

International Dragon Association



To: The President, Vice Presidents, IDA Officers, National Secretaries, and Technical Committee, Builders

From: David Dale

Re: AGM 2009

Date: 24th October 2009

Flash Report of the International Dragon Class AGM, held at the Yacht Club de France, Paris, on Saturday 24th October 2009

Apologies

Phyllis Chang (Vice Chairman) sent her apologies. She is currently with our Vice President HRH Prince Henrik, in China. Other apologies will be reported in the full Minutes.

Confirmation of Previous Minutes

These were accepted.

IDA Officers

Robert Campbell, having completed his initial 2 year term as Chairman, was re-elected for a further and final 2 years.

Peter Warrer and Xavier Rouget-Luchaire both retired as Vice Chairmen, having completed 4 successful years. The meeting thanked them for their contributions.

Richard Blickman (Netherlands) was elected a Vice-Chairman, in place of Xavier Rouget-Luchaire.

Robert Alpe (Australia) was elected a Vice-Chairman for one year, in place of Peter Warrer. Robert announced his resignation to take effect at the 2010 AGM

The Chairman's Report,

Will be circulated with the full Minutes

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that.

- 1) Receipts were reduced this year (as predicted) as a result of a sharp drop in the purchase of new sails during the year and the reduction of the sale by the IDA of sail labels to the major Class sailmakers.
- 2) Building fees were marginally down, but the builders continued to enjoy strong activity at their yards
- 3) Subscription income was in line with budget, and all National Associations had paid within the time limits set at last years' AGM.
- 4) Overall the result was a reduction in Reserves of £8318 an almost exact reverse of last year when Reserves rose by £8172. It is considered that with cash balances at £ 50,413 the overall financial position remains strong

The Budget, predicts an improvement in revenue from sail labels, and a continuing care to reduce outgoings generally. Consideration had been given to reduce the standard and costs of the Yearbook. However, it was decided to maintain the standard and quality of the Yearbook. Consequently both the advertising income and the costs of the Yearbook budgeted were increased by £2,000 from the draft budget, thus maintaining an overall budgeted breakeven for 2010.

Subscriptions will remain at the current level for 2010, though it was recognized that having had no increase for the last 5 years, the Officers would consider an increase next year to possibly £15 in the light of our financial situation at that time.

Technical Committee Chairman's Report,

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The appointment of Marcel Wagenaar as Chief Measurer was confirmed.

Rule Changes for 2009

The proposed Rule Change to enable rope for Runners and the permanent Backstay were approved by the meeting subject to ISAF approval.

In addition minor wording changes to Rule 1.82 for clarification purposes were approved and will be forwarded to ISAF for approval. Final agreed wording will be published with the full Minutes. An announcement on the website is needed to inform all competitors of our minimum requirements for accepting measurement forms in 2010. In addition, Regatta Measurers must be instructed to follow the regulations more accurately.

Events Rota

The events and locations were confirmed for 2012, events after 2012 will appear in the full Minutes.

	Worlds	Europeans	Gold Cup
2010		Balaton, (Hungary)	Marstrand, (Sweden)
2011	Melbourne, (Australia)	Kiel, (Germany)	Ostende, (Belgium)
2012		Lake Attersee, (Austria)	Kinsale, (Ireland)

Germany (Europeans 2011) are considering an alternative Baltic venue to Kiel. This is being used for the German Grand Prix in 2010 and a final decision for the location of the Europeans will be based on the success of this event.

Variations from the Regatta Regulations were agreed

- 1) The 2011 Worlds in Melbourne can take place over 7 days rather than the 6 stipulated. This is to allow for a fixed lay day
- 2) Fred Imhoff is approved as the Race Officer for the 2011 Gold Cup in Ostende despite him not being an International Race Officer.

Austria and Ireland are required to write to the IDA within the next 30 days confirming their acceptance of the Regatta Regulations.

All delegates were reminded that, to have an application to hold an event considered, they must adhere to the agreed procedure and timetable detailed in clause 4 of the Regatta Regulations

Review of Regatta Gradings

An application from the Portuguese Dragon Association to upgrade the King Juan Carlos trophy to a Grade One event was approved...

Nations Cup.

The proposed amendment circulated with Agenda was approved.

IDA Championships - Venue Selection

The policy on selection of venues for the major Championships first proposed and adopted in 2002 was reconsidered by National Associations during 2008/9 and it was confirmed at this meeting that there should be no change to the policy.

Chairman of the Technical Committee - Selection to IDA Championships

It was proposed by the Officers, and agreed by the meeting, that the Chairman of the Technical Committee will, in future, have automatic selection to those events.

International Ranking List

A very comprehensive presentation was given by Robert Alpe, who confirmed that the IRL for this current year was now available on the IDA website. One again he stressed that the individual helmsmen's unique **ISAF Sailor Number must be collected on the entry form for ALL Dragon graded events and included on the overall Results List of these events as well as being sent to: irl@intdragon.org on the completion of each event.** He also went on state how the IRL list will be developed in future to capture the ISAF Sailors Number of crew as well as helmsmen.

Robert will issue an updated User Manual for regatta organizers.

Qualification for European and World Championships

The Chairman presented a paper to all delegates (which will also be circulated to those not present), outlining current difficulties and confusion with the many current qualification systems, and asking for proposals to streamline qualification (or even abandon it, as is the case with the Gold Cup). National Associations are asked to circulate it to members and make proposals from any feedback gained.

Proposals to be sent the Secretary, David Dale by 1st June 2010 to help the Officers develop a set of proposals for the AGM 2010.

Please Note that the existing Qualification Rules will apply for the Europeans in 2010

Any Other Business

Criticism was stated about the current fragmented graphic presentation of the Dragon Class. The Officers agreed and will develop new proposals during the next 12 months to enhance the overall presentation.

Denmark had proposed a minimum 2 mile 1st beat and a minimum of 20 minutes to minimize congestion at the 1st mark. The Chairman explained that this proposal had not been put to the meeting as the subject is already adequately covered in the Regatta Regulations 21.8

Date of Next Meeting

Saturday 23rd October 2010 to be either in Athens or at the Royal Thames Yacht Club, London. Chris Dicker agreed to check with HM King Constantine, since 2010 is the 50th anniversary of his Olympic Gold medal. A decision on venue will be made by end Feb. 2010.