

# International H-Boot Association

## Minutes from the AGM, Brunnen 22 August

The AGM was held at the City Hotel in Brunnen, meeting started at 7pm and following were present:

Jyrki Lindstrøm FIN

Michael Pochhammer GER

Christoph Zander GER

Bengt Ramme SWE

Godtlieb Pesendorfer AUT

Thomas Kausen GER

Hans Peulen + 1 NED

Oskar Koch CH

Henrik Toft DEN

Heinz-Werner Aring, Measurer GER

Leif Skorge NOR

1.

Jyrki Lindstrøm opened the meeting by welcoming the delegates and each representative presented themselves around the table.

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Jyrki was appointed to Chair the AGM whilst Leif Skorge was made responsible for the Minutes.

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Adoption of the Agenda

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Report 2016 – Financial Report; Income consists mainly on Sail-buttons and Membership Fees EURO 5.225 and 4.595 respectively. The Measurer pointed out that buttons should normally be red stickers

whilst the Association now has moved on to labels that you sew on to the sail and question were asked whether this practise were bullet proof as to misuse.

It was pointed out that late payment of membership fees may lead to income being accounted for on following years accounts and National Associations were encouraged to ensure prompt payments.

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The AGM accepted the Finances for 2016.

6.

IHA Elections: Jyrki pointed out that the Association should seek to return to the practise where President is appointed for 2 years whilst the Vice-President is appointed for 1 thus alternating 2 year periods for Vice-/President elections. Christoph Zander put forward Michael Pochhammer as new President for 2 years which was accepted by the AGM.

Bengt Ramme was elected new Vice - President for 12 months whilst Jyrki Lindstrøm will remain Treasurer.

7.

Leif Skorge who will be the Director of the World Championship 2018 gave a presentation of the forthcoming event in Sandefjord where the dates are set to 31 July to 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2018. The preparations are well underway and Sandefjord Seilforening are well prepared to accommodate for up to 72 boats next year both off- and onshore. Boats are also invited to take part in the National Championship that take place the weekend before the Worlds commence. Leif encouraged all National Associations and/or individual sailors to reply to our questionnaire or any other inputs that may help deliver a memorable championship. A Pre-Invitation for the Worlds were presented and is distributed in pdf format to the delegates at the AGM. Please pass on to member sailors.

Hans Peulen provided progress on following years Worlds in the Netherlands (2019). He was confident that with the help of their German friends that they would be able to arrange a good championship and work is in progress.

The Worlds in 2020 are to be hosted by Germany and the choosing of venue appears to be either Kiel or Warnermunde. There was some discussion about the timing of the events and the Danes pointed out that it was important that dates did not clash with their National Championship arranged beginning of July every year. This also led on to the fact that the Nordic school holidays start middle of June and last until early august. Since many youngsters are encouraged to race H-boats and many are indeed crewing it seems ideal for the Nordics to have a fixed schedule for the worlds in the future ensuring maximum participation from Denmark, Finland, Sweden and Norway.

It was agreed that the Worlds in 2021 will be in Denmark. Likely venue will be Bogensee, Jutland.

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Thomas Kausen reported on possible interest from 3<sup>rd</sup> party to take over production since both Fraucher and Eagle Marine has stopped producing H-Boats.

Measurer Aring pointed out that when two championships are to be arranged with one following the other it is important that enough time is provided so the measurements can be carried professionally.

Christoph Zander pointed out that some of their members apparently do not have adequate insurance in heavy wind and whether the class may have some form of wind limit on when to race. A lively debate followed and it was concluded that such decisions in a championship must fall on the race-officer and his professional decisions- not the class association, must be the decisive factor.

AGM next year to be held in Sandefjord.