

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
held at Vallensbæk Sejlklub, Vallensbæk, Denmark  
on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2012**

**Present:** A Blasse (President), D Kras (Vice-President North), A Deaves (Chair Technical Committee)  
R Deaves (Marketing)

Representatives from 9 countries: AUS, DEN, FRA, GER, GBR, NOR, NZL, SWE, and some 60 members

**Apologies:** M Reddyhoff (Secretary), D Ager (Treasurer), M Wilde (Vice-president South)

**1. Reports from the Officers**

President's report.

Last year's Minutes were tabled for approval.

The Blasse Trophy last year's winner is to be placed on the trophy, and a tie is to be awarded, if they do not receive one in that year.

With no issues or questions raised, the Minutes were approved.

Great to see 150 sailors at this year's regatta, I would like to thank everyone for making the trip to Denmark for the 50<sup>th</sup> Worlds. It should be a very memorable event with many things planned for during the week, and some special events on Saturday, there will be some inductees to the Hall of Fame, which will be exciting.

I would like to thank all on the various committees, who have contributed this year, especially Darek for his work in getting the new medals designed and produced.

Mary once again has done a great job, unfortunately she cannot be here due to some surgery for a hip replacement. I would not be able to find the time to get organised for this meeting without her box of goodies, and cheat sheets, which have been prepared.

Lastly I would like to thank all the National bodies on their continuing work in keeping OK Dinghy sailing alive, and all the sailors.

Secretary's report

I am so sorry that I cannot be here in person.... report read by Andre Blasse

Firstly I would like it minuted and would like to publically thank your National Secretaries for all the work that each do. It is their diligence with the paperwork and responding promptly to all enquiries they receive in their countries that is keeping the Class alive and active. Also we should recognise and thank the work of the webmasters, Peter Scheuerl for OKDIA and all national webmasters. Our websites must remain dynamic, which is why it is so important that we feed all of our regatta results to our national / international webmasters.

OKDIA membership stands at 809, with an increase of members in SWE and GBR.

Countries with whom I am regularly in contact: AUS, BEL, CAN, DEN, FRA GBR, GER, IRL, NED, NZL, NOR, POL, SWE, USA. Unfortunately IND, RSA and Puerto Rico members have not been in contact recently. As you know Chris Biscomb is raising the profile in Thailand by sailing his OK in local regattas.

Using the data that Secretaries send me each year, 38 new boats were built last year.

Build plaque purchases: 2010 – 41 to most countries

2011 – 22 to fewer countries

2012 – 15 to date to GBR and NZL

I have ordered another 20 as I have only 5 remaining in stock.

There is a steady stream of requests for building plans. Brad Johanson has been sending them to a number of people showing an interest in the USA, don't worry, he sends me the £15 for each that he sells!

No newsletters of late as there has not been much new to report. If you would like information circulated, I will be delighted to send it via the National Secretaries

The ISAF annual conference is in Dun Laoghaire, Dublin, Ireland from 1<sup>st</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> November 2012. I would like the assembly to agree to Andre Blasse attending the conference.

Treasurer's report in the absence of the Treasurer, Andre Blasse read the report

The accounts are still to go to Mark Perrow for auditing and are therefore subject to change.

2011 was a profitable year with income far exceeding expenditure. Income however has for the third year running fallen. In 2009 income was over £4,000, last year just under £3600 and this year just over £3200. There has been a big fall in the sale of Building Fee Receipts in that time. From a purely financial point this does not have such a massive impact as it means OKDIA doesn't have to buy them.

The sales of "Completely OK" still provide a source of revenue albeit still a decreasing one.

Expenditure has also dropped in the same period and there was a healthy surplus overall for last year. 2011 was a cheap year compared to the previous years when stickers for the next few years were bought and Building Fee Receipts purchased from ISAF.

The Euro account set up last year was not really used by members last year, but this year has started to receive credits into it. Hopefully it is of use. As I write this OKDIA has in the region of 950 Euros and £9400.

