

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
held at Warnemunde Sailing Club, Germany  
on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2008**

**Present:** G Wilcox (Chair), M Reddyhoff (Secretary), D Ager (Treasurer), D Kraz (Vice Chair North), C Hartmann (Chair Technical), P Scheuerl (Webmaster) National representatives from AUS, DEN, GBR, GER, NZL, POL, SWE and some twenty OK Dinghy sailors.

**Apologies:** J Porebski (Vice Chair South)

**1. Reports from the Officers**

**President:** Building on what was said at the Opening Ceremony; the OK Dinghy class has seen a number of initiatives: the building of over 40 new hulls, development of the intermediate rig and publication of the book 'Completely OK'.

**Secretary:** Query form paperwork will be sent out much earlier so the Worlds place allocation can be completed before AUS and NZL pack their containers. Although USA no longer has a National association, there is still interest in the country; CAN is growing on both east and west coast; there has been no response from IND. A newsletter will be compiled and sent out shortly.

**Treasurer:** A healthy bank balance of £3,400, mainly due to the increased revenue from the Worlds levy last year. High spending: purchase of a new batch of Worlds ties, initial costs from book 'Completely OK', accompanied by high receipts from sales of the book, resulting in a near breakeven account. Copies of the accounts are appended to these Minutes.

**2. Election of Officers and members of the Committee**

Treasurer: Dan Ager GBR was re-elected unopposed

Vice President Southern Hemisphere: Joe Porebski NZL was re-elected unopposed

Chair of Technical Committee: there were two nominations:

Christian Hartmann proposed by GER

Terry Curtis proposed by GBR

Christian Hartmann was elected using a straight vote

Terry Curtis was elected Vice Chair of the Technical Committee

**3. Appointment of Auditor**

Bill Tyler was reappointed for another year on the understanding he would stand down in 2010.

**4. Membership subscriptions**

The Treasurer recommended that they remain unchanged at £39.00 for 30 members, with additional member subscriptions at £1.50.

**5. OK Dinghy Class rule changes**

GBR requested that a pole vote (number of votes allocated in proportion to size of National Association) be used.

## **Constitution amendments proposed by OKDIA committee:**

### **Amendment 1**

Constitution Section 4 Paragraph 10c:

Delete:

‘the Committee shall have the power to make recommendations to the Members in General or by post for alterations in or additions to the Association Rules’

Insert:

‘the Committee shall have the power to make recommendations to the Members in General or by post or email for alterations in or additions to the Association Rules. Allowance of notices by email is only valid if the email is acknowledged.’

Seconded by AUS

Carried by eighteen votes to zero.

### **Amendment 2**

Constitution Section 4 Paragraph 11

#### Meetings of the Committee

Delete:

Business will mainly be conducted by correspondence through the Class Secretary. All communications to countries outside that of the Secretariat shall be sent by airmail. Any committee member not answering a motion communicated to him or her in writing within three weeks of the date of sending shall be deemed to have agreed to the motion.

Insert:

‘Business will mainly be conducted by correspondence through the Class Secretary. All communications to countries outside that of the Secretariat shall be sent by airmail or email. Any committee member not answering a motion communicated to him or her in writing by airmail within three weeks, or email within two weeks of the date of sending shall be deemed to have agreed to the motion.’

Seconded by AUS

Carried by eighteen votes to zero.

### **Amendment 3**

Constitution Section 5 Paragraph 12g

#### Meetings of the Association

Delete:

In the event of a postal ballot, all returns shall be made to the Secretariat within 6 weeks of the date of posting the ballot paper.

Insert:

In the event of a ballot, all returns shall be made to the Secretariat. A postal ballot shall be returned within 6 weeks of the date of posting the ballot paper. A ballot circulated by email shall be returned within 3 weeks of the date of circulation of the ballot paper.

Seconded by AUS

Carried by eighteen votes to zero.

### **Amendment 4**

#### ADDENDA

A International Championship Races Paragraph 1 (c)

Delete:

The number of boats taking part shall not exceed 80, not including last year’s World Champion, who shall have the right to defend the title, and the current Committee and officers of OKDIA. These places do not count to the quota of the relevant National Association.

Insert:

'The number of boats taking part in a World Championship shall not exceed 80 and the 80 place allocation will reflect the proportion of Full Members in each of the National Associations. Extra to the 80 places, the current and all previous World Champions, the current Committee and officers of OKDIA may participate in the World Championship.

Seconded by GBR

Carried by fourteen votes to four.

### **Amendment 5**

ADDENDA

Insert:

#### **C Hall of Fame**

Nominations to the Hall of Fame may be submitted to the OKDIA Committee by the Secretary of a National Association or a member of the OKDIA Committee. A short report justifying the nomination shall be submitted with the name. A Hall of Fame plaque will be presented to the successful nominee. The final decision on successful entry to the OK Dinghy Hall of Fame will lie with the current OKDIA Committee.

Reasoning:

It is important nomination to the Hall of Fame is seen to be a transparent process, which is open to every Full Member of OKDIA. The short report fulfils two functions:

- (i) enlightens those who may be voting on the Hall of Fame nomination
- (ii) the report may be recorded within a Hall of Fame document which may be preserved as part of the heritage of the OK Dinghy Class.

