

# IFDCO Annual General Committee Meeting 2020

## Meeting Minutes

Place: Online Video Conference - Zoom

Date: Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Begin: 7:00 pm

End: 8:45 pm

Participants and distribution list for the General Committee:

Executive Officers:

- Peter van Koppen (President)
- Meike Greten (General Secretary)
- Roman Houdek (Treasurer – not present)
- Rinaldo Rinaldi (VP Championships)
- n.n. (VP Communications)
- Paul Hemker (VP Technical)
- Svend Vieweg (VP Development – not present)

Administrative Officers:

- Tanja Heijnk (Chief Measurer)
- Tony Lyall (Boat Registrar)

Commodores (National Secretaries of 3 major EU FD Nations + AUS & NZL, USA):

- GER: Tom Greten
- ITA: Eric Deleu
- NED: Fred Schaaf
- AUS & NZL: Ian McCrossin (not present)
- USA: Paul Hemker (leaving at 8:00 pm)

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### TOP 1 [Presidents Opening Remarks](#)

Peter van Koppen welcomes the Committee to this Annual General Committee Meeting 2020.

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### TOP 2 [Apologies for Absence](#)

Roman cannot join the meeting.

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### TOP 3 [Confirmation of the Minutes of the AGCM – Balatonfolvar 2019](#)

The Minutes of the AGCM held 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019 in Hungary are agreed. Please give some more details of the budget-report in the next meeting minutes.

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## TOP 4 Matters arising from those Minutes not covered by Agenda items

No matters arising.

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## TOP 5 President's Report

Peter van Koppen:

We of course all regret the existence of the Covid virus that brings along a big impact to all of us and just as well on our sailing activities and we could not enjoy our Flying Dutchman as we are used to. Also to not be able to see our sailing friends as we would like to.

All-in all we had a bad year when it comes to the amount of sailing we could do and of course one of the worst consequences was that we had to cancel the Worlds in Spain. We tried to postpone the decision as long as possible hoping for the best but too bad..... there was no chance.

It was good to see that everybody kept up the good spirit to try and organize regattas and to see people go to participate in them. I was happy to see that several National Championships like the German, Austrian, Italian, Czech, and Polish could take place.

What the Covid will bring us in 2021 is yet to be seen and I wish that the Worlds will take place in September this year without any problems.

As for the Committee of IFDCO we did not see to many changes. We have to dismiss Svend Vieweg as the VP development as we haven't heard from him for about two years or even more.

Furthermore, as to collect as much information such as regatta-results, reports, photos, videos or any other information we like everybody to send this to the [info@sailifdco.net](mailto:info@sailifdco.net) mail address as to centralize this on one spot.

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## TOP 6 General Secretary Report (including any item from World Sailing)

Meike Greten mentions following points:

- The website was updated by Meike in regards of some structure and information
- We need to update the Byelaws
  - in terms of the wording "ISAF" vs. "World Sailing".
  - Byelaws will be reworked in regard of the voting process by Ed Cox, Dutch Law, World Sailing proofed
  - Voting Process will be defined more extensively
- Plan to build up a member database as our Byelaws are requiring
- World Sailing
  - A new chairman has been voted: Quanhai Li (CHN)

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## TOP 7 Treasurers Report

### a) Accounts for 2019

As Roman Houdek could not be present Peter presented his report in a detailed way.

- On the 31-12-2019 Working account was € 25723,19  
Reserved account was € 52696,55
- 251 sailbuttons were sold which was a small increase
- 521 memberships were issued which was a small decrease
- Bulletin costs were a bit higher as mailing costs were more

### b) Update on the Finances for 2020 to date

- On the 8-12-2020 Working account was € 41672,97  
Reserved account was € 52695,55
- So we can see a good increase in the working account due to saving strategy from the last years and saving money on a Bulletin.
- We only sold 70 sailbuttons which is a great decrease of course due to the small amount of sailing caused by Corona.
- We had 499 memberships which is just a little less to 2019. normally on a Worlds we sell between 20 to 30 memberships.

### c) Budget for 2020/2021

Very much depending on the development of the Corona-virus and sailing activities. As we have the plan for an App we will spend extra money on that.

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## TOP 8 Officers Reports

### a) VP Championships

Rinaldo Rinaldo presents the results of the work of VP Championships:

- Information from Spain is awaited for WC
- Start to put down the dates for 2021 EuroCups
- WC 2021 Spain
- WC 2022 Italy
- WC 2023 Poland (Request from Tomasz (POL) confirmation for WC 2023 in Poland)

### b) VP Communications

We try to come out with a Bulletin in the first quarter of 2021 based on the material which was sent out by the members. Caroline Rudorff will create the Bulletin.

