

## INTERNATIONAL RS:X CLASS ASSOCIATION Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2018

### PLACE AND TIME

Dokk 1, Aarhus, Denmark. The AGM starting time on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2018, at 1700 hrs.

### PRESENCE AND VALIDITY

The quorum requirements for valid AGM are 14 Full Members from 3 continents. Following the registration a total of 17 voting Full Members from 4 continents were present at the AGM meeting. Later, during the meeting 1 more Full Member joined the meeting. Before the end of the meeting some Full Members left earlier.

Delegates/Proxies presented by:

<b>CHN</b>	Xiaodong Zhang	1
<b>CZE</b>	Karel Lavicky	1
<b>TPE</b>	Bruce Kendall	1
<b>EST</b>	Matthew Rickard	1
<b>FRA</b>	Nicolas Huguet	1
<b>NED</b>	Jacco Koops	1
<b>KOR</b>	Song Myung Keon	1
<b>HUN</b>	Diederik Bakker	1
<b>ISR</b>	Eli Zukerman	1
<b>ITA</b>	Barrie Edgington *	1

<b>JPN</b>	Mikihiro Miyano	1
<b>LTU</b>	Gintatutas Bernotas	1
<b>POL</b>	Pawel Kowalski	1
<b>RUS</b>	Natalia Ivanova	1
<b>USA</b>	Yaniv Meir	1
<b>GBR</b>	Barrie Edgington	1
<b>NZL</b>	Antonio Cozzolino	1
<b>ESP</b>	Marcos Fernandez	1
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The AGM started with the majority of 9 votes.

The Annual General Meeting was duly called according to the procedure provided in the Constitution of the Class and was declared valid.

Executive Committee presented by:

Carlo Dalla Vedova	President
Ilker Bayindir	Vice President
Ronnie Meir	Vice President
Ewa Jodlowska	Chairman of the Technical Committee
Bryony Shaw	Sailor's Representative
Diederik Bakker	Coaches' Representative
Andrus Poksi	Executive Secretary

Apologies for absence have been received from:

Martin Aldridge	Treasurer
Marco Leconte	Manufacturer's Representative

## CHAIRMAN, SECRETARY AND VOTES COUNTING COMMITTEE OF THE AGM:

The AGM was 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 was 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 Members.

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

The Secretary has prepared the presentation slides for the AGM to be considered as an attachment to these minutes.

## AGENDA:

- Welcome by the President
- Approval of the Minutes of 2017 AGM
- Reports
  - *President*
  - *Treasurer*
  - *Manufacturer's Representative*
  - *Sailor's Representative*
  - *Coaches' Representative*
  - *Technical Committee Chairman*
  - *Class Chief Measurer*
- The 2017 Class Accounts and Financial Statements
- Submissions
- The RS:X Championships Selection for 2019-2021
- Any Other Business

## **1. Welcome by the President**

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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.

## **2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2017 AGM**

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The President asked the AGM to approve the minutes of last year's meeting held in Enoshima, Japan on September 16, 2017.

The AGM had no comments on the minutes and upon request of the President the AGM approves the 2017 RS:X Class Annual General Meeting minutes.

Results of voting, with 17 votes in floor:

Votes in Favour - 16

Votes Against – 0

Abstained – 0

The President declares the 2017 RS:X Class AGM Minutes as **approved**.

## 3. Reports

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### 3.1. President

President Carlo Dalla Vedova presented his report with the slides [available on the Class website].

Introduction of the RS:X Class legal name, its headquarters, registered office and accountants. The Class has a PayPal account and an account in GBP and EUR in Barclays Bank (UK) managed by Mr. Martin Aldridge as professional accountant and Treasurer of the Class. Thanks to Martin Aldridge for the work done for the Class.

The Executive Committee of the RS:X Class had 9 meetings on 2017, which includes 8 Skype meetings and one face-to-face meeting in Marseille, France during the Class European Championships.

Since last AGM the Executive Committee had 10 Skype meetings.

The Class was represented at the World Sailing Annual conference in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. We have a seats at the World Sailing Classes Committee (Carlo) and World Sailing Olympic Classes Sub-committee (Carlo & Andrus).

