

# Unofficial IACA Meeting

## Report of Meeting

Date/ Time: Monday **01. June 2009** 14.00 h Place: Rohrspitz/Fussach Austria (EC)

Attendants: - Stefano Sirri (SS) IACA President, Piet Saarberg (PS) IACA Secretary/Cashier, Dieter Melcher (DM) (Switzerland), Steven Brewin (Australia), Reinhard Mommensohn (Germany), Thomas Paasch (Denmark), Chris Field (Great Britain), Yvonne Sheehan (Ireland), Marco Gaeti (Italy), Micky Todd (Spain), Jürgen Koch (Austria), Erik Andersson (Sweden), Jean-Louis le Coq (France)

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### Agenda:

- 1.0 WGM Report of January 2009
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### Report

#### 1.0 WGM Report 2009 (WC Australia)

DM reminds that the Report has not yet been published. SS explains that he is actually revising the report to be published by mid-June. **SS**

#### 2.0 Events

##### 2.1 WC 2010 Cesenatico/Italy

Dates: **26. June to 04. July 2010**

Accommodations: Hotel and Camping places in immediate neighbourhood of club.

##### 2.2 WC2011 Aarhus/Denmark

Dates: August 2011

2.3 EC 2012 not yet know, as no application received until now. Subject for WGM 2010 at Cesenatico/I. To be reminded to National Associations in Europe. **SS**

#### 3.0 Ballot "Hydrofoils" (replacing Rule 8/Box rule)

The Ballot was closed by 31. May 2009

Provisory results: Pieterjan Dwarshuis informed:

Votes received:250 NO: 80 YES: 170 (From total 920 Fleet Members)

As the result is rather close (2/3 required) SS will check the validity of the votes received and inform about the final result.

#### **4.0 IACA Finances and Accounting**

##### **4.1 Discipline of Fee payments**

DM complains in the name of the SACA that it is not acceptable that several National Associations do not pay their fees prior to 31. December (based on the number of Fleet Members of the 31.12. of the previous year!). As consequence those Nations had not right to vote at the WGM in January 2009 in Australia. The IACA Committee is herewith reminded to impose the respecting of those rules (Constitution 9.2) and if not respected to apply the determined sanctions as also reduction of the contingents for major events. PS confirm that all Nations paid the 2009 fee in the meantime.

##### **4.2. Bank Account Australia**

PS confirms that the account has been closed in the meantime and the balance sent to the IACA bank account at the ROBA Bank in Netherland. (According WGM 2007)./.

##### **4.3 Budget 2009 (as required at the WGM)**

DM repeats that he is willing to assist PS to establish a Budget 2009. Details have been discussed. DM will submit a proposal by the end of June. **DM**

##### **4.4 Preparation of Balance Sheet and P+L Account 2008**

DM will help SP as soon as he will receive all accounting data. **PS**

#### **5.0 Various**

##### **5.1 IACA Homepage**

Various members of NA ask for an improvement of the IACA website as the different subjects are difficult to find and that there should be a clear "inventory" at the beginning in order that the subject can be traced more easily. (The same applies for the SACA homepage).

Pieterjan Dwarshuis NED set up the new homepage without any charge, a big "Thank you" to him.

The National Associations and the Fleet Members are invited to use the IACA more actively as a platform for news and as a forum for discussion.

#### **IACA Information Meeting at Rohrspitz on Friday 05. June 2009**

SS invited for an information meeting which was followed by all present nations. SS informed about the above meeting.

Following subject came up:

#### **A. Liability Insurance Coverage                      Important**

As discussed already at the WC 2007 in the USA, it remains a considerable problem that several sailors entering a major events do not have the coverage required by the NoR in their insurance policy. The risk is that if a sailor does not have the sufficient coverage in an case of an accident and cannot pay personally for the remaining difference, the organising club can be held responsible as it allowed the sailor to participate in spite of the fact the he did not have the required coverage. This

is also true according to a lawyer in spite of the disclaimer stated in the NoR or in the IACA Championship Rules Art. 15

The main difficulty for some sailors is that they do not get enough insurance coverage, this particularly for competition. (Attention: in many policies racing is excluded!)

Dieter Melcher tried in vain with different insurance companies to find a general IACA Insurance policy on a world-wide basis to cover the such coverage gaps. The only solution seems to be that the organising club or the National Association of the country holding the event take an DIC (Difference In Coverage) Policy, where the participant can pay a fee for the difference in coverage.

SS will immediately take contact to Italian Insurance companies trying to find a solution for the WC 2010 in Cesenatico.

DM reminds that each sailor having this problem should re-contact a.s.a.p. his insurance Company. But it seems that there are also some sailors trying to economize with a lower coverage, risking higher cost by an additional DIC Insurance or even being disqualified on site from entering the event!

### **B. Measuring of boats**

Sweden suggested again to separate the boats weight between the platform with dagger-boards and rudders and the rest of the boat. The platform could then be certified by the boats-builder. The majority of the attendants would reject such a procedure as to many items of the platform can strongly change afterwards with e.g. different rudders, boards, trampoline, mainsheet a.s.o. and a measuring of the complete boat is anyhow required at major events.

**Kindly reported by Dieter Melcher on June 22<sup>th</sup> 2009**