

INTERNATIONAL RS:X CLASS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2019

PLACE AND TIME

Circolo Surf Torbole, Italy. The AGM starting time on 22nd September 2019, at 1400 hrs.

PRESENCE AND VALIDITY

The quorum requirements for valid AGM are 14 Full Members from 3 continents. Following the registration, a total of 23 voting Full Members from 5 continents were present at the AGM meeting. Later, during the meeting 3 more Full Member joined the meeting.

Delegates/Proxies* presented by:

ISR	Eli Zukerman	1
ESP	Marcos Fernandez Iglesias	1
CYP	Demetrios Demetiou	1
JPN	Masahiro Hagiwara	1
TPE	Alex Mowday	1
CZE	Karel Lavicky	1
HUN	Lorand Utassy	1
FRA	Nicolas Huguet	1
USA	Yaniv Meir	1
ITA	Riccardo Belli Dell'Isca	1
HKG	Chan King Yin	1
EST	Matthew Rickard	1
BRA	Adrien Gaillard	1

POR	Joao Rodrigues	1
TUR	Pawel Kowalski *	1
RUS	Mikhail Dubina	1
PER	Ricardo Winicki Santos	1
MEX	Maxime Lhuillier	1
IND	Ricardo Winicki Santos *	1
CHN	Xiaodong Zhang	1
GBR	Barrie Edgington	1
POL	Pawel Kowalski	1
NOR	Lukas Grodzicki	1
NZL	Antonio Gozzolino	1
GRE	George Sklavanos	1
DEN	Laerke Buhl-Hansen	1

The AGM started with the majority of 13 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
Marco Leconte	Manufacturer's Representative
Andrus Poksi	Executive Secretary

Apologies for absence have been received from:

Martin Aldridge	Treasurer
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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 2018 AGM
- Reports
 - *President*
 - *Treasurer*
 - *Manufacturer's Representative*
 - *Sailor's Representative*
 - *Coaches' Representative*
 - *Technical Committee Chairman*
 - *Class Chief Measurer*
- The 2018 Class Accounts and Financial Statements
- Submissions
- The RS:X Championships Selection
- Any Other Business

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.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2018 AGM

The President asked the AGM to approve the minutes of last year's meeting held in Aarhus, Denmark on August 1, 2018.

The AGM had no comments on the minutes and upon request of the President the AGM approves the 2018 RS:X Class Annual General Meeting minutes.

Results of voting, with 23 votes on floor:

Votes in Favour - 20

Votes Against – 0

Abstained – 0

The President declares the 2018 RS:X Class AGM Minutes as **APPROVED**.

3. Reports

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 13 meetings on 2018, all held by Skype. On 2019 the ExCom had 10 meetings for now, including 9 Skype meetings and one face-to-face meeting in Mallorca, Spain during the Class European Championships.

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

Also, many other committees were visited as the observer.

At that meeting the WS Council and the AGM approved the RS:X for 2024 Olympic Games!

2019 World Sailing Mid-year meeting was held in London, UK May 2019. The main topics were:

A) The Windsurfing Equipment under review again!

B) Sea-Trials will take place in Lake Garda, Torbole, Italy, immediately after the 2019 RS:X World Championships.

C) The equipment will be decided at 2019 WS Conference in Bermuda.

2018 RS:X Class Events

Youth Worlds – in July in Penmarch, FRA (130 sailors – 17 MNAs)
Worlds - in August in Aarhus, DEN (154 sailors – 39 MNAs)
Europeans & Youth Europeans - in August in Sopot, POL (228 sailors – 37 MNAs)
Asians - in November in Penghu, TPE (28 sailors – 8 MNAs)
South Americans - in March in Paracas, PER
North Americans – in May in Cancun, MEX
No Continentals in Oceania

2019 RS:X Class Events

North Americans – in January in Miami, USA (41 sailors – 11 MNAs)
Europeans & Youth Europeans – in April in Mallorca, ESP (333 sailors – 41 MNAs)
South Americans – in May in Buzios, BRA (32 sailors – 7 MNAs)
Youth Worlds – in August in Saint Petersburg, RUS (104 sailors – 19 MNAs)
Worlds – now in Torbole, ITA (236 sailors – 47 MNAs)
Africans – in October in Algiers, ALG
Asians – in November in Penghu, TPE

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 31st, 2018.

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 19th February 2019.

The documents are on the Class website 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 made his reporting by showing the presentation on the screen. The presentation is published on the website

No comment from the AGM and the report was acknowledged.

