

**Minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting of OKDIA
Held at Black Rock Yacht Club, Australia
On Monday 29 December**

Present: Alistair Deaves (Chairman of the Technical Committee), Robert Deaves (Publicity & Acting Secretary)

Representatives from six countries: AUS, DEN, GBR, GER, NZL, USA. Postal votes had also been received from DEN, FRA, NED, POL and SWE.

In the absence of any Committee Members, Mark Roberts (AUS) agreed to chair the meeting.

Apologies: Mike Wilde (Vice-President, SH), Dan Ager (Treasurer), Peter Scheuerl (Webmaster)

The meeting was opened at at 14.05.

1. Committee reports and annual accounts for the year up to 31 December 2013.

President (Bo Teglers): Greeting from Cold Copenhagen to the AGM. I can see from the pictures on the internet that you guys are looking at a great week of sailing.

When looking at our class we are in a healthy state with many new boats and sailors coming into the class and old sailors returning.

When I started sailing in the class the normal entry boat was an old over weight Henriksen dinghy and if you were really lucky you could get your hands on an old Hein, but that would have an unusual luck. You had no idea about which aluminium mast to use, and bend curves were surrounded by mystery

Today the situation is very different, sailors are getting new boats and good used boats are available for entry sailors. Most sailors are open about the mast curves.

Getting into the class has never been easier and one of the strengths of this class has always been the ability to help new sailors and helping them get up to speed.

It is the responsibility of all of us to keep doing this and remembering that each sailor is the ambassador of the class.

Despite that we are doing great it is always good to look at other classes to get inspiration as we can always learn and improve. One class that has always been an inspiration to us is the Finn class, and there are a couple of things which we could learn from them.

They have achieved a high level of standardisation of their equipment, which is also the road where we are going but we are not there yet.

The Finns have the Finn masters, which is an event that attract more than 200 sailors each year. It is an open event, that Finn sailors are able to plan for long time before which ensures the high level of participation. We have put forward a proposal to open up the OK-worlds and remove the 80-90 boats limit.

There will be some discussions about the right format to use for this. The Finns don't have the perfect format yet, so we can't just copy without any thinking.

However the proposal is the first step in this direction, if we don't open up the worlds for more boats then we should ask ourselves what is the point of trying to attract more sailors if we don't want them to come to the worlds?

I strongly believe this is the right direction for the class so I hope for your support on this

Treasurer (Dan Ager): This report has the accounts for 2013 but although still in 2014, the report will also give some figures for 2014. (The accounts can be found in Addenda A.)

There was a surplus of income over expenditure once again for the year, though less than the previous year.

In the last report, mention was made about the unknown cost to OKDIA of dealing with the worlds entries in Thailand. We received the entry fees from several countries, rather than the national associations paying directly to the organisers. They also did not want OKDIA to send payment to their account. We paid a total of £8,000 equally to Mary Reddyhoff and Robert Deaves, who had the task of arranging travellers cheques. The remaining balance was refunded to OKDIA, the cost to OKDIA being £83.13. Not as big as feared.

Although the invoices produced by Mary state that no bank charges should be incurred by OKDIA for receiving funds, it has started to happen again. It cost OKDIA £30 over the year. That being said, I am not sure it is entirely the fault of the sender of the money, as charges are probably levied at the receiving end, which are an unknown figure when sending. Norway always send a little extra to help cover those unknown charges.

In order to try and generate more revenue, firms have been invited to advertise on the website. This generated an additional £200. A Paypal account has also been set up which has hopefully made payments easier and cheaper to make and might resolve the problem of charges mentioned above.

There is always likely to be money owing to OKDIA at the end of the year, as some invoices are raised late in the year and get paid in the next year. However, some do still need chasing as they do get forgotten. Tightening up credit control is perhaps something that needs to be done more proactively.

Turning now to 2014, incomes from subscriptions are down overall, slightly. Sales of Building Fee Receipts are also down by about £500. Website advertising continues and for the year will, I think be slightly more than 2013.

We have had the expense of medals, membership stickers, stickers for mast labels but fewer BFRs have been purchased. The secretarial expenses are much lower. If the worlds levy for the Australia worlds is not taken into account, there would be a small surplus. If it is included then the surplus should be in line with what we have had for the last few years.

Although a surplus of approx. £1000 in the year helps to gradually build up a cash reserve, it is never going to be sufficient to fund any planned long term increases in expenditure. If it is agreed that the those plans should be adopted then income must be raised accordingly.

We will end the year with approx. £11,000 in the bank approx. 1200Euros and approx. £300 in the Paypal account.

