Strategy, Finances, and Updates

In the meeting, Heiko discussed the need for a marketing strategy to promote the class internationally and increase visibility. Paul presented the class's financial report, highlighting a reduction in membership and expenditures, and recommended keeping the membership fee at €10. Bruce suggested comparing the 2024 income and expenditures to the previous year's budget. Peter Russell presented the Technical Committee report, discussing updates to the class rules, buoyancy procedures, and accredited builders. Jon from Norway shared their progress in educating new measurers and their plans to conduct a course in March. Loic from France expressed interest in learning how to measure boats and Hasse offered to share his drawings for a collapsible tank. The group also discussed the importance of refurbishing boats and the potential for an official document on the topic. John ended the conversation by asking for acceptance of the three reports presented.

Mainsail Proposal and European Ranking

The discussion focuses on a proposal from Sweden to allow full-length top battens on mainsails and a proposal from France to create a European ranking system. Hasse from Sweden explains that the full-length top batten would extend the lifespan of mainsails without increasing costs. The proposal passes despite opposition from Pieter, who argues it changes the original design and has speed potential. Regarding the European ranking system, Loic from France proposes creating a database for €1,000 to track results across Europe. However, Germany and Italy oppose the idea, citing concerns about costs and believing it should be handled by the International Association instead of the French class.

International Sailor Ranking System Discussion

The meeting discussed the idea of creating an international ranking system for sailors. Loic proposed that the cost of setting up the system should be shared among the International Class Association (ICA) and the participants. Alexander suggested a formula to count the results, while Heiko proposed that the ranking list should reflect the actual ability of the sailor, not just the number of regattas they participate in. Hasse suggested that the tool for making the ranking system could be developed by the ICA and then used for different regions. John agreed with this idea, stating that an international tool would be more beneficial than a regional one. The conversation ended with the understanding that the tool should be developed and utilized for both regional and international purposes.

Follow-Up Meeting on Ranking and Proposal

In the meeting, John and Loic discussed the need for a follow-up meeting to discuss a ranking list and the feasibility of a financial proposal. Bruce suggested that the proposal was a financial one and that a separate meeting should be called to discuss it. Loic agreed to this and proposed that a meeting be organized to discuss the proposal and the rules of ranking. The proposal was then withdrawn from the agenda. The discussion then shifted to a resolution about the class being too small to interest yacht clubs and the need for a big regatta to promote the class. Loic suggested that a special budget be allocated for this purpose. Heiko and Loic had a disagreement about the interest of clubs in Southern France and the need for investment in promoting the class. The conversation ended with all three proposals being withdrawn by Loic and the need for a follow-up meeting to discuss the ranking list and the financial proposal.

Executive Committee Election and Priorities

The meeting discusses the election of executive committee positions for the 2.4 class. John and Fia are running unopposed for secretary and vice president respectively. Concerns are raised about Fia's absence from the AGM. For the director positions, Niko, Mikaael, and Loic present their candidacies and qualifications with Loic being the only one being submitted prior to AGM in writing. The importance of providing candidate information to NCAs in advance is emphasized to allow for better-informed voting. Candidates are

asked about their top priorities, with Niko and Michael focusing on bringing in younger sailors and growing the class.

Voting for New Directors and TC

The NCAs voting for new directors and Technical Committee members occurred with Nico and Mikael being elected as directors for 2025-2026 with 28 and 27 votes respectively, while Loic receives 11 votes. The group also discussed the importance of passing on historical knowledge and the workload of directors. Thomas and Jon are running for a single position on the Technical Committee, with the committee being reduced by one member. Jon withdrew his name from and Thomas was elected to the TC. Participants express gratitude for Bruce's long-term service to the class and welcome Mikael as a new Executive Council member.

International Measure Accreditation and World Championship

In the meeting, Peter discussed the role of Thomas in achieving international measure accreditation and the support provided by the team. Thomas encouraged Jon to participate in the technical committee's work. Luigi then presented a video and a bid for hosting a world championship at Lake Garda, highlighting the club's expertise in race management and facilities. The team appreciated the presentation and Luigi's bid. The NCAs expressed their needs for the NOR to be published as soon as possible and Luigi/Carlotta agreed to have the NOR published no later than the 15th of March. The 2026 Worlds at Sneek Netherlands was presented and unanimously approved.

