

# Minutes – Annual General Meeting International 2.4mR Class Association



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## 2006 Annual Meeting

Date: July, 29<sup>th</sup> 2006  
Location: Helsinki, Finland  
Time: 0825 GMT

<u>Participants:</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Danny McCoy	Australia by Proxy, (President)
Thomas Franklin	(Secretary)
Bo Hedensjö	(Treasurer)
Stellan Berlin	(Executive Committee)
Heiko Kroeger	Germany, (Executive Committee)
Rikard Bjurström	Finland, (Executive Committee)
Håkan Kellner	(Technical Committee)
Elena Polo D'Ambrosio	Italy
Niels Ulstrup	Denmark
Bruce Millar	Canada
Martin Pascoe	Great Britain
Pekka Seitola	Sweden
Peter Wilson	United States
Harald Rolfsnes	Norway
Thierry Schmitter	The Netherlands

## Voting Rights

Australia	2
Canada	2
Germany	2
Great Britain	3
Finland	3
Italy	2
Norway	2
Sweden	4
The Netherlands	1
United States	2
<b>TOTAL VOTES</b>	<b>23</b>

## Agenda

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- a) Roll Call and Establish a Quorum.
- b) Setting time limit on speakers and debate.
- c) Approval of Meeting Minutes
  - i. 2005 AGM
  - ii. EC Meeting-18 December 2005
  - iii. EC Meeting-11 March 2006
  - iv. EC Meeting-05 April 2006
  - v. EC Meeting-12 May 2006
  - vi. EC Meeting-05 June 2006
- d) Report of the President.
- e) Report of the ICA Treasurer.
- f) Report of the Chairman of the Technical Committee.
  - i. Rule Changes for 2007
- g) Old Business.
  - i. Letter of Intent to US NCA
- h) New Business.
  - i. Restructuring ICA Under New Constitution
  - ii. Updates to Race Management Manual
- i) Proposals from member NCAs.
  - i. France
  - ii. United States
- j) Presentations for future World Championships by NCAs.
  - i. Proposal From Real Club de Gran Canaria to Host the 2008 WC
- k) Election of the following:
  - i. Vice-President
  - ii. Treasurer
  - iii. Secretary
  - iv. Members of the Executive Committee-2 Ordinary Directors
  - v. Members of the Technical Committee
  - vi. Officers of Honor
  - vii. An Auditor
  - viii. A Webmaster
- l) Decisions for the next year's work and commissions for the Executive Committee.
- m) Decisions for the budget and subscriptions for the next year.
- n) Adjournment.

## AGM Minutes

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### b) **Setting time limit on speakers and debate.**

Danny McCoy (Canada) set the time limit for speakers and debate at three (3) minutes per person.

### c) **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Danny McCoy (Canada) stated that the 2005 AGM minutes and the minutes of all EC Meetings should not be read as they have been available on the website for sometime. Peter Wilson (USA) made a motion to accept all meeting minutes. Pekka Seitola (Sweden) seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### d) **Report of the President.**

Danny McCoy (Canada) started by saying that he is excited that the Class is moving forward with a plan for progress and development.

Year in Review: The ICA website continues to be a great source of information. Danny McCoy (Canada) emphasized the importance of member NCAs and individual sailors sending articles, regatta reports, and happenings within member NCAs to grow the website. Danny McCoy (Canada) continued by stressing the need for participation by sailors and member NCAs to send information and material to keep the ICA Newsletter going. Danny McCoy (Canada) thanked the ICA Secretary for his continued efforts and diligence over the past 12 months. Danny McCoy (Canada) thanked the Technical Committee Chairman, Håkan Kellner, for his work over the past 12 months especially with Appendix K.

Danny McCoy (Canada) spoke about Class membership. Class membership currently stands at 336 sailors with losses in some NCAs and gains in others. Danny McCoy (Canada) hopes that with a new builder in the USA, Class growth will be stimulated. Additionally, Danny McCoy (Canada) hopes more builders will be added to other countries in the near future. Danny McCoy (Canada) announced that the Class has two (2) International Measurers in Håkan Kellner (Sweden) and Stefan Ryott (Sweden).