Technical Committee (Alistair Deaves): 2014 has been a very busy year for the Technical Committee. Many new rules came into effect in November, most importantly the introduction of mast licensing. This has been a three year process to get it all set up and passed. So far all the major

mast manufacturers have signed up and stickers will start to be seen on new masts.

Also at the Europeans in July the Class adopted Personal Sail Numbers. This rule will come into effect early in 2015 along with any rules passed at the AGM in Melbourne. One of the proposals for this AGM is for sequential numbering and this is to bring us into line with the constitution and common practice.

The acceptance of the reports were proposal by Peter Robinson (AUS) and seconded by Brent Williams (AUS) and carried.

2. (a) To receive nominations and elect the following Officers and members of the Committee:

Vice-President, Southern Hemisphere: Mike Wilde was re-elected unopposed for a further 2 years

Treasurer: Dan Ager was re-elected unopposed for a further 2 years

Webmaster: Peter Scheuerl was re-elected unopposed for a further 2 years

(b) There were no changes in the composition of the Technical committee

3. OKDIA Constitution changes

Strategic road map

Proposal 1: Increase the OKDIA membership fee to £10 or £15 per sailor

Three members were in favour of an increase to £15, but the majority preferred £10

Carried: 8 for (NED, POL, DEN, GBR, AUS, NZL, GER, USA), 2 against (FRA, SWE)

The OKDIA Membership fee from Jan 1 2015 will be £10 per sailor.

Proposal 2: Mast and sail labels

a) Every sail made after 1 Jan 2016 for use in competition shall have a certified sail label purchased by the sailmaker from OKDIA and permanently attached near the tack. The cost will be £10.

Carried: 8 for (NED, POL, DEN, GBR, AUS, NZL, GER, USA), 2 against (FRA, SWE)

There was a proviso on confidentiality as the current Class Secretary is also a sailmaker. The issuing of Sail Labels is to be carried out by a third party and the data kept confidential.

b) Increase the cost of the required mast label to £10.

Carried: 8 for (NED, SWE, DEN, AUS, NZL, GER, USA, POL), 1 against (FRA)

This will apply from 1 Jan 2015.

Proposal 3: Increase the Class Building Fee for ISAF Plaque to £65.

Carried: 8 for (NED, POL, DEN, GBR, AUS, NZL, GER, USA), 2 against (FRA, SWE)

This will apply from 1 Jan 2015.

Proposal 4: The worlds levy to be increased to £25 per entrant, charged by the organising authority.

Carried: 9 for (NED, POL, FRA, DEN, AUS, NZL, GER, USA, SWE), 1 against (GBR)

This will apply from the 2015 World Championships

Proposal 5: Introduction of a levy on Europeans and Interdominions/Southern Hemispheres

Concern was raised that too much onus was being placed on the Southern Hemisphere sailors. The proposal failed but it was accepted that it should be resubmitted at a later date with modifications to reflect that the Interdominions is bi-annual.

Not carried: 4 against (GBR, NZL, AUS, USA), 2 for £10 (GER, FRA), 4 for £25 (SWE, NED, POL, DEN). Unresolved

Proposal 6: To add the following to the OKDIA Constitution

Addenda A: 1 (c) Entry at the World Championship can be made open with the agreement of both the host club and OKDIA.

Carried: 10 for (NED, FRA, SWE, DEN, GBR, AUS, NZL, GER, USA, POL), 0 against
Several members requested that before this actually happened there would be consultation on format so we didn't have 150 boats on one start line.

Proposal 7: Proposal to change the number of national representatives per country of the OKDIA Committee.

Not carried: 3 for (NED, FRA,AUS), 6 against (POL, SWE, GBR, NZL, USA, GER)

Proposal from TC - Addition to Constitution

Insert:

SECTION 6

Technical Committee

15. Class Rule changes

- a. All Class Rule proposals must be submitted to the Technical Committee at least 4 weeks before the deadline for the AGM Agenda.
- b. The TC can modify the proposal where needed and shall vote on whether to recommend the proposal to the AGM.
- c. If the TC votes against the proposal it may still be submitted to the AGM but with an unrecommended note from the TC.

Reason: At the moment there is very little in the way of protocol and procedure for how the technical committee is operated or a proper recognised process for rule changes. This should produce proposals that are sound in structure and principle. This is just the first step towards formalising a lot of the technical committee's activities.

Carried: 8 for (NED, POL, AUS, NZL, GBR, SWE, GER, USA), 0 against

4. Class Rule Changes

A. Sequential Sail Numbers

Existing Rule

4.3 (i) The builder or owner shall apply to the National Authority for a Sail Number enclosing the building fee receipt. The NA shall issue a number only on evidence that the building fee has been paid.

