

## International 5.5 Metre Class Annual General Meeting 2019 Minutes

Location: NJK Helsinki

Date: 31 July 2019 at 18:30

Countries Present: FIN, GBR, ITA, NOR, AUS, FRA, SUI, GER, NED, BAH, SWE, Tom Schubert NJK, Linda Rijkuijter, Kim Chabani, Louise Morton

### 1. Meeting Open

Linda Rijkuijter, Int 5.5 M Secretary opened meeting at 18:35. It was agreed she would preside over the meeting as the President is absent at the North Pole.

### 2. Previous Minutes

Cowes AGM 2018

LR submitted the Minutes from the previous AGM. The minutes were approved.

### 3. Financial Report

The Financial report has not been reviewed by the audit committee, as such, LR did not seek approval from the members. It was noted that the club's current financial situation is exceeding its yearly income. Board agreed that at January's AGM in Sydney there will be a new Financial plan submitted with an upgraded contribution proposal.

### 4. Public Relations & Marketing

The Board was in agreement that it well worth investing in the development of the 5.5 m class and Robert Deaves is doing a good job of managing the class's profile and public relations. All voted to continue professional relationship with Robert Deaves.

### 5. Race Calendar 2020

#### A. Australia World Cup:

Planning for Australia is well under way. It was noted that it is possible to load and unload yachts at Livorno which is helpful due to its proximity to both Cannes for the Regatta Royale boats and then the season starter back to Torbole sul Garda for the Alpen Cup. In addition, it is possible to ship the boats from Helsinki to Antwerp and then straight onto Sydney. Teams will need a carnet for both the boat and the trailer. Good newsletters from Australia detailing arrangements.

#### B. Second World Championship (Attachment 3a and 3b)

2 proposals were presented for future world championships and it was agreed the venue for the World Championship 2021 will be chosen at the AGM to be held in Sydney.

Cities submitted for board consideration were; Hankø, Norway or having the Worlds during Travemünde Woche (See <https://www.5.5class.org/calendar> for the pdf proposals)

### 6. Elections

**Treasurer:** Simon Pfandler (**SUI**) was proposed and elected. He is well regarded and long term 5.5 sailor and will take over in October 2019.

**President:** Louise Morton (GBR) was proposed and elected. Louise has extensive maritime organisational experience as she has been the J Class Secretary since 2012, the Quarter Ton Secretary since 2005 and was Club Secretary of the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club of Cowes (2004-2007). Her husband, Peter Morton is an active International 5.5 sailor. She has a passion for the 5.5 metre class and will present ideas on how to develop its presence in the yachting world at the next AGM in Sydney.

**7. AOB (Any other business)**

Tom Schubert from NJK asked the membership if they would like to modernize the Gold Cup Rules. Mark Holowesko (BAH) thought that to be able to represent your country makes the regatta very special, and if he had to choose, he would prefer to win the SGC over the World Championship. The Class is still very interested in racing for the SGC and one of the main reasons that the Championship was brought to Helsinki is because of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. However, it was thought that some changes could be made to the format.

It was agreed that the Class would come up with some ideas and send them to NJK for further discussion. NJK have a board meeting in November where this could be raised. If a new format could be approved at their autumn meeting the rules will be adjusted for the Worlds in Sydney. If necessary, the Kaag Cup and Evolution Cup rules can be adjusted accordingly.

**8. Close of Business**

The meeting was ended at 2000.