The Future: Danny McCoy (Canada) said developing additional revenue streams, builder relationships, and new member NCAs are vital to the operation and continued growth of the Class.

In closing, Danny McCoy (Canada) spoke of a need for more trust and decision making ability should be granted to both the EC and TC. Danny McCoy (Canada) said the Constitution provides for elections of Officers and Committee Members voted upon by the World Council; therefore, both sailors and member NCAs should be confident that the ICA Officers and Committees are acting in the best interests of the Class. Danny McCoy (Canada) asked the World Council to address this message and grant certain additional authorities and more freedom to conduct the day-to-day operations of the Class.

### e) **Report of the ICA Treasurer.**

Bo Hedensjö (Sweden) started with the report for 2005 by stating that there was a net gain of 2,125.65 euros and a growth in membership of 22. Bo Hedensjö (Sweden) continued by saying, that at the time of the 2006 AGM, the Class has grown by 31 members from 2005. Danny McCoy (Canada) asked the ICA Treasurer where the penalty payments for Finland and Germany for late subscription payment were. Stellan Berlin (Sweden) asked for an explanation. Danny McCoy (Canada) said that there is a deadline of March 1<sup>st</sup> for receipt of NCA subscriptions and Finland and Germany were late. Danny McCoy (Canada) stated that according to the new Constitution, there is a fine that must be paid for late payment. Earlier in the year, Finland and Germany agreed to pay the fine, but have failed to do so. Danny McCoy (Canada) said that this matter will be addressed after the AGM. Danny McCoy (Canada) asked for a motion to accept the financial report as presented. Bruce Millar (Canada) made a motion to accept the financial report. Elena Polo D'Ambrosio (Italy) seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**f) Report of the Chairman of the Technical Committee.**

Håkan Kellner (Sweden) said that he represented the Class at the 2005 ISAF Annual Conference held in Singapore and the amendments for 2006 were accepted. Håkan Kellner (Sweden) explained the findings from the tests held in Gothenburg. The conclusion is all Norlin Mk III boats must sail at a weight of 254 kg regardless of what the measurement certificate states. It was decided that all measurement certificates for Norlin Mk III boats, for 2007, must be amended by a valid measurer to reflect a boat weight of 254 kg. Furthermore, it was decided, that the TC will develop a procedure and/ or form to have all NCA's boat owners, of Norlin Mark IIIs change their measurement certificate to show a boat weight of 254 kg. This procedure and/ or form will be available for download from the ICA website.

Håkan Kellner (Sweden) explained the proposed amendments to the Class Rules for 2007. Peter Wilson (United States) asked for a clarification of the submission to amend the Rule for the bilge pump. Thomas Franklin (United States) read Class Rule C.4.1(a)(1) and D.9.1(a)(2) and suggested that the wrong Rule might have been deleted. Danny McCoy (Canada) asked Håkan Kellner (Sweden) to fix this error and make the necessary submission to ISAF. Danny McCoy (Canada) asked for a motion to amend the TC proposal to delete Rule C.4.1(a)(1) and keep Rule D.9.1(a)(2). Peter Wilson (United States) made such a motion. The motion was seconded by Heiko Kroeger (Germany). Motion passed unanimously. The remainder of the TC proposal was accepted unanimously.

**g) Old Business.**

A motion was made by Pekka Seitola (Sweden) to allow the United States to remain a member NCA. The motion was seconded by Rikard Bjurström (Finland). Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 1030 GMT—Lunch Break

Meeting reconvened at 1130 GMT

**h) New Business.**

- i. The new Constitution has been approved by ISAF and is now being used by the Class.
- ii. Danny cCoy (Canada) stated the EC proposal to update the Race Management Manual include update of RRS references, update of course layout to follow ISAF guidelines, improved fleet safety, and the addition of a stricter measurement process as proposed by the TC. Peter Wilson (United States) expressed concern that the Manual may be viewed as more of a rule than a guideline. Additionally, Håkan Kellner (Sweden) stated that there are areas that contain the word SHALL that should be changed to the word SHOULD. Pekka Seitola (Sweden) made a motion to have the EC select a committee headed by the ICA Secretary to review the Race Management Manual proposed by the EC and make changes to be presented at the 2007 AGM. Bruce Millar (Canada) seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Rikard Bjurström (Finland) added that this committee should contain persons with experience organizing major regattas. All agreed.