Amended Rule

4.3 (i) The builder or owner shall apply to the National Authority for a Sail Number enclosing the building fee receipt. **Sail Numbers shall be issued by the NA in consecutive order starting from '1'. In countries where consecutive numbering has not been applied previously, they shall start from a number approved by OKDIA.** The NA shall issue a number only on evidence that the building fee has been paid.

Carried: 9 for (NED, POL, FRA, AUS, NZL, GBR, GER, USA, SWE), 0 against

B. Draft stripes on sails

Rule 15.2.3

add**draft stripes**.....

Reasoning

This is simply ensuring there is no confusion on whether or not draft stripes are allowed. They are in common use and have been for over 30 years in the class but as the sail rule is closed they are in theory currently illegal.

Carried: 9 for (NED, POL, FRA, AUS, NZL, GBR, SWE, GER, USA), 0 against

C. Hull Construction

Rule 8.3.1

Construction of the hull, with the exception of stringers and framing, shall be of approximately even thickness (within 10%) and density longitudinally and no attempt shall be made to concentrate weight near mid-length, or at any other point. If it is suspected that this rule is being broken a NA may order test holes to be drilled in the skin or structure.

Reasoning

Over the years many boats have been built with frames supporting the centrecase and other areas. This simply removes the grey area of legality.

8.3.2 All framing and longitudinal stiffening, including stringers, shall be consistent throughout the boat.

Reasoning

Again this removes a grey area on whether stringers have to run the length of the boat or not.

Carried: 8 for (NED, POL, FRA, AUS, NZL, SWE, GBR, GER), 0 against

D. Proposal from the Danish Association

1. Hull Construction

Not Carried: 4 for (NED, FRA, DEN, SWE), 5 against (AUS, NZL, GBR, GER, USA), 1 abstain (POL)

5: Any other business

A. Mast rule licensing progress. The Chairman of the Technical Committee informed the meeting that six builders had already signed up to the process and it was going smoothly. OKDA has bought 500 mast labels, which should last for many years to come.

B. Update on worlds in Puck, Poland 2015 – No update was received in time for the meeting

C. Update on 2016 (Germany/France?) - Germany was hoping to put in a bid for 2016, however the preferred venue at Warnemünde was becoming less suitable due to apartments being built on the camping ground and another venue is being sought.

D. Update on 2017 (Barbados) – A proposal was received from Barbados. The suggestion was made by the OKDIA Committee to cost share between all sailors attending for a fixed entry fee including shipping, which would be the same for all competitors.

This venue was proposed by Australia and seconded by New Zealand. Carried unanimously with 100 per cent support from the assembled sailors. Subject to final agreement between OKDIA and Barbados to secure the enticements offered by Barbados.

E. Update on 2018 (France/Germany) – no further update was received.

F. Update on 2019 New Zealand – In view of 2017 being held in Barbados, New Zealand agreed to move from 2018 to 2019

Open Forum

No items were discussed

The meeting was closed at 15.00

ADDENDA - OKDIA Income and Expenditure to year ending 31/12/13

	2013	2012
	£	£
<u>Income</u>		
Subscriptions (i)	1371.00	1302.00
Building Fee Receipts (ii)	1537.00	1184.45
World Championship Levy	727.00	1460.00
Plans	57.76	54.80
Website adverts (iii)	200.00 -	
Completely OK	-	464.65
Overpayments made	<u>5.00</u>	<u>5.00</u>
	3897.76	4470.90

Expenditure

ISAF subscription	218.40	218.40
Purchase of Building Fee Receipts	1603.11	512.27
Medals	-	106.00
Hall of Fame	-	809.73
Robert Deaves	-	300.00
Cost to OKDIA of Thailand worlds entries	83.13	-
Secretary's expenses (iv)	915.89	453.23
Euro account charges (v)	65.00	-
Bank charges deducted from receipts	<u>30.00</u>	=
	2915.53	2421.86

Surplus for 2013 982.23

Notes

- (i) AUS £144 BEL £30 CAN £20 DEN £210 FRA £55 GBR £220 GER £340 NOR £20 NZL £110 POL £30 SWE £162 USA £30
- (ii) AUS £400 DEN £400 GBR £200 GER £200 NZL £200 POL £120 DEN 1 replacement
- (iii) Four advertisers paid £50 each to advertise on the OKDIA website
- (iv) A higher figure than the year before but includes £700 for flight to Thailand
- (v) The Euro account has a monthly charge which totalled 72.04euros for the year

OKDIA finances as at 31/12/13

Cash at bank £	£10634.04
Paypal account	£200.00
Money owed to OKDIA	£1068.37
Euros	1179.19