3.4. Sailor's Representative

Sailor's Representative Bryony Shaw's report:

In my 7 years as athlete rep for the RS:X Class a lot of my role as an Olympic Year approaches is ensuring that we are set up & well informed regarding the equipment. After the issues of supplied kit in 2012 I encouraged the AGM to vote on allowing Bring Your Own kit for 2016, which proved popular and with the board & sail in the Rio colours, the class looked fresh & well presented. I still feel that this option is relevant for 2020, but we are also facing the issues of whether or not there will be any kit supplied by Neilpryde at all!

The "Look of the Games" has been attached to the Neilpryde brand since 2012 and I feel that has been a big strength of the Class & showcases the best that the sport has to offer. If there is a jumble-sale of different colours and different quality then it is apparent that our One Design principles are misshapen or compromised. So, if the MNAs are willing to pay for their equipment or there is a way found for the cost to be removed from Neilpryde's pocket then this would be a huge benefit to the Look of the Games in Tokyo when the athletes receive their kit bag 10 days before the racing starts.

Equipment distribution and quality seems to be returning to a manageable level, but it is clear that there needs to be a restriction on serial numbers for the Bring Your Own Equipment that is allowed at the Olympic Games. I also feel we need to maintain an equal distribution across the marketplace so that no one nation is given preference based on the side of their account. These things need to be maintained by transparency in the factory & in the distribution channels. So, Bas Edmonds and Marco Leconte need to keep us informed on an ongoing basis, so we avoid any unfair situations with equipment. Athletes need to be confident with what kit is legal and when they can expect their gear, no more empty promises on warranties or blaming shipping schedules!

There was a decent step forward with the success of the Garda Worlds & this effort needs to be maintained for the 2020 Worlds & Europeans. The athletes loved following the marching band through the local town for the opening ceremony & the feel-good video at the closing ceremony gave everyone tingles! It reminds us all of the love we have for our sport. It seems we are on track & maintaining a healthy increase in young participants to our championships, also females & emerging nations, which is vital. Infrastructure on land and course area prep need to be considered well in advance of any championship, given our large entry numbers.

Best foot forward for the WS Conference & roll on 2020!

No further comments and the report was acknowledged.

3.5. Coaches' Representative

The Coaches Representative Diederik Bakker's report:

- ***The new Evo fin and mast project:***

One Design Olympic Windsurfing

The project started already the year before, but due to breakages the fin had to be reinforced and needed a new test period with selected teams. My main role in this process was to be the contact person for the coaches who had questions, who gave feedback about their own testing etc., and communicate this with the responsible persons from NP/Cobra. The testing went smoothly and after a relatively short period of time the manufacturers/engineers were satisfied with the reinforcement of the Evo fin: no breakages/problems occurred anymore, and the production could start. Main objective was to have enough new Evo fins for the first World Cup in Miami end of January 2019.

- **RSX Emerging Nations training Program:**

Main objective was/is to identify the regions/countries/MNA's where there is basic need of expertise/help in training, setting up programs, train the coaches etc. This all would be focused on the youth level as this level is the most important age group to work with after they change from the Techno equipment to the RSX equipment. Here we see the biggest drop in numbers as the RSX equipment is a different "beast", and many EN MNA coaches don't have enough experience with the technical aspects of the equipment themselves.

- In November 2018 the World Sailing federation decided to open the 2024 Olympic windsurfing equipment selection process to other manufacturers and classes due to the antitrust laws. This had major impact on the Emerging Nations as they weren't sure (and still aren't sure) about the future, and not willing to invest their minimal budgets in our RSX Class Emerging Nations program: the MNA's involved and selected for this would had to invest in their own development program by sharing 50% of the costs. The other 50% would be covered by the RSX Class Emerging Nations training Program budget as decided in Aarhus 2018.

- We decided to wait for the outcome of the World Sailing mid-year meeting, and start with a Emerging Nations training and coaching program during the Princesa Sofia Regatta in Palma de Mallorca focusing on the female senior fleet: World Sailing increased the number of nations for the female RSX fleet in Tokyo 2020. In Rio 2016 the level at the back of the female fleet was not high enough to finish all the races within the time limit, and extra input is needed to help those countries by identifying already the year before the technical weaknesses, so specific help can be offered.

- Invitations have been published on the website, and we selected Algeria, Egypt as the main EN MNA's to work with, and accepted CZE as a new Olympic female MNA. To have more women in this first RSX Class Emerging Nations program, we also accepted 2 girls from MEX, as they have no federation support at all, although their level was already higher compared to ALG and EGY.

