

Nordic Folkboat International Association



Minutes of the 17th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, held on 24th of July 2011
at Segler-Verein Herrenwyk, Germany

Present:

In the Chair Stefan Rosehr (Chairman NFIA – Germany)
Per Damm (Vice-Chairman NFIA, Denmark)
Hans Torlén (Technical Chairman NFIA- Sweden)
Bernard Turner (NFIA Hon Sec/Treas.-UK)
Harald Koglin, Germany - Anders Olsen, Sweden – Johannes Thaysen, Germany
Bent Nielsen, Denmark – Roger Granger, UK

1. Apologies for absence

None

2. Roll Call of Accredited Representatives

Country	Number of Boats	Number of Votes	Representative
Canada	?		None (No proxy)
Denmark	423	5	Bent Nielsen
Finland	250	4	None (proxy received)
Germany	520	6	Johannes Thaysen
Sweden	260	4	Anders Olsen
UK	125	2	Stewart Granger
USA	?		None (No proxy)
Netherlands	?		None (No proxy)

21 votes - present at the AGM

The attendees were reminded that in accordance with the Articles of the Association the votes of any National Association which had not submitted a proxy vote or sent a representative would not be included in any ballot/vote on proposed amendments. (Article 8 (e)) and therefore deemed to have abstained from voting.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the 2010 AGM

The Minutes were approved – all in favour

4. Confirmation of Article 17.a. of the Articles of the Association

To approve that a subscription of one Euro be charged to National Folkboat Class Association per in each National Association registered boat in any year in which the balance held by NFIA according to the accounts presented at the AGM is less than five thousand Euro. The payment will be due on 1st of January of the following year. This is in accordance with Article 17.a.

DK/GE were concerned about the travel cost. – Chairman: they will be reduced.

SWE agree, what is the alternative?

The confirmation was approved - with 17 votes in favour, and 4 against (FIN).

5. Amendment/clarification of Class Rules (see attached)

Rule 9.13 Transparent panels in sails. Amend sentence 2 to read: “The total area in each sail shall not exceed 0.5 m².”

Result of vote: All in favour. The amendment will become effective from 1th January 2013.

Rule 9.21 Mainsail. Add wording for clarification after sentence 1: “The luff and foot of the sail shall have continuous bolt ropes which shall be within the full length of the relevant spar grooves while racing.”

Result of vote: All in favour. The clarification will become effective from 1th January 2012.

Rule 9.35 Batten Pockets. Delete existing lengths and change to “not exceeding 300mm, 400mm and 600mm.....”

Result of vote: All in favour. The change will become effective from 1th January 2013.

Rule 10.20.2 Hull Correctors - Amended Rule to read – “Remaining hull correctors shall be placed: To 40% at not less than 3.40 m aft of the forward face of the mast, no deeper than 578mm below a line joining the two sheerlines. To 60% not less than 0.25m and not more than 0.60 m forward of the forward face of the mast, no deeper than 844mm below a line joining the two sheerlines. The corrector weight may be divided and placed off the centreline. Boats built 01.01.2002 or later and found to be underweighted are permitted to have hull correctors only totalling not more than 30kg and mounted as described in 10.20.2 above.....” etc per existing...

This amendment was withdrawn by the Board for further discussion.

6. Election of Officers

Chairman: Stefan Rosehr (Germany) is in an elected term until 2013.

Vice- Chairman: Ole Gorm Larsen (Denmark) has retired and Per Damm (Denmark) has been proposed by Germany to take over this position.

Per Damm was duly elected – all in favour.

Technical Chairman: Hans Torlén has been proposed to stand for a further term of 3 years.

Hans Torlén was duly elected – all in favour.

Secretary/Treasurer: Bernard Turner (UK) has completed four years and wanted to retire. Harald Koglin (Germany) has been proposed by Denmark to take over the position.

As Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer – Harald Koglin was duly elected – all in favour.

7. To receive the Chairman’s report.

The Chairman’s report is attached to the minutes in one separate file. The report was approved by the AGM.

8. To receive the Statement of Income and Expenditures

The Treasurer's report for the 12 month ending 30th of June 2011 with the Income Statement and the Balance Sheet was approved by the AGM.

There was a discussion of how to improve the balances – as to reduce travel cost and costs for Gold Cup.

The AGM were surprised that no sail buttons have been sold in Finland.

9. To receive the Technical Chairman's report

The Technical Chairman's report is attached to the minutes (TC report 2011).

The report was approved by the AGM.

It was discussed to allow GPS. It cannot be done before 2013.

10. To confirm dates and venues for the Gold Cup and Sessan Cup for future years

Sandhamn, Sweden - has applied for the Gold Cup in 2012.

Niendorf, Germany - has applied for the Gold Cup in 2013.

Denmark was proposed to find a club to arrange Gold Cup in 2014.

Berlin was suggested to arrange Sessan Cup.

11. Any other Business at the Chairman's discretion

Germany asked how a boatyard can apply for a license to build folkboats.

Chairman: They can apply for a license, but they cannot build the hull. All hulls must come from a licensed mould.

The plug is owned by NFIA and stored in Estonia.

There is a mould – owned by the Swedish association – in Sweden, but in a bad condition.

Harald Koglin will contact the Finnish Association about activities in Finland. (sail buttons etc)

The Chairman thanked the Board and the NFIA Technical Committee for their work – and in particular those who have retired.

Per Damm
VC NFIA

17th of August 2011