i) **Proposals from member NCAs.**

i. France:

It was determined that the proposal was more of an opinion than a proposal and was not addressed by the World Council.

ii. United States:

Proposal was presented by Peter Wilson (United States). Rikard Bjurström (Finland) said the World Council should have an overall attitude either positive or negative for going One Design before considering the proposal because there is much work involved. Rikard Bjurström (Finland) continued by stating if the overall attitude of the World Council is against One Design, then it make no sense exploring the issue. Thomas Franklin (United States) said if it is decided to explore going One Design, grandfathering of boats, acceptable tolerances, and how sailors will be impacted should be part of the committee's work. Thomas Franklin (United States) suggested that Australia should be a member of the committee because many of their existing fleet are not of the Norlin Mk III design and will give a better picture, to the committee, on grandfathering of boats, acceptable tolerances, and how sailors will be impacted. Peter Wilson (United States) said the committee should also look at the consequences of not going One Design and how boats will be measured as well as the associated costs because the Class is not operating as a true Construction Class because all measurement certificates have the same numbers.

Pekka Seitola (Sweden) said that his NCA is divided 50/50 on the One Design issue and the committee should develop facts and consequences. Danny McCoy (Canada) asked Peter Wilson (United States) if anyone from his NCA is willing to chair the committee. Peter Wilson (United States) said no, but Jim Linville (United States) is will to serve on the committee who is an engineer by training. Danny McCoy (Canada) asked the World Council if anyone has someone in mind to serve as chair. Thomas Franklin (United States) offered the name of Peter Russell (Australia) as a possible chair.

Martin Pascoe (Great Britain) expressed concern about the overall bias of the committee and emphasized a need for the committee to have members of different views. Stellan Berlin (Sweden) offered Per Lindell (Sweden) as a committee member because Per Lindell (Sweden) serves on the Swedish TC and is against going One Design. Håkan Kellner (Sweden) asked if the ICA TC can follow the work of the committee. Danny McCoy (Canada) said yes. Peter Wilson (United States) stated that there needs to be a formal relationship with the TC and offered a modification to the original proposal to read as follows (blue text is added wording to original proposal):

Motion: The World Council shall, before the close of its 2006 meeting in Helsinki, appoint a qualified committee of five (5) class members (called the 2.4 one-design committee) to thoroughly investigate the opportunity to evolve the 2.4mR from a construction (development) class to a one-design class. The committee will establish facts, assess the issues, and make a written recommendation, **in concert with the Technical Committee**, to the World Council within six months. The scope of the committee's work must include formal discussions with ISAF and the exploration of potential one-design rules that would minimize the obsolescence of existing boats.

The above motion was made by Peter Wilson (United States). The motion was seconded by Heiko Kroeger (Germany). Motion passed unanimously. Thomas Franklin (United States) and Stellan Berlin (Sweden) offered to serve on the committee. All agreed.

The 2.4 One-Design Committee consists of the following members:

Peter Russell (Australia), Chairman  
Per Lindell (Sweden), Member  
Stellan Berlin (Sweden), Member  
Jim Linville (United States), Member  
Thomas Franklin (United States), Member

It was decided that monthly progress reports will be provide to both the EC and TC.

j) **Presentations for future World Championships by NCAs.**

The proposal from Real Club de Gran Canaria to host the 2008 World Championships was presented by Ernest Torp (Norway). Concerns were raised about the timing of the event because the event is in a Paralympic year. It was asked if the event can be held in February or March. Ernest Torp (Norway) said that he would ask the organizing authority about moving the date from October to February or March. Thomas Franklin (United States) asked if the World Council can formally accept the proposal from the Real Club de Gran Canaria to host the 2008 World Championships pending notification that the event can be held in February or March. Danny McCoy (Canada) made a motion to accept the proposal from the Real Club de Gran Canaria to host the 2008 World Championships pending a date change to February or March. Motion was seconded by Harald Rolfsnes (Norway). Motion passed unanimously.

k) **Election of the following:**

Vice-President: Peter Wilson (United States) elected as Vice President for a period of two (2) years.