Budget Proposals and Communication Strategies

The meeting involved discussions about the 2.4m class, focusing on budget proposals, communication strategies, and the need for a legal seat in the EU. The proposed budget for the next year was discussed, with a reduction in funds by €10,700. The idea of a committee-based class promotion was also introduced, with the aim of spending money on activities that benefit the class. The 2025 Budget and 10€ fee per sailor were approved unanimously. The need for better communication between the EC and NCAs was emphasized, with a request for feedback on the meeting's efficiency. The possibility of a mid-year meeting was also discussed to facilitate more in-depth discussions. The conversation ended with a motion for adjournment.

2024 Annual General Meeting ended at 1537



**International 2.4 Metre
Class Association
2024 Annual General Meeting
Feb 8, 2025 @ 14:00 London UK Time**

Meeting document

Agenda

1. Roll Call and Establish a Quorum.
2. Setting the time limit on speakers and debate.
3. 2023 AGM minutes information.
4. Reports
5. Proposals from the EC
6. Proposals from the TC
7. Proposals from member NCAs
8. Future World Championships.
9. Elections
10. Decisions for the next year's work and commissions for the EC
11. Decisions for NCA annual dues and budget 2025
12. Adjournment

1. Roll Call and to establish a Quorum.

Attachment 1: Attendance and voting rights at 2024 AGM

Attachment 2: Notification of proxies given by absent NCAs

Acceptance of the roll call and setting the meeting.

2. Setting time limit on speakers and debate.

3. 2023 AGM minutes information

This case is only for information. In order to avoid the 1-year delay until next AGM for approval of the minutes, the 2023 AGM elected two persons to approve and sign the 2023 AGM minutes, Stephan Giesen (GER) and Rikard Bjurström (FIN), which has been signed off. The minutes have been and are still published on the ICA website and are therefore not printed as an attachment to this meeting document.

4. Reports

Attachment 3: Report from the President

Attachment 4: Report from the Financial Accounts Manager

Attachment 5: Report from the Chairman of the Technical Committee

Introduction:

Statements for the fiscal year 2024 will be treated under this case. The budget for 2025 will be treated in item 11.

Proposals for Decision:

1. The World Council takes the report from the President dated January 2025 into account.
2. The World Council takes the report from the Financial Account Manager into account. On the basis of the report from Paul Schroeder dated January 2025, the World Council approves the statements for the fiscal year 2024.

3. The World Council takes the report from the Chairman of the Technical Committee into account dated December 2024.

5. Proposals from the Executive Committee:

None

6. Proposal from the Technical Committee; 2.4mR Class Rule amendments etc.

Attachment 6:

7. Proposals from member NCAs

Attachment 7: Summary showing if proposal is part of an existing TC Proposal or a unique classification.

8. Presentations of future World and European Championships.

2025 World Championships

The Fraglia Yacht Club (Lake Garda, Malcesine, Italy) was formally approved at the June 1st EC Monthly Meeting to host the 2025 World Championships in October of 2025. World Sailing has been informed.

2025 European Championships

With the 2025 Worlds being held on the European Continent there will be no European Championship to be held in the summer of 2025.

2026 World Championships

The Netherlands and Norway have expressed interest in hosting the 2026 World Championships and complete formal bid packages are being worked on and reviewed. NCA's and Yacht Clubs are encouraged to bid as always.

9. Elections

Attachment 9: Nominations.

Introduction: The nominations for the below positions are for a period of 2-years.

1. Proposal to elect:

Vice-Pres: Fia Fjelddah (SWE) Nominated by FIN, GER, USA, CAN

Director (1): Niko Salomaa (FIN) Nominated by FIN, CAN, USA

Mikaael Stuen Bekkevold (NOR) nominated by GER, NOR

Loic Eonnet (FRA) nominated by FRA

Secretary: John Seepe (USA) Nominated by FIN, CAN, USA,

One (1) Member of the Technical Committee:

Thomas Jatsch (GER) nominated by CAN, USA

Jon Mikael Bjorklund (NOR) nominated by NOR

10. Decisions for the next year's work and commissions for the EC
Attachment 10: Proposed EC work for 2025

1. Decision to adopt the proposed EC work for 2025

11. Decisions for NCA annual dues and budget 2025

Attachment 11.

Introduction:

The Constitution requires that each AGM approve a budget.

The Constitution requires that each AGM shall adopt the annual dues for the coming year. The EC now proposes that the dues remain at 10 Euro.

Proposals for Decision:

1. The World Council determine the NCA dues for the fiscal year 2025 to remain 10 Euro per member.
2. The World Council determine the budget for 2025 to be as shown in Attachment 11.

12. Adjournment

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