



MINUTES

of the
2019 IODA Annual General Meeting
St. James's Club
Antigua & Barbuda
July 13, 2019

Attendees:

ANT, ARG, AUT, BAH, BEL, BER, BIZ, BRA, CAY, CHI, CHN, COL, CRO, CYP, DEN, ECU, ESP, EST, FIN, FRA, GBR, GER, GRE, HKG, HUN, IND, IRL, ISV, ITA, IVB, JPN, LAT, LTU, MAC, MAS, MEX, MYA, NED, NOR, NZL, OMA, PER, POL, POR, PUR, SGP, SLO, SMR, SRB, SUI, SWE, THA, TTO, TUR, UAE, URU, USA, VIN

Proxies:

All Votes –AUS, AZE, CAN, EGY, INI, IRQ, ISR, LIE, MNE, PAK, QAT, SVK,
2021 Asians Only – SRI

Executive Committee

Kevin Whitcraft, President (KW)
S.V. Balachander, Treasurer (SVB)
Carmen Casco, VP Europe (CC)
Sigrid Beckmann, VP Americas (SB)
Ajay Narang, VP Africa, Asia & Oceania (NG)
Ricardo Navarro, Chair, Regatta Committee (RN)
Olive Parker, Chair, Technical Committee (OP)

Fiona Kidd, Secretary General (FK)
Susan Elliot Beatty, Regatta Secretary (SEB)

1. Election of Chairman of the Meeting

Moved by THA and seconded by ITA to elect Kevin Whitcraft as chair of the meeting.

Decision

Kevin Whitcraft was unanimously elected as the Chair of the Annual General Meeting.

2. Approval of 2018 AGM Minutes

Moved by GBR and seconded by ITA, to approve the 2018 AGM Minutes.

Decision: *The 2018 AGM Minutes were unanimously approved.*

3. President's Report

The President stated that there were a number of items that had arisen since the January 15th Proposal deadline that should be resolved at this AGM rather than wait a year. He presented the following motion:

To allow proposals to be submitted at this Annual General Meeting for consideration and waive the requirements for submission of such proposals prior to 15 January and that such be copied to each Member before 15 March.

Decision: *2/3 of vote was required to pass the motion. It was unanimously approved.*

Kevin Whitcraft presented his report on the activities and priorities of the past year.

The 2018 Highlights was that IODA elected a new team at the 2018 AGM, with two new members of the Executive, two new members of the Technical Committee and one new member of the Regatta Committee. In terms of good governance, all members of the IDOA executive and Committees were required to submit a conflict of interest form and sign a Community Value Agreement.

IODA faces some significant issues and challenges that need to be addressed such as: builder rule compliance; the production of fake Optis & illegal boats; financial stability and the need to increase revenue and build our reserves; growing the optimist base; increasing girls in the Opti Class; ensuring our events are "green"; modernize documents & processes: as well as managing risk.

Over the past year, IODA has set in motion a number of initiatives that we will be completing in 2019 such as: an online Paperless Measurement System; the IODA mobile APP; a 5 year Strategic Plan; a sponsorship package; various contract and event hosting agreements, IODA clinic Guidelines; a Child safeguarding policy, a review of the IODA Articles; and finally an update in our document processes.

Over the past year, IODA was active in the development of the class as set out in the 2017 AGM. We hosted 5 Coach's Clinics in URU, SVK, TAN, COL and CAY and one Measurement Seminar (URU). All clinics were well received and attended.

The focus for the coming year will be on revenue generation and sponsorship.

4. Vice President's Reports

a) Ajay Narang, VP Africa, Asia & Oceania presented a report on the past year activities.

The 2018 Asian & Oceanian Championship was held Nov 1-17th in Ngwe Saung, MYA. 129 Sailors (48 girls and 81 boys) participated from 16 countries (AUS, CAN, CHN, FIJ, HKG, IND, JPN, KOR, MYA, NZL, OMA, SGP, SRI, THA, TPE and USA). It was a fantastic championship, although it was a tough start due to the weather and lack of wind. The host venue provided a number of activities that enhanced the championship for everyone in attendance on a number of fronts. A "Trash Hero" activity cleaning up the beach was well received.

