

October 17, 2015

**INTERNATIONAL RS:X CLASS ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting “AGM” 2015**

**PLACE AND TIME**

Millennium Resort Mussanah Hotel, Al Mussanah, Sultanate of Oman. The AGM started on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2015, at 1600 hrs.

**PRESENCE AND VALIDITY**

The AGM quorum requirements are 14 Full Active Members from 3 continents. Following the control a total of 32 voting Active Members are present in the meeting from 6 continents; of which 29 delegates and 3 by proxies\* are present at the AGM.

Delegates/Proxies presented by:

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| <b>ARG</b> | Hernan Vila       | 1 |
| <b>ARU</b> | Diederik Bakker   | 1 |
| <b>AUS</b> | Max Wojcik        | 1 |
| <b>BRA</b> | JP Tobin          | 1 |
| <b>CAN</b> | Dominique Vallee  | 1 |
| <b>CHN</b> | Qiu Bin           | 1 |
| <b>CRO</b> | Edo Fantela       | 1 |
| <b>CZE</b> | Karel Lavicky     | 1 |
| <b>DEN</b> | Larke Buhl-Hansen | 1 |
| <b>EGY</b> | Said Hassaballah  | 1 |
| <b>ESP</b> | Alexandre Guyader | 1 |
| <b>EST</b> | Matthew Rickard   | 1 |
| <b>FRA</b> | Cedric Leroy      | 1 |
| <b>GBR</b> | Oli Woodcock      | 1 |
| <b>GER</b> | Cedric Leroy*     | 1 |
| <b>GRE</b> | Dmitris Pilichos  | 1 |

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| <b>HKG</b> | King Yin Chan          | 1 |
| <b>HUN</b> | Lorand Utassy          | 1 |
| <b>ISR</b> | Jochem Brenninkmeijer* | 1 |
| <b>ITA</b> | Fabio Fanciulli        | 1 |
| <b>JPN</b> | Mikihiro Miyano        | 1 |
| <b>MEX</b> | Adrien Gaillard        | 1 |
| <b>NED</b> | Jacco Koops            | 1 |
| <b>NOR</b> | Jarek Miarczyński      | 1 |
| <b>NZL</b> | Antonio Cozzolino      | 1 |
| <b>OMA</b> | Rashid Al Kindi        | 1 |
| <b>POL</b> | Cezariusz Piórczyk     | 1 |
| <b>POR</b> | Antonio Gouveia        | 1 |
| <b>RUS</b> | Kirill Epifanov        | 1 |
| <b>TPE</b> | Alex Mowday            | 1 |
| <b>TUR</b> | Pinar Coskuner Genc    | 1 |
| <b>USA</b> | Dominique Vallee*      | 1 |

Majority for voting is 17 votes.

Therefore the meeting of the AGM is declared valid and open as regular.

Executive Committee presented by:

|                    |                                     |
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| Carlo Dalla Vedova | President                           |
| Dominique Vallee   | Vice President                      |
| Raul Saubidet      | Treasurer                           |
| Manu Messiaen      | Manufacturer’s Representative       |
| Ilker Bayindir     | Chairman of the Technical Committee |
| Bryony Shaw        | Sailor’s Representative             |
| Andrus Poksi       | Executive Secretary                 |

Apologies for absence have been received from:

|               |                         |
|---------------|-------------------------|
| Pedro Bulhoes | Vice President          |
| Ronnie Meir   | Coaches' Representative |

Mr. Rashid Al Kindi, the Member of Board of OmanSail welcomed the all the sailors, coaches and the Class AGM with his welcome speech.

CHAIRMAN, SECRETARY AND VOTES COUNTING COMMITTEE OF THE AGM:

The AGM is chaired by the President of the Class Mr. Carlo Dalla Vedova, according to the RS:X Class Constitution §7.9.

Andrus Poksi the Executive Secretary of the Class is the Secretary of the AGM. The AGM was called and the agenda proposed by 45 days prior of this meeting according to the Constitution §7.1 and §7.3. The relevant documentation has been published on the website for 15 days prior of this meeting according to Constitution §7.5 for consideration by the Full Active Members.