Also many other committees were visited as observers.

2018 World Sailing Mid-year meeting was held in London, UK May 12-14, 2018. The main topics were:

A) Class under review: **Windsurfing was approved as the Event for 2024 Olympic games!**

B) Class under review for antitrust and fair competition issues.

Format may be decided at the 2018 WS Conference in Sarasota, USA (Class submission was sent to WS too).

The equipment trial will take place and will be decided at 2019 WS Conference

### 2017 RS:X Class Events

Worlds - on September in Enoshima, JPN (168 sailors – 37 MNAs)

Asians - on November in Penghu, TPE (21 sailors – 8 MNAs)

Africans – on December in Ras Sudr, EGY (7 sailors – 4 MNAs)

Europeans & Youth Europeans - on May in Marseille, FRA (265 sailors – 163 Seniors & 102 Youth – 37 MNAs)  
South Americans - on November in Buenos Aires, ARG (16 sailors – 5 MNAs)  
North Americans – on January in Miami, USA  
Youth Worlds - on June in Torbole, ITA (137 sailors – 24 MNAs)  
No Continentals in Oceania

### **2018 RS:X Class Events**

Youth Worlds – on July in Penmarch, FRA (130 sailors – 17 MNAs)  
Worlds – now in Aarhus, DEN (154 sailors – 39 MNAs)  
Europeans & Youth Europeans – on August in Sopot, POL

Equipment changes and challenges - Fin (Mark 3, Black) and new mast (EVO) distribution.  
Consideration on the future of RS:X Class

No comment from the AGM and the report was acknowledged.

### **3.2. Treasurer**

Mr. Martin Aldridge as a Treasurer of the Class reported in writing the annual accounts ending on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

The International RS:X Class Association has kept adequate accounting records and prepared statutory accounts that give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and surplus of the International RS:X Class Association. All presented with slides.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006 and was approved by the Class Executive Committee on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

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

No comment from the AGM and the report was acknowledged.

### **3.3. Manufacturer's Representative**

Mr. Marc-Olivier Leconte was reporting via email and his report was added to the presentation.

#### Sailing Youth Worlds – Corpus Christi, USA

- *60 full packs delivered*
- *Value: 100.000 EUR*
- *No quality issues recorded*

#### *RS:X Sails*

- *Lamination issue identified and solved*

- *Back orders: 120*
- *August – production catch up*

#### *RS:X Fins*

- *Original brief: same shape, lay-ups, outline as White fins, improved consistency*
- *Technology: High Pressure RTM / 12K Biax carbon / integrated base*
- *Delays due to factory capacity (60-70 per week) and huge back order situation*
- *Shipments: 220 to the Worlds /700 worldwide*
- *Back orders: 400*

#### *RS:X Masts*

- *Shipments: 700 units worldwide*
- *Back orders: 175 units (PO Italica 75 in August / 75 in September)*
- *No quality issues recorded*
- *Improved consistency and durability*

No comment from the AGM and the report was acknowledged.

### **3.4. Sailor's Representative**

Sailor's Representative Bryony Shaw reported about the Mk 3 situation – bad quality, possible wrong production technology and insufficient product distribution.

There was a proposal to take a lead to visit and check the manufacturer and advice with them to fix the fin problem.

The AGM suggested and agreed that the Class ExCom will constitute the working party to find a solution to the fin problem. The working party should start as soon as possible.

No further comments and the report was acknowledged.