The 2018 African Championship was held Nov 25th to Dec 2nd, in Maputo Mozambique. 69 Sailors (23 girls & 46 boys) participated from 13 countries (ALG, AND, ANG, ARG, EGY, KEN, MOZ, OMA, SEY, RSA, SUD, TAN, and TUN). It was a fantastic event with a strong attendance from Africa.

There are two upcoming events in the region in 2019. The African Optimist Championship is taking place in Seychelles, August 25th to September 1st and the Asian & Oceanian Championship is taking place in Oman September 30 to October 7th.

The VP Africa, Asia and Oceania, Ajay Narang concluded that there was a marked increase in the number of sailors participating in the IODA Asian & Oceanian Championship in 2018. Although there is an improvement in number of girls participating, IODA must maintain its' efforts to further increase girl participation.

Ajay confirmed that Event organizers have a responsibility to the environment and must engage young sailors in activities to promote environment protection and avoid using single use plastics at IODA events.

- b) Sigrid Beckmann , VP Americas presented a report on the past year activities.

The 2019 South American Championship took place April 6-13th in Algarrobo, Chile. 169 Sailors participated (116 boys and 53 girls) from 17 countries (ANT, ARG, AUS, BER, BRA, CAN, CAY, CHI, ECU, ISV, MEX, NZL, PAR, PER, PUR, URU, and USA).

The IODA APP was launched at this championship and was well received by everyone. This was the final test of the APP prior to the launch at the Europeans and Worlds in June and July. It was a very well-organized championship and everyone who attended had a fantastic time.

On October 24-26, 2018, CAY hosted an IODA Coach's Clinic. It was the second Coach's Clinic in the region following a clinic in COL in June. 8 coaches and 22 sailors from 5 countries participated (ANT, ISB, BAH, CAY and TKS).

The 2019 North American Championship is upcoming and will take place September 27th to October 4th in Nassau, Bahamas.

The VP Americas, Sigrid Beckman confirmed that the areas of focus for the coming year in the region of Americas will be sustainability, social responsibility, development and support of smaller countries and the increase in girl participation.

- c) Carmen Casco, VP Europe presented a report of the past year activities.

The VP Europe attended several events within Europe representing IODA or as a Team Leader with the SUI Optimists. Almost every month she visited a regatta starting with the XI International Optimist Trophy Torrevieja to the St Nicholas Regatta in Pula and Euromed Regatta in Malta. All these events are experiencing a growth in the number of participants: 300 plus sailors racing is not an exception. Activity in the region is very robust.

Visiting many regattas in Europe enables her to get in contact with a lot of countries, their representatives, coaches and sailors. As a result, she is able to listen and learn about their

needs and what they expect from IODA. The VP Europe is very positive about the direction that IODA is taking. Over the past year she has received a lot of good feedback, particularly in the area of Measurement. IODA has taken a big step forward to modernize itself and as a result has become more user-friendly.

The 2018 European Championship was held in Scheveningen, NED. 264 sailors (125 boys and 98 girls) participated from 42 countries (32 countries from Europe). The number of European Countries and boys participating were slightly down from the year before. Girls participation remained the same.

The 2018 World Championship was held in Limassol, CYP August 27th to September 6th. Of the 264 sailors, 122 boys and 26 girls were from 33 countries in Europe. This is an increase from the World Championship in 2017 in THA. Marco Gradoni, ITA, won the World Championship for the second time and Maria Perello, ESP was the top girl at the championship for the second time.

The VDG Yacht Club Dynamo in Slovakia hosted an IODA Coach's Clinic in March 2018. Zizi Staniul was the guest coach who worked with 9 coaches and 7 sailors over the 4-day clinic. Although it was cool outside, the clinic was a huge success with everyone learning many new teaching skills for Optimist sailors in Slovakia.