Seconded by NZL

Carried by eighteen votes to zero.

### **Class Rule amendments proposed by the Technical Committee**

Effective if approved: January 1, 2009

### **Amendment 6**

#### **8.2 HULL CONSTRUCTION (INSPECTION HOLES AND COVERS)**

delete:

Any holes in buoyancy tanks shall be made watertight and each buoyancy tank shall have at least one and not more than three inspection holes of diameter not less than 85mm. Each hole shall have a detachable cover capable of resisting accidental dislodgement and such covers shall be positively secured at all times when racing. Covers to holes in the bulkheads shall not extend into the buoyancy compartments by more than 200mm.

*(rest of this rule omitted here)*

insert:

Any holes in buoyancy tanks shall be made watertight and each buoyancy tank shall have at least one and not more than three inspection holes if their covers are not threaded and of diameter not less than 85mm. Each hole shall have a detachable cover capable of resisting accidental dislodgement and such covers shall be positively secured at all times when racing. Covers to holes in the bulkheads shall not extend into the buoyancy compartments by more than 200mm.

*(rest of this rule omitted here)*

Seconded by POL

Carried by fifteen votes to three.

## **Amendment 7**

### **8.4 (xiii) KEEL BAND**

delete:

A keel band, minimum section 9mm wide by 3mm deep, maximum section 22mm wide by 10mm deep, of any material shall extend for a distance not less than 3500mm, measured along the keel band, from the aft face of the transom. The radius of the bow forward of a point 3500mm from the lowest point of the aft face of the transom, measured along the base line, shall not exceed 11mm.

insert:

- Seconded by GER

Defeated by thirteen votes five.

## **Amendment 8**

### **12.1 MAST MATERIALS**

delete:

The **spar** shall be made of wood, aluminium alloy, plastic or any combination of these. For the purpose of rule 12 plastic is defined as glass fibre, carbon fibre, aramid, polyester resin or epoxy resin. An external sail track may be of any material.

insert:

The **spar** shall be made of wood, aluminium alloy, plastic or any combination of these. For the purpose of rule 12 plastic is defined as glass fibre, carbon fibre, aramid, polyester resin or epoxy resin. An external sail track may be of any material. The tensile modulus of any material used in the spar shall not exceed 400GPa.

Seconded by AUS

Carried by eighteen votes to zero.

For this rule to be effective, mast manufacturers will sign the relevant section of the measurement form.

## **Amendment 9**

### **12.2 (v) MAST CONSTRUCTION**

delete:

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insert:

Mast bases must either be removable or have an access hole of at least 20mm diameter to allow internal inspection of construction. The Measurer has the discretion to require the mast base to be removed or modified to facilitate this inspection.

Seconded by NZL

Carried by fifteen votes to three.

## **Amendment 10**

### **16.7. TRASH DISPOSAL**

delete:

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insert:

Boats shall not put any trash in the water while racing. For the purpose of this rule racing is defined as the whole time being on the water for the purpose of racing.

Seconded by SWE

Carried by twelve votes to six.

## **Amendment 11**

**Proposal from:** Swedish OK Dinghy Association

Delete:

2(a) The Series will be scored as provided in Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing using the Low Point System modified so that each boat's score will be the total of her race scores, with her worst score discarded if 5 or more races have been completed. Ten races are scheduled, of which 5 shall be completed to constitute a Series.

2(b) Every attempt should be made to sail ten races for a Series. Three races can be scheduled on each of two days.

2(c) The course shall be a triangle, a sausage and a beat with angles of  $45^\circ$ ,  $90^\circ$  and  $45^\circ$ , start and finish about 200m from the marks. The length of the course shall be such that the race takes approximately 70 minutes for the leading boat to complete the course. The course is not to be shortened.

Insert:

2(a) The series will be scores as provided in Appendix A of the *Racing Rules of Sailing* using the Low Point System modified so that each boat's score will be the total of her race scores, with her worst score discarded if 5 or more races have been completed. Seven races are scheduled of which 5 races shall be completed to constitute a series.

2(b) Every attempt should be made to sail seven races for a series. Two races can be scheduled on each of two days.

2(c) The course shall be a triangle, sausage and a beat with angles of  $45^\circ$ ,  $90^\circ$  and  $45^\circ$ , start and finish about 200m from the marks. The length of the course shall be such that the race takes approximately 85 minutes for the leading boat to complete the course. The course is not to be shortened.

Seconded by: NZL

## **Amendment proposed by GBR**

Insert:

2(a) The series will be scores as provided in Appendix A of the *Racing Rules of Sailing* using the Low Point System modified so that each boat's score will be the total of her race scores, with her worst score discarded if 5 or more races have been completed. Ten races are scheduled of which 5 races shall be completed to constitute a Series.

2(b) No more than two races should be scheduled on a single day, unless there is a danger that a Series (5 races) may not be completed. The final decision should be left to the discretion of the race officer in consultation with the OKDIA representative.