### **3.5. Coaches' Representative**

The Coaches Representative Diederik Bakker's report:

*Most important project this last year has been the equipment testing new masts and fins. I have been in close contact with both the testing teams from FRA, NED, POL and GBR on the customers side, and NeilPryde / Cobra on the manufacturer side.*

*The initial idea during the AGM in Japan was to test only the durability of the new production masts 490 and 520, before they will be available on the market. We also agreed to send the new EVO fins mark 2 to the test teams, to be sure about the quality. The teams received the masts/fins within a few weeks after the AGM and started testing. Deadline was agreed to be early December 2017, to have enough time for production, transportation/delivery worldwide.*

*The Class ExCom published a system on the website explaining the need of one design equipment from the moment we start the qualification process for Tokyo 2020, and this has been discussed and agreed on by majority in Japan.*

*The masts testing was without problems regarding durability; of course with a new production methodology the performance is not the same compared to the old masts. The tolerances are much tighter, 50%, which will reduce the need to buy and tests more masts. The same situation for the fins regarding tighter tolerances, but here we've seen cracks appearing after minimum 15 hours of testing in power planing conditions. The cracks in 3 fins (different teams) were at identical position, so a structural weakness has been identified and reinforced into the Mark 3 EVO Fin. This has been the reason for the delay of the fin distribution and delivery: we wanted to make sure the new fins will be of the best quality possible. The extra testing weeks ( not enough wind in January!) delayed the whole process, but finally in February the green light came and first new fins have been distributed and delivered from March this year.*

*NeilPryde will continue to do everything possible to get the new equipment to the athletes in time. During this long period I have been in contact with many colleagues to answer questions and explain the situation. We understand the frustration about the delayed delivery of the new equipment, but we are confident that in the end we all can train and race with more identical and higher quality equipment. I want to thank the testing teams and the team of Cobra and Marco for their efforts.*

*Second important project is the RS:X Class coaching project: the initiative came from Ronnie Meier and myself, and will be presented during this meeting. This project is very important to increase the participation of more countries, athletes around the globe in this challenging and exciting sport of Olympic windsurfing. World Sailing stated during the midyear meeting in May that windsurfing men and women, and single hand men and women, are the core, universality, events of the Olympic Sailing competition. To keep that important status it's crucial now to invest in the development of our sport in the regions, in 'weaker' parts of the world where the local MNA's and individual windsurfers have problems to keep connected to the high level RS:X racing in the well-developed parts of the globe. There is no time to lose, as we already see a decline of participation of MNA's in our World Championships, and the dramatic cut WS made in the men's fleet at the Olympic games from 36 in Rio to 25 in Tokyo, is not helping to increase the number of active MNA's. Work has to be done, of course together with the MNA's to create sustainability in the country/regional programs, with focus on developing the local trainers/coaches so there will be more regular and systematic training in the clubs and region/national level.*

*Working together with the IWA and the Techno Class is crucial as it all starts at the younger age groups of course; RSX is the end of the long chain!*

*The third project, and maybe even more important, has been the promotion work to retain windsurfing as an Olympic Event. Since November 2017 the Clas Executive Committee have worked very hard, as a team but also individually, together with other stakeholders like the IWA, and with the contribution of key persons like Neil Pryde and Bruce Kendall, to make sure that World Sailing council members, Events committee members and MNA's will understand the importance of Windsurfing being one of the most universality events in the Olympic sailing family. You all have seen the outcome of the midyear meeting, and we can say proudly that windsurfing as an Olympic event is stronger.*

No comment from the AGM and the report was acknowledged.

### **3.6. Chairman of Technical Committee**

The Technical Committee Chairman Ewa Jodlowska's report:

*The RS:X Class Technical Committee was working on following issues:*

- *Updating the RS:X Windsurfing Class Race Management Guidelines - the main changes were needed do adjust the guidelines to the last year's submission regarding the reaching starts and in addition some small edits were made*
- *Reviewing the Class and Events documents*
- *Appointing the race officials for the principal events - Juries, Chairmen of Technical Committees and Class Course Representatives*
- *Reviewing different event formats as being involved in a working party created to respond the expectations of WS Events Committee*

No comment from the AGM and the report was therefore acknowledged.