### c) VP Technical

Respectfully submitted by Paul Hemker, VP Technical, by e-mail before the meeting

*There has been very little activity on the technical front for the last year with the pandemic cutting activity. There have been several queries from people about rules but they were really just needing clarification. No builders have indicated any interest*

*in rule changes so we are not contemplating any revisions at present. There is a real need for "new blood" on the technical committee. I would very much like to have at least two or three more people involved so we can plan a succession. In addition we will need at least one more IM. The process is straightforward but not short since WS requires attendance at their Measurement Seminars and successful completion of their test. Please encourage members who have an interest in the technical aspects of the FD to get involved.*

Comment from Tony about a new rule in Racing Rules of Sailing 2021: Formal decision about quick release of trapeze necessary.

Decision: Put the point on the Agenda for AGCM 2021.

#### d) VP Development

Svend was not available and communication the last year.

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## TOP 9

### Commodore Reports

#### a) Australia & New Zealand

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#### b) Germany

- Trapeze regatta could be sailed with some delay
- Some regattas could be sailed
- International championship could be sailed later in the year (not in Warnemünde, but Leipzig)
- Numbers: no real change
- All the reserved events will be kept most likely

#### c) Italy

- Strongly action after first Covid situation
- 30 boats in local regatta
- 3 national regattas in addition to Marina price
- 23 boats in championship – record!
- 6 new sailors under 26
- Improvement in communication
- Training sessions shall be organized to train strong wind sailing
- Many people complaining about the cost of a regatta (e.g. 150 € for Marina Price)

#### d) Netherlands

- Rather quiet this year because of Covid, everything was canceled
- Championship next year opposite of Medemblik, quite nice
- No responses from the clubs organizing regattas yet because of Covid
- Two long members of the dutch committee passed away: Thijs Rutten, Jupp Wanders

- A new Dutch mast builder started his business, already sold several masts (3.500 €)

e) USA

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f) GBR (GBR offered their report as well; by Tony Lyall)

- Not much has changed, most sailing was just singled handed
- 6-7 racing boats
- 19 members in 2020, 3 will be probably loosed in 2021
- Regattas expect at least 60 boats for organizing a regatta
- Regattas are quite expensive
- GBR people wants their bulletin!

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## TOP 10 Boat Registration Report

Tony Lyall:

- 2019: 5 new boats registered
- 2020: 5 new boats were registered up to now
- Tony needs the original (!) measurement form – in case boats are sold/bought
- Boat Builder Situation brought up by Tom Greten:
  - Hans Genthe is in Dubai now, he was employed at two companies regarding carbon boat building; now he is self-employed and has taken over the design activities of a new Flying Dutchman (he needed 4-6 boats, process of new design was stuck, because of financial and quality guaranties
  - Question is how long Marder will build Flying Dutchmans
  - Herbst from Berlin will build one boat per year
- We should create a working group who take care of builders and the future of them

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## TOP 11 Chief Measurers Report

Tanja Heijnk presents her experience and work as chief measurer:

- Renewal of international measurer
- Ioannis Remoundos, GER/GRE, wants to become an international measurer – course should have been done in April which was postponed because of Covid
- Update on center boards dimensions and using the center boards and WC will be published on the website and bulletin
- Investigation on electronical measurement forms (OCR class have such forms)

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TOP 12      Dismissal of VP Development

We haven't heard from Svend Vieweg for four years now.

Online Vote by email will be arranged by Peter to suspend Svend.

Andrew from Russia is willing to do the job.

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TOP 13      Decision on IFDCO-App

As we saved so much money this year we suggest to install an App for the IFDCO. Peter van Koppen talked to Malte Burkhard, FD sailor who has a company for App-development.

Website has to be optimized first. Forum and marketplace should be up again – check with the German-team.

Maintain-cost will be checked by Peter.

Very good to have a membership-card within the App.

Create an e-mail address for regatta-results and pictures for the website.

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TOP 14      Any Other Business

Peter van Koppen will check with Rinaldo Rinaldi the possibilities of changing the dates regarding the next three WC because of Covid. What happens if Covid is still the

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TOP 15      Closing of the meeting

The Annual General Committee Meetings ends at 8:45 pm.



Signature Meike Greten

General Secretary