The VP Europe's plans for 2019 are to investigate the idea of establishing an Optimist Eurocup, as well as connecting with as many countries as possible by growing the WhatsApp Group, and growing activities in the region.

5. Technical Committee Report

Olive Parker, the Chairman of the Technical Committee presented the Technical Committee Report.

There are four members of the IODA Technical Committee: Olive Parker (IRL), Chair; Jean-Luc Gauthier (FRA), Member; Alberto Pindozi (ITA), Member; and S.V. Balachander (IND), Member. There are two IODA Prototype Measurers: Conxa Ontiveros (ESP) and Diego Freiria (URU).

There are nine World Sailing International Measurers that work with the Technical Committee at our IODA events throughout the year, along with three national level measurers, and two measurers in training.

Over the past year the Technical Committee identified a number of objectives that they have achieved such as: training more measurers (clinic in URU); review the Class Rules; establish boat builder inspections; approve new boat builders; implement Paperless Measurement at our IODA events; clarify the Digital Numbers issue; review the production of measurement templates; and finally, to add fundamental measurement at the Euros for purposes of ensuring that all the hulls are the same and builders' compliance.

In order to ensure the integrity of the One design Optimist, the Technical Committee has started the inspections of moulds and boats with our existing builders. There is a plan to establish regular inspections with all our active builders over the coming years. More fundamental

Measurements will also take place at non-mandatory charter IODA events to randomly check the hulls to see if they comply with the class rules.

The Technical Committee and their team have been appointed to the 2019 IODA Events such as: the SAMS, Europeans, Worlds, Africans, Asian & Oceanians and NAMS. The role of the Technical Committee is to ensure that the team is comprised of local measurers and experienced measures that travel to the event. It is important to improve the knowledge of Optimist measurement in countries that they attend.

There are three new builders that IODA hopes to approve in 2019: TomCat in Brazil; MarineLab in Italy; and Exoboat in Slovenia.

One of the most significant achievements of the Technical Committee over the past year has been the introduction and implementation of the Paperless Measurement System. It was trialed at the SAMS and then went live for the Europeans and World Championship. The result is that it speeds up the measurement process for both the sailor and the Measurer. Teams are now able to complete measurement in 15 minutes. One of the key advantages of this new system is that it is linked to the Event Microsite so that it can access the database and communicate with the backnet and registration system. The updating of the measurement process is reflected in the registration module of the microsite.

In the coming year, the Technical Committee plans are to develop the next Stage of the Measurement System so that there is no paper in our measurement process. The goal would be to introduce digital measurement Certificates for both sails and hulls.

The Technical Committee hopes to resolve the digital number issue this year and they thank the Members for their cooperation over the year.

The Technical Committee is proposing five changes to the Class Rules at this AGM.

6. Regatta Committee Report

Ricardo Navarro, the Chairman of the Regatta Committee presented the report on the activities of the Regatta Committee over the past year.

The IODA Regatta Committee consists of the following members: Ricardo Navarro (IRO (BRA), Chair; Andres Perez, IJ (ESP); Ilker Bayindir, IJ/IRO (TUR); and Elena Papazoglou, IRO (CYP). They are assisted by Susan Elliot Beatty, the IODA Regatta Secretary.

The Regatta Committee works each year to customize the Microsite to assist the Organizers of IODA championship and to enrich member enjoyment. Over the past year they have been involved in the implementation of the Mobile Smart Phone APP which is tied to the Microsite as well as integrating a new Scoring system into the event microsities, so that the results can be displayed on the Mobile APP.

The Regatta Committee was also involved in the implementation of the Paperless Measurement System as it is tied into the event microsities. IODA events can not be run anywhere in the world with a standardized delivery.

The current initiatives for 2019/2020 are to develop; a support boat safety protocol; new race management policies; and new race officer training material to support RO clinics worldwide. They also want to revise their manuals to make them more user friendly to the event organizers, as well as evaluate how to grow the participation of girls in Opti Sailing.

