

News from the NFIA Board



On April 7, 2018 the regular spring Board meeting took place. Meeting place was the clubhouse of Verein Seglerhaus am Wannsee in Berlin / Germany.

Attendants from the Board were Chairman Søren Kæstel (DEN), Vice-Chairman Michael Fehlandt (GER), TC-Chairman Lennart Magnusson and Treasurer/Secretary Harald Koglin (GER). Kay-Enno Brink (GER) as the chief measurer from the TC was participating as well; Bjarne Marcussen (DEN), the technical expert from the TC was absent with valid excuse. Ditte Andreasen, chairman of the Danish Folkboat Association had joined as guest as well as Martina Klemmt and Andreas Haubold from Haubold Yachting.

In summary the following items have been discussed:

General Matters

Over the winter time several rumors had come up as to whether the new alu-mast is complying with the class rules. The Board and the TC clearly confirm that the mast is measured accurately in 2016; the corresponding documentation is available in the files of NFIA. To define such processes more clearly, a CR amendment will be presented for approval at the next NFIA's AGM in Simrishamn.

In order to resolve a potential conflict in duties, Bjarne Marcussen will step back from his function as technical expert in the TC. After many years of engagement also Kay-Enno Brink has declared his retirement from the function as chief measurer. The Board is looking for qualified Folkboat sailors to cover these functions in future.

HAUBOLD Yachting – located in Berlin - has taken over the business from Folkboat Central (FBC) in Hamburg. Martina Klemmt and Andreas Haubold want to reactivate the whole variety of Folkboat business aspects like spare part supply, service and building new boats. They still look for a competent shipyard for performing the builds in an excellent quality. The plan is to present a new boat on the exhibition in Hamburg in October 2018.

The Folkboat master-plug is still stored in Estonia and will be brought back along with other forms by Andreas during the next couple of weeks.

Financials

Income statement numbers fall back behind budget expectations because of the low quantity of sail buttons sold so far. There might be some risk for the National Associations to be charged with the equivalent in Euros of in the association registered boats.

Technical Matters

With regard to wooden components the TC will prepare some proposals for next meeting of which components may be made from other wooden materials than mentioned in the Class Rules.

Events

Gold Cup events in Simrishamn (2018 in SWE) and Aarhus (2019 in DEN) are all on track. For 2020 there is no applicant yet. Germany still is supposed to find an organizing club.

Next meeting

The next meetings of the Board will be held during the Gold Cup 2018 and later in November 2018 in Copenhagen / Denmark.

Harald Koglin
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