

INTERNATIONAL RS:X CLASS ASSOCIATION Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2020

PLACE AND TIME

Virtually in Zoom application. The AGM starting time on 22nd November 2020, at 1400 hrs (Portuguese time).

PRESENCE AND VALIDITY

The quorum requirements for valid AGM are 14 Full Members from 3 continents. Following the registration, a total of 24 voting Full Members from 3 continents were present at the AGM meeting.

Delegates presented by:

ARG	Gonzalo Heredia	1	ISR	Eli Zukerman	1
BEL	Bruno de Wannemaeker	1	ITA	Riccardo Belli Dell'Isca	1
CZE	Karel Lavicky	1	JPN	Yasuko Kosuge	1
DEN	Laerke Buhl-Hansen	1	LTU	Juozas Bernotas	1
ESP	Marcos Fernandez	1	NED	Eric Kling	1
EST	Matthew Rickard	1	POL	Cezariusz Piorczyk	1
FIN	Borja Carracedo	1	POR	Pedro Moura	1
FRA	Julien Bontemps	1	RUS	Aleksei Tokarev	1
GBR	Barrie Edgington	1	SGP	Alistair Masters	1
GRE	Gerassimos Orologas	1	SUI	Asier Fernandez	1
HKG	Yu Wing Ho	1	SVK	Patrik Pollak	1
HUN	Lorand Utassy	1	TUR	Jaroslawn Miarczyński	1

The AGM has 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 (ITA)	President
Ilker Bayindir (TUR)	Vice President
Ronnie Meir (ISR)	Vice President
Ewa Jodlowska (POL)	Chairman of the Technical Committee
Diederik Bakker (NED)	Coaches' Representative
Andrus Poksi (EST)	Executive Secretary

Apologies for absence have been received from:

Martin Aldridge (GBR)	Treasurer
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Resigned Executive Committee members:

Marco Leconte (FRA)	Manufacturer's Representative
Peina Chen (CHN)	Sailor's Representative

CHAIRMAN, SECRETARY, MODERATOR AND VOTES COUNTING SYSTEM 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 and the moderator of the virtual 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 voting at the virtual AGM was held by using the Zoom.us platform poll voting system. The test voting was held where the delegates had to choose between three options for their votes: to APPROVE, REJECT or ABSTAIN.

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 2019 AGM
- Reports
 - *President*
 - *Treasurer*
 - *Coaches' Representative*
 - *Technical Committee Chairman*
 - *Class Chief Measurer*
- The 2019 Class Accounts and Financial Statements
- Submissions
- The RS:X Championships 2021
- Any Other Business

1. Welcome by the President and by WS Representatives

The President welcomed all the associates, the sailors, the coaches and friends attending in the virtual AGM in Zoom. Also presenting the Executive Committee members present in the meeting. The President introduced the World Sailing representatives Mr. Alastair Fox, the WS Director of Events, Mr. Michael Downing, the WS Olympic Manager, Mr. Jaime Navarro, the WS Director of Technical & Offshore and Mr. Matt Wheaton, the WS Events Manager.

The word was given to WS Representatives. Mr. Alastair Fox gave an overview about the future WS events and the intended schedule. Mr. Michael Downing reported about the Tokyo Olympic Games preparation. Mr. Jaime Navarro gave an overview about the technical aspects and the equipment issues on WS point of view. All representatives answered the question from the meeting.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2019 AGM

The President asked the AGM to approve the minutes of last year's meeting held in Torbole, Italy on September 22, 2019.

The AGM had no comments on the minutes and upon request of the President the AGM approves the 2019 RS:X Class Annual General Meeting minutes.

Results of voting:

Votes in Favour - 21

Votes Against – 0

Abstained – 2

The President declared the 2019 RS:X Class AGM Minutes as **APPROVED**.

3. Reports

3.1. President

President Carlo Dalla Vedova presented his report with the slides [available in Presentation 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 12 meetings on 2019, where 11 were held by Skype and 1 face-to-face meeting in Mallorca, ESP, during the 2019 RS:X Europeans & Youth Europeans. On 2020 the ExCom had 11 Skype/Zoom meetings up to now.

The Class was represented at the World Sailing Annual conference in Southampton, BER. 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 iQFOiL equipment for 2024 Olympic Games in Paris! Still, the IOC needs to confirm the change on December 2020.

The RS:X Class obtained the IP rights of the RS:X equipment from Neil Pryde Ltd. from 1 July 2020. The Class is in direct partnership with 4 manufacturers and 14 distributors. Distributors are listed on the Class website.

As IOC confirmed that Tokyo Olympic Games will take place on summer 2021, the RS:X fleet began to buy the equipment again. The Class agreed with the distributors to collect the sailor's orders (specially the orders to Cobra – boards and fins) until the end of November, after what the distributors will send the orders to manufacturers. The expected delivery time will be 60-90 days.

This should make possible to have a new equipment for all those sailors who want to have it for the 2021 RS:X events, including the Tokyo Olympic Games.

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 (19 sailors – 4 MNAs)
Asians – in November in Penghu, TPE (33 sailors – 8 MNAs)

2020 RS:X Class Events

South Americans – on February in Mar del Plata, ARG (6 sailors – 3 MNAs)
Worlds – on February in Sorrento, AUS (116 sailors – 31 MNAs)
Europeans & Youth Europeans – now in Vilamoura, POR (88 sailors – 23 MNAs)
Youth Worlds – Cancelled due to the COVID-19
Africans, North Americans did not take place
Asians – Cancelled due to the COVID-19

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, 2019.

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 2020.

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.