7. Annual Audited Accounts

The IODA Treasurer, S.V. Balachander presented the 2018 Annual Report. The Treasurer reported the following:

- a) Total Revenue increased by \$17,976.00 compared to last year mainly from the increase in sale of plaques
- b) Expenses were up by \$8,835.00 compared to last year.
- c) Operating loss was \$64,139.00 in 2018 compared to \$73,280.00 in 2017
- d) Bad debts from the last 3 years amounting to about \$11,000.00 was written off
- e) Exchange rate variance went from a gain of \$6532.00 in 2017 to a loss of \$6198.00 in 2018
- f) In addition, IODA experienced an increase in the championship expenses of about \$25,000 compared to 2017 mainly due to increased travel expenses for IODA officials
- g) Cash Reserves declined by 52,628 from 471,432 to 418,804

Decision

Moved by THA and seconded by SUI, the 2018 Annual Report was approved.

- h) S.V. Balachander reviewed the 2018 Budget. It was approved by the IODA Executive Committee which anticipates a loss of roughly \$23,000.

8. Fixing the following year's annual subscriptions from its members, the organizing authority championships fees, and the fees from sales of sail labels.

- a) The current Annual IODA Subscription Fee is \$350 USD. The recommendation is to maintain the same.
Decision: *Unanimously approved.*
- b) The current Championship Fee is \$50 USD for each sailor & adult for Continental Championships.
Recommendation is to maintain the current fee.
Decision: *Unanimously approved.*
- c) The current Sail Label Fee is \$10 USD each. Recommendation is to increase the sail label fee to \$15 USD effective August 1st, 2019.
Decision: *Approved.*
- d) The Current Plaque Fee is \$50 USD each. Recommendation is to maintain the current fee.
Decision: *Approved. 1 Abstention.*

9. Proposals from the Executive Committee

- i) Proposal 019-EC01 – Change in a Condition for the Optimist European Championship from the Executive Committee regarding the clarification on the calculation of the top three placed teams
Decision: *Proposal 019-EC01 was unanimously approved.*

- j) Proposal 019-EC02 – Change in a Condition for the Optimist North American Championship from the Executive Committee regarding the change in name of the Miami Herald Trophy to the Jacobsen Trophy.
Decision: *Proposal 019-EC02 was unanimously approved.*
- k) Proposal 019-EC03 – Change in a Condition for the Optimist North American Championship from the Executive Committee regarding for title of the North American Team Racing Champion.
Decision: *Proposal 019-EC03 was unanimously approved.*
- l) Proposal 019-EC04 – Change in a Condition for the Optimist North American Championship from the Executive Committee regarding who will receive prizes in the North American Team Racing Championship.
Decision: *Proposal 019-EC04 was unanimously approved.*
- m) Proposal 019-EC05 – Change in a Condition for the Optimist South American Championship from the Executive Committee regarding replacing the current reference of the Individual & Team Racking Championship.
Decision: *Proposal 019-EC05 was unanimously approved.*
- n) Proposal 019-EC06 – Change in a Condition for the Optimist South American Championship from the Executive Committee regarding replacing the reference of the Nations Cup and Team Racing Championship.
Decision: *Proposal 019-EC06 was unanimously approved.*
- o) Proposal 019-EC07 – Change in Condition for the Optimist African Championships from the Executive Committee regarding the clarification for the ‘overall’ prizes in the championship.
Decision: *Proposal 019-EC07 was unanimously approved.*
- p) Proposal 019-EC08 - Change in a Condition for the Optimist World Championship from the Executive Committee regarding the clarification of the trophies to be awarded.
Decision: *Proposal 019-EC08 was unanimously approved.*
- q) Proposal 019-EC09 – Change in Article 13 from the Executive Committee regarding the previous years’ AGM Minutes.
Decision: *Proposal 019-EC09 was unanimously approved.*
- r) Proposals 019-EC10 – Change in Article 13 from the Executive Committee regarding the removal of the reference to ‘sail ‘buttons’.
Decision: *Proposal 019-EC10 was unanimously approved.*
- s) Proposal 019-EC11 – Change in Article 13 from the Executive Committee regarding the restriction of voting by the Executive Committee members at the AGM.
Decision: *Proposal 019- EC11 was unanimously approved.*
- t) Proposals 019-EC12 – Change in Article 4 from the Executive Committee regarding the clarification of sources of income for IODA and when the Annual Subscription Dues are to be paid.
Decision: *Proposal 019-EC12 was unanimously approved.*
- u) Proposal 019-EC13 – Change in Article 13 from the Executive Committee regarding the clarification that Executive Members are not allowed to be an official representative of a Member or hold a Proxy for another Member