### **3.7. Class Chief Measurer**

The Chief Measurer Bas Edmonds's report:

*Since we last met in Enoshima in 2017, a fair amount of work has been going on with regards to the equipment as well as the class rules.*

*In March I attended all of the manufacturing facilities of RSX equipment in order to ensure that the quality control procedures were appropriate for the class as well as ensuring that the production process was producing high quality equipment to the smallest possible tolerances.*

*This started with visiting Cobra in Thailand where the boards, fins and centerboards are built. Efforts concentrated on the fins and their production but also their testing for strength and reliability.*

*As many have discussed this evening and will continue to discuss over the coming event, fin reliability is a major concern for the sailors. We have tried to replicate some of the loading at the factory to understand the reasons for failure. Show video*

*The video represents the difference between the white and black fins in how they handle. We pull tested a 66cm using 60kg at the tip 20 times on one side and then another 20 times on the other side. The black fins showed no visible signs of damage or audible signs of stressing. When we replicated this with the white fins the fin made an audible crack on the first pull and then visual signs of stressing after the 5th pull.*

*This test was repeated on numerous fins and results repeated. It shows that the white fins were more forgiving in their structure in that the paint showed stress cracks whereas the black fins are stronger, with a higher breaking strain, but fail more spectacularly.*

*There are no observations made on the boards and sails. However I would note that the new mast producer in Italica are very precise in how they are building masts and look to have a very good product. Both mk1 and mk2 masts fall within the production tolerances as*

*originally set and the next stage would be to get feedback on the masts with regards to consistency in performance.*

*Finally, I would like to thank Pilar for her time for these World Championships and I hope the next few days go smoothly to allow the champions to be awarded on the water.*

Bas presented to the AGM two video clips taken during the factory visit and showing the fin testing procedure.

No comment from the AGM and the report was acknowledged.

## **4. The 2016 Class Accounts & Financial Statements**

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The accounts of the Class were displayed onto the screen and introduced by President. All accounts are shown in euros.

The Class accounts are available on the meeting presentation file on the Class website.

The current bank account is 104,834.19 EUR, so the Class is in good financial condition.

The AGM has no comments and the President asked to vote to approve the RS:X Class 2017 Annual Financial Statement.

### Results of voting, with 17 votes in floor:

Votes in Favour - 17

Votes Against – 0

Abstained – 0

The President declares the RS:X Class 2017 Annual Financial Statement **approved**.

The 2019 budget of the RS:X Class was displayed onto the screen and was introduced by President and Class Secretary.

The expected income on 2019 is 120,000 EUR and the Expenditure 138,300 EUR. Due to the new Class ENP program, there will be negative budget to 2019 with the expected loss of 18,300 EUR.

The AGM had no comments and the President asked to vote to approve the RS:X Class 2019 Budget.

### Results of voting, with 17 votes in floor:

Votes in Favour - 17

Votes Against – 0

Abstained – 0

The President declares the 2019 RS:X Class budget **approved**.



## 5. Submissions

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

**Submission 01-18** by RS:X Class Executive Committee

The RS:X Class Rule Amendment – delete the Towrope requirement  
Bas introduced the submission.

No comments from the floor and President asked the AGM to vote:

Results of voting, with 17 votes on floor:

Votes in Favour - 17

Votes Against – 0

Abstained – 0

**Submission APPROVED**

**Submission 02-18** by RS:X Class Executive Committee

The RS:X Class Rule Amendment – Towrope  
Submission from RS:X Class Executive Committee

**Submission WITHDRAWN**

**Submission 03-18** by RS:X Class Executive Committee

The RS:X Class Rule Amendment – The RS:X Equipment at the Continental  
Championships

Andrus introduced the submission.

A friendly amendment by floor was accepted to include also the European  
Championships to the list of events where Divisions A and B shall only use Mk 3 fin  
and Mk 2 centreboard.

No comments from the floor and President asked the AGM to vote:

Results of voting, with 17 votes on floor:

Votes in Favour - 9

Votes Against – 2

Abstained – 6

**Submission APPROVED**

**Submission 04-18** by Estonia

To Continue Using White Fins 60&66 (Mk2) and Mk1 masts 490&520  
Matthiew introduced the submission.

Few comments from the floor and then President asked the AGM to vote:

Results of voting, with 17 votes on floor:

Votes in Favour - 1

Votes Against – 15

Abstained – 1

**Submission REJECTED**

**Submission 05-18** by RS:X Class Executive Committee

The RS:X Championships Entry Fees

Andrus and Ronnie introduced the submission.

