



NORDIC FOLKBOAT INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Minutes NFIA Board-Meeting, Nov 15, 2014, at Teichstrasse 3A-5A, Luebeck GER

Board : Stefan Rosehr (GER), Søren Kæstel (DEN), Hans Torlén (SWE) and Harald Koglin GER

TC : Kay Enno Brink (GER) and Bjarne Marcussen (DEN)

Guest : Ditte Andreassen (DEN)

Start : 10:00 am

1. Apologies for Absence

Kay Enno and Bjarne are absent with valid excuse.

2. Minutes of last meeting

No comments, the minutes from last meeting are approved.

3. General matters

- The new Gold Cup Statutes are published on NFIA's website.
- The idea of making a newsletter is discussed, it shall visualize NFIA and get the member countries to come up with input, proposals, articles etc. from their side.
- Members of the TC are in future Hans Torlén (SWE), Kay Enno Brink (GER) and Bjarne Marcussen (DEN).

4. Financials

- Harald runs the attendees through the accounts, we have approximately 7,000 Euros on our bank account.
- There is a decline in sales of sail buttons.
- As obviously the number of members is declining throughout all national associations which impacts the number of sails sold, the solution may be to bring more young people into the class,
 - We must focus on younger people when we show the boat in pictures.
 - We need to bring younger people into the debate about the function of the boat.

5. Technical matters.

The survey with new ideas how to develop the Folkboat has been published in our member countries and on the NFIA website as well. The present situation shows the following reactions :

- Spinnaker or Gennaker, the « arrow » points down, we will not work on that matter any more.
- Boom kicker, the « arrow » points up, this is a point we will work on.
- Sleds in the mainsail, the « arrow » points up, this is a point we will work on.
- Wiskerpole in carbon, the « arrow » points down, we will no longer work on that matter.
- Furling jib, arrow « points » straight out, we will work on a solution.

- Jumper Stay inside the mast, the « arrow » points down, we will no longer work on that matter.
- New sail material, the « arrow » points straight out , we are working on, Hans is writing a letter to the most significant sailmakers to get their view on this subject.
- Design on the jib, the « arrow » points straight out, forestay has been extended over years, therefore the jib is some centimetres too short from reaching the top, Hans integrates this subject into the letter to the sailmakers.
- The matter placement of the helmsman-seat, If the boat is weighed with a helmsmanseat, it must be in it's place in the cockpit while racing.
- Foot straps for hiking, the « arrow » points down, we have hand straps that provide safety, foot straps provide no safety.
- The shape of the keel has to be investigated according to what has been decided. This goes along with the « covering of the keel ». Templates have to be produced.

6. Events

- 2015 Warnemünde, website is online, invitation in both English and German is ready, the races start on Monday the 13/7/2015 in direct connection with the Danish Nationals. The Board agrees on 1.000 Euro of sponsoring the event from NFIA if there comes in an application.
- 2016 Helsinki, the need of transportation sponsoring is evident, Finnlines and Finnair are obvious topics. Dates for the event must come out now. Estonia is not a member of NFIA, Stefan contacts Petri Vourki on that matter.
- 2017 Kerteminde, the 75 years anniversary of the Folkboat, this year's GC was the « warm-up », Danish Folkboat association will support this GC also.
- 2018, the south of Sweden, Simrishamn or Ystad ?? Hans makes the contacts.
- 2019 Aarhus Denmark, Aarhus just has to mail their application, if it is resonable, it will get approved.

7. AOB

- There are so many rumors about the Folkebådscentralen, Stefan gives them a call to hear what goes on there.
- Ditte's father Erik Andreassen proposes to re-initiate the Wallcon Cup, which is a teamrace cup for 4 or 8 boats. Since he won it ultimately, he thinks it's better to issue it for sailing again than just collecting dust at his home. The Board agrees on finding an organizer for the races, Lymington in South England may be a good starting point, for example. The concept is designed for many short races with boat swaps.
- San Francisco Internationals, we need more information; timing, location ...

8. Date and place for the next meeting.

- Copenhagen
Saturday, March 14, 2015

Closure: 3:00 pm

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