The Executive Committee appointed Andrus Poksi and Raul Saubidet to constitute a committee according to Constitution §7.11 to check and count the votes of the AGM.

The Secretary has prepared the slides for the AGM to be considered attached to these minutes.

**AGENDA:**

**1. Welcome by the President**

The President welcomes all the associates, the sailors, the coaches and friends present in the AGM. Presenting the Executive Committee members present in the room.

A special welcome is to Mr. Neil Pryde participating at the AGM.

**2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2014 AGM and EGM.**

The President asked the AGM to approve the minutes of last year's meetings in Cesme, Turkey and in Santander, Spain.

The AGM **approves** the 2014 meetings minutes.

**3. Reports**

3.1 President

President Carlo Dalla Vedova presented his report with a summary of the following issues:

- 1) Events in 2015 with brief reports on the EU Championship (ITA) and the Youth Worlds (POL).
- 2) Increase of entries for participation at the Class' events and new positive trend in windsurfing in general worldwide. Good relation with the kite, and surf worlds. Possible synergy with the kite and surf events.
- 3) Approaching Rio 2016. Test events, reports with comments and programming of the Class for August 5, 2016 starting of the Olympic Regatta for RS:X Class.
- 4) The Class is receiving more proposal/bids, for future events, and all will be considered with our tender procedure for the decision at AGM in a transparent way.
- 5) Brief report of the ISR team situation, in relation to the OMAN Worlds. The Class is sorry for not having the excellent ISR team in OMAN. The Class did all possible to support the participation. The Class welcomes the 2016 Worlds in ISR in 02/2016, with the participation of all teams, in order to show the Olympic world how sport, despite political matters, can keep dialogue among sailors from different Countries.
- 6) Brief report of the financial situation of the Class with the positive trend in terms of costs and expenditure controls and revenue for NP and the events. All payments are subject to approvals and we are happy with the compliance to this procedure today.  
Payments are made ONLY on the 27<sup>th</sup> of each month by Martin Aldridge in GBR, with the list of expenditure prepared by the secretary Andrus and approved by the President and Vice President.  
The Class has a balance of € 87,941, on the Barclays account in GBR. We shall invest part of it for reserve, and the Class welcomes proposal from the Associate on new projects for the development of the Class, in consideration of our main event next year - Rio Olympic Games.

The AGM has no comments and acknowledges the report.

### 3.2 Treasurer

Raul Saubidet as a Treasurer presents the annual accounts ending on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 prepared by the Martin Aldridge, the accountant of the Class. The Class has one account in GBP and EUR in UK managed by the Treasurer Martin Aldridge. Thanks to Martin Aldridge for the work done for the Class.

The documents are on the Class website [www.rsxclass.com](http://www.rsxclass.com) since 15 days before this meeting.

There was one comment to correct the wrong date on the Annual Financial Statement. The AGM has no further comments and the President asked for a vote to approve the RS:X Class 2014 Annual Financial Statement.

Results of voting:

Unanimously in favour - total of 32 votes.

The President declares the document **approved**.

### 3.3 Manufacturer's Representative.

Manu Messiaen together with Mr. Paolo Ceccetti, the Executive Technical Specialist of Cobra Factory, presented the evolutions of the equipment and the news with slide presentation to the AGM (the presentation file available on the Class website).

Example of the new fin material has been given to the audience for review.

Several questions are received from the audience of the AGM in summary:

How many sets of equipment will be sent to the 2016 Rio Olympic Games and will all the boards coming from the same mould?

Manu: 100 sets of equipment and all are coming from the same mould. Mould for fins has been produced in UK.

Diederik (ARU) stated that we got a very good solution with Cobra factory for the fins after the problem this year. AGM appreciated this.

No further comments and the report is acknowledged by the AGM.

### 3.4 Sailor's Representative

Sailor's Representative Bryony Shaw makes her report with a summary of the following issues:

- More feedback should come from sailors and coaches
- Sailors want to have a shorter event
- Increase of the entry fees – sailors are not against but need to know how can they feel the change after the increase of the entry fees
- Proposal to have the volunteer sailors testing group for a factory to get a better feedback.