- We have done total 14 days program, 25 March – 7 April, 1-week training preparing for the regatta and 1-week Sofia regatta. We had all conditions possible with wind strength from 2 till 28 knots! Each day 2 sessions with meetings inside the club for video debriefing and theory sessions. Focus was on sail trimming in combination

with right body position and board position in the water. This combination of very important factors is enough to work on for weeks/months/years! Specially in the planning conditions and overpowered situations they made big improvements.

- For the African nations: after the qualification in October 2019 in Algeria, its important to work again with the women who is qualified a few times before the Olympic Games to have specific individual training with her and her coach to maximize the chances on finishing most of the races within the time limit in Japan!

One Design Olympic Windsurfing

After the World Sailing midyear meeting decision to reject the board recommendation to retain the RSX for 2024, and organize Sea-trials before the November meeting, the RSX executive committee decided to offer an emerging nations training/coaching program for the **RSX Youth World championship in St. Petersburg Russia in August**. We've asked the MNA's who is interested in support, and if there would have been enough interest, we would look for a trainer/coach to run this program. With the deadline of July 1st, there was no interest from MNA's unfortunately to start the ENP. Main reason was probably the high costs of the Event, in combination with not having charter equipment available at that moment (it changed mid-July, but too late to have major impact on the emerging nations to decide to travel to Russia.

- An extra event where the RSX Class has been involved was the **World Sailing Youth World Sailing Championships in Gdynia Poland** from 13 – 20 July 2019. After having talked with World Sailing during the last years to assist the Emerging Nations during this import event, as only a limited number of coaches are allowed to be with the athletes per MNA, and most of the time the windsurfers are without coaches, or have some days coaches who are not specific windsurfing experts but normally work with Laser, 420 or 29er! The coaches are not allowed to be on the water with their own ribs, but are together on 1 or 2 bigger yachts supplied by the organization: limited coaching possibilities and technical support.
- That's why it's so important to have a Class specialist on the water like they already had for many years for the Laser and 420 Classes! So, for the first time the RSX Class has been invited to have an official RSX World Sailing Class Coach at this event! As WS has no budgets, the costs were split between the RSX Class and the local organizer: the Polish Sailing Federation. The objective was to help the athletes from MNA'S without specific RSX coaches, and those who are struggling in the last 50% of the fleet. There was a lot of work to do daily before launching: sail trimming for the expected conditions, pre-briefings and de-briefings, helping on the water to change settings, etc. etc. More than 12 different nations received daily assistance, and also coaches who were assigned from other classes to help their winds for some days were happy to have an outside expert available. Absolute necessary to be included in this important Youth World Championship the coming years! The RSX Class is also visible for the MNA'S and World Sailing. Open question is what the equipment will be in 2020 in Brazil: all depending on the outcome of the November meeting regarding the Olympic games 2024 equipment selection.

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:

- *RS:X Windsurfing Class Race Management – what and how to improve*
- *Reviewing the Class and Events documents*
- *Appointing the race officials for the principal events - Juries, Chairmen of Technical Committees and Class Course Representatives*

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

3.7. Class Chief Measurer

The Chief Measurer Bas Edmonds's report:

Since the last meeting at Aarhus, focus has been working with NeilPryde and Cobra on ensuring that the class have a consistent and reliable equipment, specifically with the 66cm fin.

This culminated in a four day visit to Cobra to focus on the new fin. There were a number of different changes that were made in the manufacturing process. My report was published on the class website. If you have any questions on my report I will be happy to take them at the end. Just to say that I would like to thank everyone who positively supported this work.

As a class we have a good distribution of international measurers around the world covering the main distribution of events. I am pleased to report that Pilar has been representing the class at the 2018 worlds, test event this year and has been invited to attend the 2020 Olympic Games. The class look forward to supporting her in the lead up to the event.

I am aware of some equipment concerns at events. I hope you feel that I am approachable in the events I attend and I am happy to discuss that class rules and their application where appropriate. I would also note that Sailing is also a self-policing sport and whilst sometimes it may seem easier to complain to me, the sailors, if they have the evidence have the ability to protest if they wish to. Trust me that I will act on non-compliance's I find.

Finally, I wish you all the best for this event and on to 2020.

No comment from the AGM and the report was acknowledged.

4. The 2018 Class Accounts & Financial Statements

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 112,330.41 EUR, so the Class is in good financial condition.