Decision: *Proposal 019-EC13 was unanimously approved*

- v) Proposal 019-EC14 – Change in Article 13 from the Executive Committee regarding the capability of electronic voting at the AGM

Decision: *Proposal 019-EC14 was unanimously approved*

- w) Proposal 019-EC15 – Change in Article 3 from the Executive Committee regarding adding an anti-discrimination clause to the IODA Articles.

Decision: *Proposal 019-EC15 was unanimously approved*

New Proposals presented following the approved motion under Item 3.

- x) Proposal 019-EC16 – Change in the Condition of the Optimist Asian & Oceanian Championship from the Executive Committee clarifying the format of the Team Racing Championship on how less than 16 teams are eligible.

Decision: *Proposal 019-EC16 was unanimously approved*

- y) Proposal 019-EC17 – Change in Condition of the Optimist African Championship from the Executive Committee regarding the clarification on the format of the Team Racing Championship if less than 16 teams are eligible.

Decision: *Proposal 019-EC17 was unanimously approved*

- z) Proposal 019-EC18 - Change in Condition of the Optimist North American Championship from the Executive Committee regarding the clarification on the format of the Team Racing Championship if less than 16 teams are eligible.

Decision: *Proposal 019-EC18 was unanimously approved*

- aa) Proposal 019-EC19 - Change in Condition of the Optimist Asian & Oceanian Championship from the Executive Committee regarding the correction of errors and redundancy regarding entries.

Decision: *Proposal 019-EC19 was unanimously approved*

- bb) Proposal 019-EC20 - Change in Condition of the Optimist World Championship from the Executive Committee regarding the clarification on the number of teams that can participate, the order of ranking, and how the format is determined.

Decision: *Proposal 019-EC20 was unanimously approved*

- cc) Proposal 019-EC21 - Change in Condition of the Optimist World Championship from the Executive Committee regarding the standardization between the World & Continental Championship IODA fee.

Decision: *Proposal 019-EC21 was unanimously approved.*

10. Proposals to Amend the Class Rules

- a) Proposal 019-TC01 - Change Class Rule 6.3.3.10 from the IODA Technical Committee regarding the clarification of the batten pocket patch.

Decision: *Proposal 019-TC01 was unanimously approved.*

- b) Proposal 019-TC02 - Change Class Rule 3.2.6.6. from the IODA Technical Committee regarding the introduction of the dimensions for the fixing plates for the rudder fitting (gudgeons) on the hull transom.

Decision: *Proposal 019-TC02 was unanimously approved.*

- c) Proposal 019-TC03 - Change Class Rule 6.5.3 from the IODA Technical Committee regarding the permission to use numbers made from a digital 8 figure.

Decision: *Proposal 019-TC03 was approved.*

- d) Proposal 019-TC04 - Change Class Rule 3.1.1 from the IODA Technical Committee regarding the removal of the words 'exotic materials' from the list of material prohibited as 'exotic materials' are not clearly defined and potentially confusing.

Decision: *Proposal 019-TC04 was approved.*

- e) Proposal 019-TC05 - Change Class Rule 3.4.1.2 from the IODA Technical Committee regarding the definition of material permitted for the grip on the tiller extension.

Decision: *Proposal 019-TC05 was unanimously approved.*

11. Proposals from Members

There were no Members Proposals submitted by the January 15th deadline. However, two Member proposals were received from the floor at the AGM that can be found under Item 21 - Other Business.