This year is likely to be a more expensive year. We have paid out for Hall of Fame trophies, income from "Completely OK" is reduced further for this year, but a large entry at the Worlds is of course very good news as far as revenue is concerned.

The Income and Expenditure accounts and Balance Sheet are appended to these Minutes.

There were no questions for the Treasurer.

**2. a) To receive nominations and elect the following Officers and members of the Committee:**

**Vice president Southern Hemisphere** - Mike Wilde – Election unanimous

**Hon. Treasurer** - Dan Ager - Election unanimous

**b) To record changes in the composition of the Technical Committee:**

Terry Curtis has resigned from the Technical committee; I would like to thank Terry for his great work over the last four years. His conscientious approach and attention to detail has been very much appreciated.

Nominations were received from:

Mark Roberts from Australia - Election unanimous

Bill Bradburn from England - Election unanimous

**3. Appointment of an auditor**

Mark Perrow (NZL) was elected auditor for 2012.

**4. Membership subscription**

The Treasurer advised that subscription rates remain unchanged.

**5. OK Class Rule changes for 2012**

**Rule change 1: Licensed mast builders.**

There was a lot of discussion on this rule.

The rule needs to be re-worded; the decision and intent of this rule is to ban high modulus masts. Licensed builders of mast need to reduce costs.

The new proposal will be issues to all countries when re-worded.

The intent of the rule is to ban ultrahigh modulus masts, so from today mast should not be produced with ultrahigh modulus materials.

The wording below will be re-drafted.

(ii) If the mast contains carbon fibre, it shall be built of carbon fibre non-sandwich reinforced plastic which has a maximum batch-nominal elastic modulus of one of the following test methods measured between 1000 and 6000 microstrains.

a) 407 GPa by JISR 7601

b) 395 GPa by SACMA SRM

c) 395 GPa by ASTM D 4018

iii) Any carbon fibre material not tested in accordance to 12.1 (ii) shall be approved by OKDIA before being allowed.

(iv) The mast shall not be cured at temperatures greater than 125 degrees Celsius.

This proposal will be re-presented at the next Worlds.

Amendment:

Ultra high modulus carbon to be banned in masts , wording to be confirmed.

Proposed: AUS

Seconded – GBR

For: AUS, DEN, FRA, GBR, GER, NOR, NZL, SWE

Against: POL

**The proposed amendment was accepted as a 2/3 majority was achieved.**

*Note two of the sailors from Denmark will investigate a method for testing.*

#### **Rule change 2: Method of measuring mast movement.**

There is a typographic error in the Mast Measurement rule, it should read 100mm not 6cm.

Seconded: AUS

For: AUS, DEN, FRA, GBR, GER, NOR, NZL, SWE, POL

**The proposed rule change was accepted as a 2/3 majority was achieved.**

#### **Rule change 3: Boom bands.**

Seconded: Denmark

For: 8 countries

Against:

**The proposed rule change was accepted as a 2/3 majority was achieved.**

#### **Rule change 4: Fittings**

Seconded: GBR

For: 8 countries

Against:

**The proposed rule change was accepted as a 2/3 majority was achieved.**

#### **Rule change 5: Corrector weights**

Seconded: NZL

For: 9 countries

Against: None

**The proposed rule change was accepted as a 2/3 majority was achieved.**

## **6. AOB**

### **Thailand**

There is web site with information [www.okworlds2013.com](http://www.okworlds2013.com)

The event will be held over Easter 2013.

Measurement Friday 29th March 2013, Welcome night.

Measurement & Practice race Saturday March 30th 2013

Races 1 + 2 Sunday 31st

Races 3 + 4 Monday 1st April

Races 5 + 6 Tuesday 2nd April

Lay day - Wednesday 3rd April

Races 7 + 8 Thursday 4th April

Races 9 + 10 Friday 5th April followed by the prize-giving dinner.

Indication of numbers

GER – 17, DEN – 6/12, POL – 6, NZL – 12, AUS – 24, GBR – 16, FRA – 0

Officials

Kevin Wilson – PRO (Was involved in 2006)

Bill Bell - Chairman of Jury.