No comments and the report is acknowledged.

### 3.5 Coaches

Coaches Representative Ronnie Meir did not attend but he sent his observations by email which the Class secretary forwarded to the AGM.

*As the Coaches Rep in the Executive Committee, I would like to highlight the fin issue that seems to have currently solved. I did not hear yet of any claimed new reinforced fins. We have to consider soon if we want an improved fin that will be more expensive for the next Olympics. We have to consider improvement of batten no' 5 as the no' 6 and finally I did not have enough cooperation from coaches. Coaches did not use enough their opportunity to express their ideas and feedback through their representative. I am sure that much more feedback and ideas should have to pass among us so I can bring more issues to the table on next time.*

No comments from the AGM and the report is therefore acknowledged.

### 3.6 Technical Committee

The Technical Committee Chairman Ilker Bayindir is presenting his report:

Good afternoon everybody,

I am very happy to see you all in another event in Oman.

First of all I would like to thank all of you for your great co-operation with the class to promote windsurfing.

In the Technical Committee we have the following members;

- Bas Edmond (GBR-IM) is Class Chief Measurer, representing measurement and class rules issues;
- Christophe Gaumont (FRA-IRO) is representing Race Management issues;
- Ronnie Meir (ISR) is representing Coaches and Sailors issues;
- Andrus Poksi (EST-IJ) is Class Executive Secretary and representing General class issues and Judging and Rules issues; and
- myself Ilker Bayindir (TUR-IJ/IRO) representing Race Management, Judging and Rules issues, also I am chairing this committee.

As you know, TC is dealing with all RSX event matters relating to the race management, measurement, judging and umpiring.

Relevant documents and policies are included. TC is also responsible for the appointment of the Class Race officials to the RSX Major events and nomination to ISAF when requested.

### **Let's look at our events in 2015;**

#### **RS:X Europeans & Youth Europeans – Mondello, Italy**

2015 RS:X European and Youth European Windsurfing Championships and Open Trophy was held in Mondello, Palermo, Italy from 20th to 27th July 2015.

There was total 269 competitors from 41 countries and 6 continents.

- Men's fleet - 100 sailors from 36 countries and 6 continents
- Women's fleet - 62 sailors from 23 countries and 6 continents
- Youth Men - 76 sailors from 21 countries and 6 continents
- Youth Women- 31 sailors from 13 countries and 3 continents

Racing conditions were very good with strong winds and warm water for sailing.

Senior and Youth Men and Women Gold fleets sailed 9 races in total, including Medal Races when Silver Fleets had one race less as they did not sail on the last day due to lack of time.

There were significant problems with the race management on the water, especially on the Senior's course.

There were a lot of problems with the organizing authority, mainly concerning the poor preparation to the event and lack of volunteers to run the regatta. Organizer provided the scorer who did not speak any English and he never worked with the

scoring program (Sailwave), which was required by the contract. Eventually the class secretary had to work as a scorer, which caused him to not to be able to make the work he had to do and therefore made number of coaches/sailors unsatisfied.

### **RS:X Youth Worlds – Gdynia, Poland**

2015 RS:X Youth World Windsurfing Championship was held in Gdynia, Poland from 11th to 18th July 2015.

There was total 136 competitors from 28 countries and 5 continents.

- Youth Men - 98 sailors from 28 countries and 5 continents
- Youth Women - 38 sailors from 17 countries and 5 continents

Racing conditions were very good with strong winds, except on the last day when there was almost no wind. A short breeze allows to sail one medal race for Women fleet only.

The event was very well prepared and it was just a great pleasure to have that kind of organization which made sailors and coaches happy.

The Class Course Rep. was Ewa Jodlowska (POL) and she got a big applause of sailors and coaches at the prize giving ceremony, which shows how respected was her work.

As a conclusion we had a great and biggest youth regatta the class had since last 6 years.