3.5. Coaches' Representative

The Coaches Representative Diederik Bakker's report:

RS:X Class ENP:

Planned was to have the following Class ENP in 2020 season with main focus on senior athletes who can still qualify for the 2020 Olympic Games, or are already qualified but lack the support from the MNA to prepare with the minimum training coaching events necessary to be able to have an acceptable performance in Tokyo.

- *2020 RSX World Championship in Sorrento Melbourne Australia: qualifier for Oceania*
- *2020 RSX Asian Championship Abu Dhabi: qualifier for Asia*
- *2020 World Sailing World Cup regatta in Genoa: qualifier for Europe*

Both Abu Dhabi and the World Cup regatta in Genoa were cancelled due to the SARS CoV 2 pandemic situation.

2020 RSX Class World Championship in Sorrento Australia: total 8 windsurfers from 5 nations, AUS (4) NZL CAN MEX MLT were included in the program. 13 days we've worked both on and off the water with focus on each individual's points to improve technically after analysis and assessments. The Sorrento Club was helping with a room we could use to debrief and for theory sessions. It has been a very intense program for both the athletes and myself: specially trying to follow 8 windsurfers during their races was challenging.

2020 European Championship in Vilamoura Portugal, qualification for the European countries not yet qualified. The RSX Class organisation and World Sailing decided, after consultation with the countries involved in this European continental qualification, to use our 2020 European Championship for this continental qualifier. As it was already planned to have a ENP for this qualifier in Genoa, we decided to offer the same possibility for the windsurfers here in Portugal. 5 athletes from 4 countries are included, Czech Republic (2 female), HUN female, SWE male and Malta male. 4 still have a chance to qualify for Tokyo, HUN already qualified but no training coaching program budget this year.

2021 possible ENP regattas: Asian Championship Abu Dhabi Continental qualifier for Asia. End of February. European Championship Vilamoura March 2021

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:

- *Appointing the race officials for the 2020 Worlds in Australia and for 2020 Europeans & Youth Europeans. However, as the European championships are also the Olympic qualifying event for the European continent, the World Sailing had a right to nominate/approve the officials, according to the WS Regulations. What they did.*
- *Reviewing the Class and Events documents*

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

3.7. Class Chief Measurer

The Chief Measurer Bas Edmonds's made a verbal report covering the following items:

- A few events only due to the COVID-19 pandemic situation.
- No factory visits as the orders and the production was a minimal.
- It was confirmed the Tokyo Olympics will have the BYO equipment only, i.e. there will be no provided equipment from the organizer.
- Preparations of equipment inspection procedure for Tokyo Olympics.
- Amendments for the RS:X Class Rules

No comment from the AGM and the report was acknowledged.

4. The 2019 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 74,522.18 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 2019 Annual Financial Statement.

Results of voting:

Votes in Favour - 23

Votes Against – 0

Abstained – 0

The President declares the RS:X Class 2019 Annual Financial Statement **APPROVED**.

The Class Secretary introduced the current 2020 Cash Flow.

The 2021 budget of the RS:X Class was displayed on the screen and was introduced by President and Class Secretary.

The expected income on 2020 is 39,000 EUR and the Expenditure 58,250 EUR. Due to the COVID-19 situation where number of events were cancelled and the loss of the members due to the Olympic status situation, there will be a negative budget for 2021 with the expected loss of 19,250 EUR.

The AGM had no comments and the President asked to vote to approve the RS:X Class 2021 Budget.

Results of voting:

Votes in Favour - 17

Votes Against – 0

Abstained – 6

The President declares the 2021 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 01-20 by RS:X Class Executive Committee

The RS:X Class Constitution Amendment – To add the option for online voting procedure. To prolong the term of the President and the Board members by one year, due to the postponement of Tokyo Olympic Games. Currently there is a conflict in the article 8.1 which shall be solved. Abolish the position of Manufacturer's Representative at the Executive Committee.

Class Secretary introduced the submission.

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

Results of voting:

Votes in Favour - 18

Votes Against – 0

Abstained – 3

Submission APPROVED

Submission 02-20 by RS:X Class Executive Committee

The RS:X Class Rule Amendment – Due to the transition of the RS:X Intellectual Property (IP) from NeilPryde Ltd. to International RS:X Windsurfing Class Association, the RS:X Class Rules shall be corrected accordingly (housekeeping).

Class Secretary introduced the submission.

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

Results of voting:

Votes in Favour - 19

Votes Against – 0

Abstained – 2

Submission APPROVED

6. 2021 RS:X Championships

All 2021 events are contracted already, however there may be some changes due to the continuous COVID-19 situation and the postponement of the Tokyo Olympic Games, especially it may concern the RS:X World championships.

Currently the following venues and times are scheduled for the events:

2021 RS:X Windsurfing Asian Championships

Abu Dhabi, UAE – 14-20 February 2021. Tokyo Olympic Games qualifier for Asian continent.

2021 RS:X Europeans and Youth Europeans & Open Trophy

Vilamoura, POR – 7-13 March 2021.

2021 RS:X World Championships

Qinguangdao, CHN – 23-29 May 2021.

2020 Tokyo Olympic Games

Enoshima, Tokyo, JPN – 23 July - 8 August 2021

7. Any Other Business

The Status & Future of RS:X Class

We still have to organize events on 2021, including the Tokyo Olympic Games. Some regional games have still the RS:X equipment to be sailed. The decision should be made at the 2021 AGM.

The next Annual General Meeting of the International RS:X Class Association will be held virtually after the Tokyo Olympic Games. The exact date will be announced.

Since no further business was on floor, the President declared the AGM closed at 16:32 thanking all for the attendance.

Enclosure:

- 1) The slides of the AGM
- 2) The accounts ending on 31.01.2019
- 3) The estimated budget for 2021

Virtually in Zoom, November 22nd, 2020

Carlo Dalla Vedova
President

Andrus Poksi
Executive Secretary