A friendly amendment by floor was accepted to add to the Reasons of the Submission that the 50% from the increased fee (€20), as a Class part of the fees, will be allocated to the ENP Program.

No further comments from the floor and President asked the AGM to vote

Results of voting, with 17 votes on floor:

Votes in Favour - 17

Votes Against – 0

Abstained – 0

**Submission APPROVED**

**Submission 06-18** by RS:X Class Executive Committee

The RS:X Class Coach Program

Diederik Bakker and Ronnie Meir introduced the submission.

There was a discussion in the room and the AGM was recommending to change the Class Coach Program to the ENP (Emergent Nations) Program.

No further comments from the floor and President asked the AGM to vote:

Results of voting, with 17 votes on floor:

Votes in Favour - 17

Votes Against – 0

Abstained – 0

**Submission APPROVED**

## **6. 2019 - 2021 RS:X Championship Selection**

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Due to the cancellation of the bid from Sochi, Russia, the 2019 RS:X Windsurfing Youth World Championship was re-voted at this AGM:

### **2019 RS:X Youth Windsurfing World Championships**

Four bids were sent and introduced as follows:

- The bid from Sankt Petersburg, Russia, presentation by Taisia Borodina
- The bid from Cadiz, Spain, presentation by Pilar Lopez
- The bid from Penghu, Taipei, presentation by Bruce Kendall
- The bid from Split, Croatia, presentation by Andrus Poksi on behalf of OA

The President asked to use the Yellow voting papers, given to each Full Member, and to write on it only one of the bids presented above.

Voting results were:

- Sankt Petersburg, Russia 10 votes
- Cadiz, Spain 5 votes
- Pengu, Taipei 2 votes
- Split, Croatia 0 votes

The AGM **approved** the 2019 RS:X Windsurfing Youth World Championships to be held in **Sankt Petersburg, Russia**.

### **2020 RS:X Youth Windsurfing World Championships**

Four bids were sent and introduced as follows:

- The bid from Ulsan, Korea, presentation by Mr. Yoo
- The bid from Pengu, Taipei, presentation by Bruce Kendall
- The bid from Travemünde, Germany, presentation by Andrus Poksi on behalf of OA
- The bid from Cadiz, Spain, presentation by Pilar Lopez

The President asked to use the Blue voting papers, given to each Full Member, and to write on it only one of the bids presented above.

Voting results were:

- Ulsan, Korea 2 votes
- Penghu, Taipei 4 votes
- Travemünde, Germany 3 votes
- Cadiz, Spain 8 votes

The AGM **approved** the 2020 RS:X Windsurfing Youth World Championships to be held in **Cadiz, Spain**.

### **2021 RS:X Windsurfing World Championships**

Two bids were sent and introduced as follows:

- The bid from Sanya, Hainan, China, presentation prepared by Meng
- The bid from Sankt Petersburg, Russia, presentation by Taisia Borodina

The President asked to vote by raising the voting cards.

Voting results were:

- Sanya, Hainan, China 11 votes in favor
- Sankt Petersburg, Russia 0 votes if favor

The AGM **approved** the 2021 RS:X World Championships to be held in **Sanya, Hainan, China**.

### **2021 RS:X Windsurfing European & Youth European Championships**

One bid was sent as follows:

- The bid from Travemünde, Germany

The AGM decided to defer the voting to the 2019 Class AGM.

### **2021 RS:X Windsurfing Youth World Championships**

One bid was sent as follows:

- The bid from Tallinn, Estonia

The AGM decided to defer the voting to the 2019 Class AGM.

## **7. Any Other Business**

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The next Annual General Meeting of the International RS:X Class Association will be held during the 2019 RS:X Windsurfing World Championships in Torbole, Italy on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019.

Since no further business was on floor, the President declared the AGM closed at 21:00 thanking all for the attendance

Enclosure:

- 1) The slides of the AGM
- 2) The accounts ending on 31.01.2017, for the 2017 year
- 3) The estimated budget for 2019

Aarhus, Denmark, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

Carlo Dalla Vedova  
*President*

Andrus Poksi  
*Executive Secretary*