### **RS:X World – Musannah, Oman**

This is being organized from 17th to 24th October 2015 in Musanna, Oman.

Due to the situation at 2015 RS:X Europeans & Youth Europeans in Mondello, Italy, the RS:X Class Technical Committee made the change and replaced the Class Course Representative for the 2015 RS:X Worlds.

Ewa Jodlowska (POL-IRO) will be the Class Course Representative in this event. Championship Chief Measurer (**Chief Equipment Inspector**) – Pilar Lopez (ESP-IM)

Bas Edmond (GBR-IM) will be with us also.

Jury Chairman – John Doerr (GBR-IJ)

Jury member – Ilker Bayindir (TUR-IJ)

Jury member – Gonzalo Heredia (ARG-IJ)

Organizing Committee will add two local members for the jury.

Now, we will organize all officials for our events in 2016 very soon.

### **New Measurers;**

Technical Committee proposed three new names as candidate for the RS:X Class Measurer;

- Malav Shroff (IND),
- Pilar Lopez (IM from ESP), and
- Javier Blanco Gomez (ESP)

Executive Committee approved all of them.

Class Chief Measurer Bas Edmond will give us a report now about his visit to Cobra Factory and equipment issues.

Thereafter, the new submissions will be introduced for your approval.  
Thanks again and have a nice afternoon.

The question from Jochem Brenninkmeijer, why Class did not invite Mr. Rob Lamb to the Class events 2015?

The intention of the Class is to have more race officials who can work for the Class and therefore more other race officials were invited to the Class events. The Class had a big problem on the past when the list of race officials was critically short and it happens that because of non-availability of those few people, the Class faced a problem how to run the Class events when no one of those persons were available. The Class continues to find more new race officials to secure the future events.

No further comments from the AGM and the report is therefore acknowledged.

### 3.7 Measurer

The Chief Measurer Bas Edmonds is presenting his report:

Firstly, thank you for your patience in working with us today through the Equipment inspection process. I hope you appreciate the efforts that have gone into making it efficient and easy for you and that you can work with us through the post race inspection over the week of racing. I will start with the Olympics and efforts that have gone into delivering the wishes of the class following the EGM. ISAF at its Mid Year meeting agreed to the equipment limitations and serial numbers, which can be used during the Olympics. These can be found on the class website. I am also pleased to announce that Pilar Lopez from Spain has been appointed by ISAF as the equipment inspector for the RSX class at the Olympics. Pilar is the event measurer for these worlds and we are working with Pilar to ensure that the class, through Pilar, get as much consistency and fairness for the class come the Olympics next year. Part of the process will be to look at techniques for controlling the items of equipment that are not controlled through supplied equipment. This includes a close look at the methods of ensuring that the fins and masts that have been presented by sailors at the Olympics are within class tolerance and have not been altered. You will see us using templates for fins and controlling mast dimensions throughout this week and hope to present to ISAF the final methods of equipment control following these worlds. The clear purpose of this is to ensure fairness at the games. Please work with us as we will be asking you to remove your fin from the boards if selected for post race inspection. In march, I was hosted by Neil Pryde in undertaking audits of the manufacturing facilities of the RSX equipment. This involved visiting cobra and Pryde in Thailand and China. In summary; 20 boards were fully measured using the templates and were all found to be within the manufacturing specifications. The overall difference in the key areas of the board are less than 1mm in the measurements controlled by the templates. Board weights were all found to be within the tolerance with the exception of one board, which was 15 grams under weight. 20 60cm fins and 20 66cm fins were also measured. Of these fins, 6 were rejected as part of the quality control. Tolerances within the fins are also very tight