The AGM had no comments and the President asked to vote to approve the RS:X Class 2018 Annual Financial Statement.

Results of voting, with 26 votes in floor:

Votes in Favour - 23

Votes Against – 0

Abstained – 0

The President declares the RS:X Class 2018 Annual Financial Statement **APPROVED**.

The Class Secretary introduced the current 2019 Cash Flow. There were few questions which was clarified by the Class Secretary.

The 2020 budget of the RS:X Class was displayed onto the screen and was introduced by President and Class Secretary.

The expected income on 2020 is 113,000 EUR and the Expenditure 123,250 EUR. Due to the Class ENP program and the loss of the members due to the Olympic status situation, there will be a negative budget on 2020 with the expected loss of 10,250 EUR.

The AGM had no comments and the President asked to vote to approve the RS:X Class 2020 Budget.

Results of voting, with 26 votes in floor:

Votes in Favour - 23

Votes Against – 0

Abstained – 0

The President declares the 2020 RS:X Class budget **APPROVED**.

5. Submissions

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 01-19 by RS:X Class Executive Committee

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

Class Secretary introduced the submission.

There was a discussion mainly against the submission. The fleet believes the current rules are adequate and working well.

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

Results of voting, with 26 votes on floor:

Votes in Favour - 3

Votes Against – 16

Abstained – 7

Submission REJECTED

Submission 02-19 by France

To amend the RS:X Class Rules C.8.2(d) and C.8.3(a) to allow to use a tape alongside of the mast. Maintenance.

Nicolas Huguet introduced the submission.

Bas Edmonds, the Class Chief Measurer made a comment that the submission does not

clearly state the change and also referring the wrong rule. It was asked from the submitter if he accepting that the Class Executive Committee will change the text for the Class Rules as appropriate. Nicolas Huguet agreed.
The President asked the AGM to vote the concept of the submission, what the ExCom will re-write the class rule as appropriate::

Results of voting, with 26 votes on floor:

Votes in Favour - 23

Votes Against – 0

Abstained – 0

The concept of Submission APPROVED

Submission 03-19 by France

Fair Sailing at the Olympic Games – Centreboard as BYO (Bring Your Own).

Nicolas Huguet introduced the submission.

Comments on floor against and favour of the submission.

The President asked the AGM to vote

Results of voting, with 26 votes on floor:

Votes in Favour - 17

Votes Against – 5

Abstained – 4

Submission APPROVED

Submission 04-19 by France

Fair Sailing at the Olympic Games – 2nd Fin as BYO

Nicolas Huguet introduced the submission.

Comments on floor against and favour of the submission.

The President asked the AGM to vote:

Results of voting, with 26 votes on floor:

Votes in Favour - 19

Votes Against – 3

Abstained – 4

Submission APPROVED

6. RS:X Championships Selection

2020 RS:X Windsurfing European & Youth European Championships

Because the port of Aigo went to the renovation the LOA cancelled the bid. However, the Hellenic Sailing Federation was proposing the alternative venue in Athens. The promotional

video was shown on the screen and verbal introduction made as well.

The President asked the AGM to vote the new venue for the event:
23 votes on floor:

- Athens, Greece (10-16 May, 2020) 22 votes in favor

The AGM **APPROVED** the 2020 RS:X Windsurfing European and Youth European Championships to be held in **Athens, Greece between 10-16 May, 2020.**

2021 RS:X Championships

The President made a proposal to defer the selection of the 2021 RS:X events (except the Worlds which was approved at the 2018 AGM already) until the next Class AGM., because of the windsurfing equipment selection process.

In case the RS:X equipment will be selected to 2024 Paris Olympic Games the 2021 event selection will take place at the 2020 Class AGM.

Results of voting, with 23 votes on floor:

Votes in Favour - 22

Votes Against – 0

Abstained – 1

Submission APPROVED

7. Any Other Business

The next Annual General Meeting of the International RS:X Class Association will be held during the 2020 RS:X Windsurfing World Championships in Sorrento, Australia (*the place was edited on 16 Oct 2019 due to the change of the event venue*) on February 23rd, 2020.

Since no further business was on floor, the President declared the AGM closed at 18:00 thanking all for the attendance

Enclosure:

- 1) The slides of the AGM
- 2) The accounts ending on 31.01.2018, for the 2018 year
- 3) The estimated budget for 2020

Torbole, Italy, September 22nd, 2019

Carlo Dalla Vedova
President

Andrus Poksi
Executive Secretary