

Present were:

Caterina

Nina (voting on proxy from Andy)

Michel

AUT Daniel (+ proxy from Angela)

DEN Mikkel (proxy from Nicolaj)

FRA Adelle

GER Chris

ITA Alberto

NED Klaas

ESP Juan

GBR Andrew

Excuses:

Andy joined on Skype

Angela joined on Skype

Nicolaj

BEL Lieven

GRE Simon

JSY Gordon

POL Kuba

POR Paula

SWE Robert

SUI Steffen

Guests/Observers:

Erik Olsen IHCA - Rules Committee

Steve Fields - HCC

Sylvain Chanteloup - FRA

1. **Welcome** and short presentation by each Council member present

3. **Election of Secretary and quorum establishment**

Alberto offered to write the minutes. Accepted anonymously

Quorum: 18 voting members, 12 were present. Quorum established

Club Ballena Alegre was granted time to present the site for the next European Championships

4. **Agenda approved** with all votes in favor

5. **The 2019 minutes** were approved

6. **A sum-up of the annual national reports** received was presented.

**The sum-up is enclosed this document**

7. **Michel presented the annual factory report** – **enclosed in this document**

## **8. Erik presented the Rules Committee report**

Open debate on the new class rule penalty policy

9. **IHCA updates:** Nina presented the IHCA preliminary accounts for 2019 as requested by the EHCA Council and informed that thoughts about raising the IHCA fees have been aired. The matter was discussed, and the Council agreed to strongly require proper plans and a budget in case a raise in fees will be proposed the IHCA.

There is a reasonable probability for Europe to host the next HC16 World Championships. An open debate on a Bring-Your-Own-Boat event showed a strong interest in continuing the factory-supplied system. The EHCA Council would be willing to consider a decrease in boat numbers if it shows necessary to keep the present system.

## **10. Submissions by the Executives:**

- a. Changes to the calculation formula of prequalified spots at the Europeans.

In order to keep the number of Open Qualifier spots at an acceptable level, it was proposed to lower the number of prequalified nation spots to be around 30 instead of presently 36 spots. 11 voted in favor, 0 against, 1 abstention.

- b. Proposal of lower the maximum number of Youth spots from presently 15 to 10 spots. 12 voted in favor, 0 against, 0 abstention.

- c. One common spot for Women and Master categories. After discussions and clarifying the fact that the Women category has different weight rules than the Masters, and therefore cannot be directly compared it was decided to give one common spot to the Master classes and keep the Women category separated.

10 voted in favor, 0 against, 2 abstentions.

### **Submission by the Italian Association:**

- a. Appointment of a representative/responsible position to take care of Youth activities. A working group consisting of Chris, Daniel, Andrew and Michel was established. 12 voted in favor, 0 against, 0 abstention.

Following was also discussed:

Change to the schedule of racing days for the Youth in order to solve the issue of Youth teams dropping out of their Championship to join the Qualifiers instead. It was agreed to organize a meeting with the Youth group in Spain during the Europeans to discuss e.g. 3 or 4 days of racing.

## **11. Bids for future Europeans**

Chris informed about a bid received from Travemunde to host the MultiEuropeans 2021 or 2022. Since a decision about dates for an eventually World Championship next year is not made yet, the bid from Travemunde was not voted on. However, they need a GO / NO-GO before Easter. Entry fees will be somewhere between 200 and 350 €

Open debate on present MultiEuropeans schedule. A working group was established to work out future Schedule of racing days. The group consist of: Klaas, Alberto, Michel and Chris.

## **12. Budget:**

The budget for 2020 is tight. Nina showed a sum-up of annual statistics received to point out a decrease of approx. 50 members, which make it difficult to let money go back to the members.

Erik reminded all about the membership rules/requirements – **presentation enclosed**.  
The budget was noted by the Council.

**13. Financial statements for 2019**

Approved anonymously.

**14. Elections:**

Both Angela and Nina were re-elected anonymously

Caterina is stepping in as EHCA President for Andy's non-expired term during this year. The Council was requested to look for executive-volunteers for the next AGM.

**15. Any other business:**

a. Fair sailing

Erik made presentation with outset in the observations made during 2016 Hobie MultiWorlds & Hobie 16 Europeans in La Rochelle and the 2019 Hobie 16 Worlds in Florida. Video-clips from the latter were used to illustrate the bad sportsmanship and lacking fairness reportedly spreading within Hobie class racing He strongly encouraged to have the challenges on hand addressed through more initiatives in order to stop this mentality/development.

As part of the initiatives and in order to motivate to more penalties taken, Erik furthermore informed about a proposal to change RRS 44.1. where the penalty system is changed to 2 consecutive tacks or 2 consecutive gybes. The Council suggested to have the 1 turn penalty included as the third option in the new system. Erik promised to investigate this. The new penalty system will be used at 2020 Hobie MultiEuropeans as well as the Danish Hobie Class Association intend to use it at their Nationals.

**The presentation is enclosed this document**

b. European visions for future HC16 Worlds

Factory-supplied contra BYOB events. Klaas demonstrated the lake of real differences in costs between those 2 types of events. After a debate, involving Steve, the Council pointed out the following:

- Keep the factory-supplied events. If this results in having to accept a lower number of boats (e.g. going from 56 to 48 boats) they will be open for discussion.
- The entry fees for Florida were too expensive.
- The Worlds to be held at locations with options of cheaper accommodation
- The "restricted resort-solution", away from tourist activities, shopping possibilities etc. is not desirable, and should be avoided.
- With above mentioned issues fulfilled at least to some extend the Council would accept entry fees up to around EUR 700-800.