with most dimensions having either a 0.5% or 3% tolerance in their range. It is worth noting that fins have 33 inspection items, which are checked twice for compliance before being released. I am aware fins are a sensitive issue and that Neil Pryde and Cobra are working hard to come up with options for the class. 30 masts of both 490 and 520 type were both inspected for compliance and measurements. This includes stiffness bend testing as well as looking at the joint in the top and bottom sections. It was found that the tool used to cut the sections was inaccurate and therefore it has been recommend to change this to ensure that at the spigot on the bottom section is exactly square to the top section to ensure a perfect fit. Because of the inaccurate cutting, 15 masts were rejected. Finally, 20 sails were measured, rigged and then measured again. Differences in sail size were negligible and differences in camber were within 2.5% of each other. Overall, I am confident to report that the equipment specifications are to a high and acceptable standard. I would note that Neil Pryde conduct monthly audits themselves to ensure that the quality control process of the Cobra and Pryde factories are constantly and consistently implemented as this is the biggest concern with the current process. I hope that sailor and coach representative are able to visit the factory and see the equipment being produced and understand the challenges in producing equipment for the RSX. There's also a number of rule changes which I have proposed to the executive for discussion this evening - all of which I would consider housekeeping changes and I hope we don't discuss these for too long and keep us away from the rugby. Finally, the class and Neil Pryde always welcome and need feedback to improve the equipment. I will be around all of this week if you wish to discuss with me in person any details or I am always available on email or Skype outside of this event. Communicating is a key part to moving forward. Thank you and good luck for this week.

Question from the audience about the competition among manufactures. Bas replies with clarifications.

No further comments from the AGM and the report is therefore acknowledged.

#### **4. The Class Accounts 2015**

The accounts of the Class were displayed onto the screen and introduced by President.

The expected income on 2015 is 127,610 EUR and Expenditure 94,176 EUR, so the expected surplus is 33,434 EUR. (The Class accounts are available on the meeting presentation file on the Class website).

The current bank account is 87,941 EUR, so the Class is in good financial condition.

No comments from the AGM and **the issue is therefore ratified.**



## 5. The Class Budget 2016

The 2016 budget of the Class were displayed onto the screen and introduced by President. (The budget is available on the meeting presentation file on the Class website).

The expected income on 2016 is 124,200 EUR and Expenditure 109,800 EUR, so the expected surplus is 14,400 EUR.

No comment from the AGM and the President asked AGM to vote.

Nobody was against or abstain, so the Class budget for 2016 was **approved**.

## 6. Election of the RS:X Class Honorary Life Members

The Class Executive Committee proposed Mr. Neil Pryde to be elected as the Honorary Life Member of the International RS:X Class.

The President introduced Mr. Neil Pryde to the AGM.

Neil is a former President of NeilPryde Ltd., he was sailing at 1968 Olympic Games in Mexico on Flying Dutchman class, he is 2 times the winner of the Rolex China Sea Race, with his famous TP52 'HIFI'. Neil has created the NeilPryde Ltd 40 years ago and became one of the world's biggest players in the marine and adventure sports markets. The RS:X Class and the windsurfing world has to recognize the great work done by Neil for the sailing world and the RS:X Class.

Neil is a leader in the sailing world with strong passion for windsurfing, great manager and a friend, defender and strong supporter of RS:X Class

The President, having no comments, requested a vote.

Nobody was against or abstain, so the Mr. Neil Pryde's nomination was **approved**.

## 7. Submissions

The list of the submissions was published on the Class website 15 days before the AGM and each submission is projected to the wall and the President is asking for comments and for voting.

### Submission 01-15 The Shorter RS:X Championships Format

Andrus introduced the submission. Some comments from the AGM and the President asked AGM to vote:

4 in favour and 28 against. **Submission rejected**.

### Submission 02-15 The RS:X Youth Championships Format.

Andrus introduced the submission. Some comments from the AGM and the President asked AGM to vote:

2 in favour and 30 against. **Submission rejected**.

Submission 03-15 The RS:X Class Championships Entry Fees

Andrus introduced the submission. Some comments from the AGM and the President asked AGM to vote:  
14 in favour and 14 against. 4 did not vote. As there is no majority in favour, the **submission is rejected**.

Submission 04-15 The New RS:X Class Rule – C.4.2 – Recording and Tracking Devices

Bas introduced the submission. No comments from the AGM and the President asked AGM to vote:  
32 in favour and 0 against. **Submission approved**.