Notice of Race will be issued ASAP.

Regatta costs, 200 Euro entry fee.

Trying to get some sponsorship.

Increase the quote by 50% if required, this would give us a fleet of 120.

No jig, spot check measuring, all gear should be measured in the country prior to being placed in the containers.

Andre gave a report on the area

Club is in a nice area a few km away from the main area of Pattaya, the motels are high rise, and are within walking distance. There is a security guard at the main gate, the container port of Larm Charang is close, and the containers can be dropped in and left in the car park at the club. The airport is a 1.5 hour drive from the club, so people should try and organise to arrive at Bangkok airport in groups so that they can organise minibuses to get to the club, the average cost of this is around 70euro.

Maybe some shipping will be organised, details will be distributed.

### **Europeans 2013 – France.**

Show of hands for competitors, 30% of room, say 35.

The French will put forward some information by September so we can send it out to all national bodies.

### **Europeans 2014 – Steinhuder Meer Germany**

Free beer, breakfast, snacks, hot showers – in entry fee

Can have up to 100 boats

Free camping

End of July, pre regatta Sat/Sun, Monday Measuring finish on Saturday with prize giving and big party.

### **Melbourne 2014**

We have run 2 OK World Championships before plus 2 Finn Gold cups, organisation will be first class. Will be over the New Year into 2015.

Accommodation – billeting etc. information to come, hotels.

Christmas party on Christmas Day for the Europeans to have a Summer Christmas.

### **New Zealand 2018, Wakatere Boating Club**

Approved to be in New Zealand

There was some discussion that the proposed area may not be suitable for a World Championship, not close to bars and restaurants, beach launching not good for European sailors.

Proposed venue to be in Auckland.

Need to think about timing so that there is as much time after the previous Worlds, as we have done for 2014 in Melbourne.

#### **Open Forum**

- Quotas: There was general discussion on increasing the numbers attending a World Championship permanently, no decision was reached, there are problems with too many, some clubs would find it hard to have more than 100 boats.
- We should send out a questionnaire to all competitors on what they thought on having 150 competitors in Denmark.
- Maybe a register of boats which either comply to measurement or have been grandfathered to be listed on the web site.
- More spot check of gear during regattas, so we can reduce the measurement procedure.
- Maybe need to look at a gate start procedure

Meeting closed 10pm

## APPENDIX A

### OKDIA Income and Expenditure to year ending 31/12/11

2010 £ 2011£

#### Income

Subscriptions (i)	1179.00	1299.00
Building Fee Receipts (ii)	840.00	440.00
World Championship Levy (iii)	710.00	660.00
Plans	58.20	90.00
Completely OK	763.00	720.36
Overpayments made	27.76	13.15
Loan repayment	<u>5.52</u>	<u>N/A</u>
	3583.48	3222.51

#### Expenditure

ISAF subscription		203.28	207.60
Purchase of Building Fee Receipts		1190.28	N/A
Charges		9.00	N/A
expenses	121.76	453.23	Secretarial
Work on jig		364.00	N/A
Printing Stickers		878.18	N/A
Write off entries paid to Kalmar		96.26	N/A
Worlds Expenses		<u>N/A</u>	<u>330.00</u>
		2659.48	990.83
Surplus for year			2231.68

#### Notes

- (i) AUS £132 BEL £20 CAN £30 DEN £184 FRA £30 GBR £246 GER £342 IRE £20  
NOR £20 NZL £110 POL £30 SWE £96 USA £39 (paid in 2010)
- (ii) GBR 5 IRE 1 NZL 5
- (iii) 66 entries in Largs

## APPENDIX B

### OKDIA Balance sheet as at 21/12/11

	£
Cash at bank	8293.47
Money owed to OKDIA	<u>640.23</u>
	<b>8933.70</b>
OKDIA Funds at 01/01/11	6702.02
Surplus for year	<u>2231.68</u>