Treasurer: Bo Hedensjö (Sweden) elected as Treasurer for a period of one (1) year.

Secretary: Thomas Franklin (United States) elected as Secretary for a period of two (2) years.

Members of the Executive Committee-2 Ordinary Directors: Stellan Berlin (Sweden) and Heiko Kroeger (Germany) elected as Executive Committee Directors for a period of one (1) year.

Members of the Technical Committee: Håkan Kellner (Sweden) elected as Chairman for a period of two (2) years. Rikard Bjurström (Finland) elected for a period of two (2) years. Bruce Millar (Canada) nominated Peter Russell (Australia) and Gene Hinkel (United States). Motion was seconded by Peter Wilson (United States). Motion passed unanimously.

Officers of Honor: Thomas Franklin (United States) nominated Peter Norlin (Sweden) and Imma Björndahl (Finland) as Officers of Honor for 2006. Motion was seconded by Pekka Seitola (Sweden). Motion passed unanimously. Håkan Kellner (Sweden) nominated Claes Hulting (Sweden) as an Officer of Honor for 2006. Motion was seconded by Pekka Seitola (Sweden). Motion passed unanimously.

An Auditor: Thierry Schmitter (The Netherlands) was elected as Class Auditor for a period of one (1) year.

A Webmaster: Antero Karjalainen (Finland) was elected as Class Webmaster for a period of one (1) year.

l) **Decisions for the next year's work and commissions for the Executive Committee.**

- The EC is to select a committee headed by the ICA Secretary to review the Race Management Manual proposed by the outgoing EC and make changes to be presented at the 2007 AGM. This committee shall contain person(s) with experience organizing major regattas.
- EC to develop a responsible budget with a working capital of 1,500 euros and has this amount to manage the day-to-day business of the Class.

m) **Decisions for the budget and subscriptions for the next year.**

Danny McCoy (Canada) stated that he would like to see the Class develop revenue streams to offset costs by a few individuals supporting the Class through telephone calls, travel expenses, etc specifically the ICA Secretary for telephone expenses. Danny McCoy (Canada) continued by saying that these persons are not being reimbursed. Furthermore, Danny McCoy (Canada) said that telephone calls, travel expenses for a fact finding mission to visit a World Championship venue, webmaster compensation, and expenses to send a Class representative to the annual ISAF Conference are legitimate expenses and should be paid for by the Class. Danny McCoy (Canada) emphasized if the Class does not develop additional revenue streams to offset these expenses, the Class will be left with a zero Capital Reserve. Danny McCoy (Canada) offered ISAF plaques, World Championship fees, clothing, and advertising on the ICA website as possible sources of additional income.

Rikard Bjurström (Finland) stated that the ICA Secretary should be reimbursed for expenses as well as Class Officials traveling as decided by the Class should also be paid by the Class. Bruce Millar (Canada) expressed concern about “nickel and diming” the Class, but agreed that reasonable phone calls should be paid for by the Class. Bruce Millar (Canada) suggested a budget be developed for such expenses. Heiko Kroeger (Germany) agreed that a budget should be developed especially for the ICA Secretary. The Treasurer, Bo Hedensjö (Sweden), stated that he developed a budget for 2007 to include expenses for administrative costs, travel expenses for attending the ISAF Annual Conference, and miscellaneous expenditures. Bo Hedensjö (Sweden) stated that if there were no additional monies spent, there would be a revenue surplus of more than 2,000 euros. Bo Hedensjö (Sweden) agreed that the ICA Secretary should be reimbursed for telephone calls. Stellan Berlin (Sweden) suggested a monetary limit be set for the ICA Secretary when it comes to telephone calls. Peter Wilson (United States) suggested that the EC develop a responsible budget that should not spend everything taken in as profit. Peter Wilson (United States) made a motion to set aside 500 euro for capital reserve and 1,500 euro for the EC to be used to manage the day-to-day business of the Class. Motion seconded by Martin Pascoe (Great Britain). Motion passed unanimously.

n) **Adjournment.**

Motion made by Pekka Seitola (Sweden) to adjourn the 2006 AGM. Motion seconded by Martin Pascoe (Great Britain). Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting ended at 1311 GMT

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Danny McCoy  
President

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Thomas Franklin  
Secretary