Submission 05-15 The RS:X Class Rule Change – C.7.1(d) – Adding Events for A and B Division.

Bas introduced the submission. No comments from the AGM and the President asked AGM to vote:  
32 in favour and 0 against. **Submission approved**.

Submission 06-15 The New RS:X Class Rule – C.8.1(c) – The Mast Serial Numbers.

Bas introduced the submission. No comments from the AGM and the President asked AGM to vote:  
32 in favour and 0 against. **Submission approved**.

Submission 07-15 The RS:X Class Rule Change – C.8.2(g) – Outhaul

Bas introduced the submission. No comments from the AGM and the President asked AGM to vote:  
32 in favour and 0 against. **Submission approved**.

Submission 08-15 The RS:X Class Rule Change – C.9.2(c) – Flag on the Sail

Bas introduced the submission. No comments from the AGM and the President asked AGM to vote:  
32 in favour and 0 against. **Submission approved**.

Submission 09-15 The RS:X Class Rule Change – Section E Preamble

Bas introduced the submission. No comments from the AGM and the President asked AGM to vote:  
32 in favour and 0 against. **Submission approved**.

Submission 10-15 The RS:X Class Rule Change – Section G Preamble

Bas introduced the submission. No comments from the AGM and the President asked AGM to vote:  
32 in favour and 0 against. **Submission approved**.

## 8. The 2017 RS:X Championships selection

### 2017 RS:X World Championships:

- Clearwater withdraws the bid before the meeting.
- Presentation by Piotr Oleksiak and his assistant, introducing the bid from Sopot, Poland
- Presentation shown on the wall, introducing the bid from Torbole, Italy
- Presentation by Pinar Coskuner Genc, introducing the bid from Cesme, Turkey
- Presentation by Dominique Le Bihan, introducing the bid from Loctudy, France
- Presentation by Mikihiro Miyano and his assistant, introducing the bid from Enoshima, Japan

The voting papers are given to each voting member to mark only one bid to vote in favour.

Voting results are:

- Sopot, Poland            5 votes in favour
- Torbole, Italy            2 votes in favour
- Cesme, Turkey           6 votes in favour
- Loctudy, France        3 votes in favour
- Enoshima, Japan        13 votes in favour

The AGM **approved** the 2017 RS:X World Championships to be held at **Enoshima, Japan**.

### 2017 RS:X Youth World Championships:

The President explained the situation when 2014 Youth Championship was cancelled in Herzeliya due to political situation in Israel and was removed to Clearwater. Herzeliya, Israel still wanted to host the 2017 Youth World Championships and therefore the venue is at the AGM again.

The Torbole, Italy and Loctudy, France were bidding for the RS:X Youth World Championships as well.

The President asked to vote by raising the voting cards.

Voting results are:

- Hezeliya, Israel        0 votes in favour
- Torbole, Italy           17 votes in favour
- Loctudy, France        11 votes in favour

The AGM **approved** the 2017 RS:X Youth World Championships to be held at **Torbole, Italy**.

### **2017 RS:X European and Youth European Championships:**

Presentation by Nicolas Huguet, introducing the bid from Marseille, France.

After the voting results of RS:X World Championships, the Cesme, Turkey and Sopot, Poland asked to add their bids for the RS:X European and Youth European Championships

The President asked to vote by raising the voting cards.

Voting results are:

- Marseille, France      16 votes in favour
- Sopot, Poland            5 votes in favour
- Cesme, Turkey            7 votes in favour

The AGM **approved** the 2017 RS:X European and Youth European Championships to be held at **Marseille, France**.

### **9. Any other business**

The next Annual General Meeting of the International RS:X Class Association will be held during the 2016 RS:X World Championships in Eilat, Israel on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

Enclosure:

- 1) Slides of the AGM
- 2) Manufactory Representative's Report
- 3) Accounts ending on 31.01.2014
- 4) Budgets for 2016

Al Mussanah, Oman, October 17<sup>th</sup> , 2015 at 21:00

Carlo Dalla Vedova  
*President*

Andrus Poksi  
*Executive Secretary*