2(c) The course shall be a triangle, sausage and a beat with angles of  $45^\circ$ ,  $90^\circ$  and  $45^\circ$ , start and finish about 200m from the marks. The length of the course shall be such that the race takes approximately 70 minutes for the leading boat to complete the course. The course is not to be shortened.

Seconded by: AUS

Carried by ten votes to four.

Original proposal defeated by ten votes to four.

## **6. Any other business**

(i) 2009 World Championship in Kalmar, Sweden

A leaflet describing the venue was distributed by SWE. A copy has been appended to these Minutes.

(ii) 2010 European Championship. Medemblik is the suggested venue.

(iii) 2010 World Championship in Wellington, New Zealand

A presentation on these Worlds was delivered by NZL and paperwork distributed to National Secretaries. PRO Harold Bennett. Website: [www.okworlds2010.com](http://www.okworlds2010.com) A copy has been appended to these Minutes.

(iv) 2011 World Championship in Largs Scotland. A presentation by GBR met with approval. A formal proposal will be submitted when a budget has been prepared.

## 7. Close of AGM

### Open Forum

#### (i) Intermediate Rig

A presentation on the Intermediate Rig by AUS received a favourable response; it provides more power than the Cadet rig but is still suitable for lightweight sailors. AUS will continue to develop the sail. Sail measurements will be distributed to all countries and a proposal submitted for the 2009 AGM. Copies of the presentation were distributed and appended to these Minutes.

#### (ii) Measurement

(a) A revised measurement form will be ready shortly which reflects the measurement process when the jig is used.

(b) The jig measurements will be rechecked using experts from a local university. A tolerance must be applied to allow for use in different temperature conditions. AUS and GBR will re-hand measure the boats which did not go through the jig at the World Championship in 2008.

(c) Depending on the outcome of the re-checking of the jig measurements, a suggestion that current production boats which failed to pass through the jig would be ‘grandfathered’ will be pursued. If necessary, production boat builders will be required to alter their moulds prior to further boat building.

#### (iii) Reduced Junior entry fee for World Championships

A proposal that 50% of a World Championship entry fee should be applied to all Junior entrants to the World Championship was agreed. This would be discussed with Kalmar Sailing Club.

#### (iv) Charter boats

Host nations are to be encouraged to arrange availability of charter boats specifically for USA, Canada, and Asian countries to encourage their participation in the World Championships. NZL proposes to have 5 available for these countries.

#### (v) 50<sup>th</sup> World Championships December 2012

The idea to run an OK Dinghy World Championship in conjunction with the Phuket King's Cup Regatta in December was suggested. The Secretary will write to the King (a long time sailor of OKs) about this proposal.

#### (vi) Rotation of trophies

The suggestion that trophies not designated for specific races will be re-assigned to World Championship races on a rotational basis was met with approval.

**INCOME Y/E 31/12/2007**

Subscriptions(i)	1135.50
Publications(ii)	75.00
Building Fees(iii)	990.00
World Championship levy(iv)	1190.00
Additional payments	4.25
ISAF refund	<u>14.75</u>
	<b>3409.50</b>

**EXPENDITURE Y/E 31/12/2007**

Secs Worlds expenses	
Flight	93.65
Travel in Poland	17.50
Travel to airport	<u>35.80</u>
	146.95
Other secretarial expenses	
Engraving	14.70
	<u>64.65</u>
	79.35
Hall of Fame trophies	
Worlds Ties	107.59
ISAF dinner	1023.99
Stickers 2008-2010	343.52
	440.68
ISAF	
Building Fee Receipts	884.08
Replacement BFR	16.75
Subscription 2007	<u>185.06</u>
	1085.89
Write off bad debt from 05	
Bank Charges	
Incurred by OKDIA	60.00
Deducted from OKDIA receipts	<u>25.23</u>
	85.23
	<b>3403.46</b>
Surplus for the year	<b>6.04</b>

- (i) AUS£114BEL£39DEN£99FRA£39GBR£187.50GER£271.50IND£39NOR£39NZL£69POL£61.50SUI£39SWE£84USA£39
- (ii) Plans Viktor Tryfelt £15 AUS £15 Korea £15 GBR £30
- (iii) AUS 5BFRs GER 10BFRs GBR 12BFRs NZL 6BFRs
- (iv) 119 boats in Leba

**OKDIA Balance sheet as at 31/12/2007**

Cash at bank	5102.09
Debts(i)	<u>730.50</u>
	5832.59

OKDIA funds @ 1/1/2007	3314.05
Surplus for year	6.04
Book payments(ii)	<u>2512.50</u>
	5832.59

(i) NZL 06 Subs POL subs 06 GBR subs 07 GBR 6 BFRs 07 NZL 6 BFRs 07 KOR plans 07 GBR 2 sets plans 07

Several of the invoices were issued late in the year and non payment by end of year is not too unexpected. Most payments now received.

(ii) We received payment for pre-ordered books and payment of adverts. I have not gone into any detail or recorded those payments as income as they will be subject to a separate set of accounts compiled by Robert Deaves in due course. The payment received into the OKDIA bank account does however represent a large percentage of the cash in the bank at the end of the year.