

Minutes

1. Introduction and Welcome
Steve Fields (HCA); Michel Corigliano (HCE); Kevin Winchester (South Pac Rep); Dan Mangus (Observer), Pat Porter (Observer), Mike Montague (Observer), Thomas (Observer), Jason Sanchez (North Pac Rep), Rich McVeigh (President), Lori Mohny (VP), Carol. McVeigh (Observer), Caterina Degli Uberti (VP Europe proxy), Andy Dindsale (EHCA), Peter Skewes (Observer), Bailey Skewes (Observer), Paul Pascoe, Life Member, David Brookes Executive Director IHCA
2. Apologies and Proxies:
Mark Pryke IHCA Vice- President apologises and gives his proxy Kevin Winchester
Nina Martinussen IHCA Vice- President apologises and gives her proxy to Caterina Degli Uberti
Doug Skidmore Hobie Cat Company apologies and gives his proxy to Steve Fields
Craig Wood African Regional Chairman apologies and gives his proxy to David Scott
3. Executive Director's Report
Submitted and approved.
4. Financial Report and Accounts by Leslie Keller
5. Minutes for the 2016 AGM
This is a true and accurate minutes of the meeting.
Moved Rich McVeigh
Seconded Steve Fields
Moved 13th June 2016
6. Discussion on regional reports
 - a. The Chairman encouraged all attendees to read the reports to understand how Hobies are progressing around the world.
7. Proposals
 - a. Discussion regarding banding system for a breach of the Class Rules.
Moved Steve Fields, seconded Jason Sanchez, that the submission from the Rules Committee be adopted. Carried unanimously.
8. Election of Rules Committee:
Erik Olsen for IHCA Rules Committee nominated by the EHCA
Pat Porter to IHCA Rules Committee nominated by HCANA
Moved Steve Fields, seconded Jason Sanchez. Carried unanimously.
9. Any Other Business:

a. IHCA bylaws

There was a small change to the IHCA ByLaws approved earlier this year which was passed. There are some more significant changes that were not passed by the Council.

The Executive were charged with appointing a sub-committee to review the ByLaws by Jan 15th and recommend changes to the Council for review by Mar 15th.

b. From the IHCA President Rich McVeigh – format of the Worlds
Discussion regarding the formatting of the H16 Worlds. Rich outlined the approach taken for the current event and how he has collected a significant amount of information that is available to future organisers.

Andy Dinsdale outlined the EHCA's proposal to have the H16 Worlds as a mixed BYOB and charter boat event and how it has been working successfully in Europe.

The President outlined the approximate cost of the event and that there would be a small profit for the event. He requested input from the Council on where the money should be spent, recommending that it should be directed to development of the class, and to assist with future events.

Discussion regarding the cost of membership of the IHCA, and that \$US10 per year does not provide enough to provide sufficient marketing and member benefits. All agreed that the IHCA requires additional funds.

Proposal to Council for comments to see what common benefit could be used to increase membership.

Significant discussion regarding regatta insurance.

c. Future worlds changes

Have Masters with breakout of GM, GGM
Have Womens and Youth
Eliminate onsite qualification.

This would have the event of reducing the Worlds to a 10 day event.

Review of past decisions regarding using 48 boats, as well as removing onsite qualification. Discussion regarding running concurrent sub-events, but needs to fit in within WS recommendations.

d. 2021 Hobie 16 worlds bids

There are four groups who have provided letters of interest to run Hobie 16 World Championship, however none are currently at the point of formal proposal. The sponsor for the current event has expressed strong interest to return in 3 or 4 years. The strong preference is to

have the next H16 Worlds in Europe.

There is a possibility of a H14/Draagoon Worlds in Vincentia, Australia.

- e. Class growth
The President requested ideas from the Council on how to grow the class. Any programs that have worked in your area, please feel free to share with the Executive Director to share with every region.
- f. Membership database
Discussion regarding the need for a world-wide database. However, due to regional laws, in particular in Europe, this was considered difficult to implement.
- g. Philippines. Discussion regarding how to convince the Philippines to join the IHCA. They are buying boats, doing great things but will not join the IHCA. **Mike Montague** to provide his contact names to David Brookes to follow up.
- h. The matters raised by South Pacific Representative in his report were not discussed. The president said this would be discussed in a follow up discussion.

10. Nomination for President

As the nomination there were no valid nominations for President, it was agreed to call another General Meeting for the end of January and allow for valid nominations for President.

The meeting closed at 21:00.

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Moved Kevin Winchester

Seconded Jason Sanchez

Approved by the Council 9th December 2019