12. Confirm the Venue for the 2020 Optimist World Championship

Letizia Tocchin, representing the Associazione Italiana Classe Optimist (AICO) spoke to the AGM regarding the 2020 World Championship.

The venue of the championship will be in Riva del Garda, Lake Garda, ITALY. The dates of the championship are confirmed to be from July 1 – 11, 2020.

The sailor entry fee will be 750 Euros and adult entry fee will be 800 Euros are also confirmed. It is a non-mandatory charter event; however, charter boats will be available, and the confirmed charter fee is 450 Euros each.

Decision:

Riva del Garda, Italy was unanimously confirmed as the venue for the 2020 Optimist World Championship.

13. Select the Venue for the 2021 Optimist World Championship

Bids from: Qingdao, CHN; Liepaja, LAT; Riviera Nayarit, MEX; and Bodrum, TUR were presented to the Members on Wednesday, July 10th. The following venue was selected.

Decision

Bodrum, TUR was elected as the host venue for the 2021 Optimist World Championships. The dates of the World Championship are July 4 to 14, 2021.

14. Confirm the Venues for the IODA Continental Championships 2020

a) The following IODA Championships were unanimously confirmed:

- i) 2020 South American Championship – Mar del Plata, ARG March 21 to March 28th
- ii) 2020 European Championship – Tallinn, EST – June 22 to June 29th
- ii) 2020 Asian & Oceanian Championship – Trincomalee, SRI - TBC

- iii) 2020 African Championship – Hammamet, TUN – Sept 6th to 13th.
- iv) 2020 North American Championship – Selection between Hamilton, BER and Cancun, MEX took place at the AGM.
Decision: Cancun Mexico was selected as the venue October 18 to 25th.
- v) 2020 European Team Racing Championships – Lago di Ledro, ITA (Last week in August)

15. Select the Venues for the IODA Continental Championships 2021

Bids from HKG and THA were presented on Tuesday July 9th to host the 2021 Optimist Asia & Oceania Championship and after voting, the following venue was selected:

The Royal Varuna Yacht Club, Thailand was selected to host the 2021 Asian & Oceanian Championship, October 16 to 23, 2021.

The following IODA events were uncontested and selected:

- i) 2021 African Championship – Dar Es Salaam, TAN - July 31 to August 7th
- ii) 2021 North American Championship – Riviera Nayarit, MEX - May 29 to June 5th
- i) 2020 European Team Racing Championship - Lago di Ledro, ITA (last week is August)
- ii) 2020 South American Championship – Rio de Janeiro, BRA - March 27 to April 3rd
- iii) 2021 European Championship – Bay of Cadiz, June 20-27th

16. Information from World Sailing Meetings

Fiona Kidd, Secretary General, presented the report on World Sailing.

The 2018 Worlds Sailing Conference was held in Sarasota, Florida October 24th to Nov 4th
The Secretary General, Fiona Kidd represented the Optimist Class at the World Sailing Classes Committee that took place on October 28th.

In order to make the annual conference more attractive for classes. A networking event and a class advertising area were initiated to increase the attendance and recognition of classes at the conference. IODA took part in the networking session.

The main focus of the World Sailing Classes is to ensure that sailing as a sport for life is having great representation around the globe through the world and continental championships of the World Sailing Classes. The World Sailing Classes maintain a close relationship with their sailors to ensure representation of their interests.

The World Sailing Classes Committee works on Builder and major event sustainability, pathways for sailors between classes, Anti-Discrimination policies and a review of the technical sections for classes on the World Sailing website.

The major issues regarding World Sailing is there new governance proposal. Feedback from many classes is that the new governance model does not reflect the important role that the International Classes play in the sport of sailing worldwide and that they are unrepresented in the new model. This has been brought to the attention of Worlds Sailing and IODA will be monitoring the outcome over the coming months and will advocate for the inclusion of the Classes in the new governance structure.

The interests of IODA are well represented at World Sailing by the following persons:

Ajay Narang (VP Africa, Asia & Oceania) – Member of the Development & Regions Committee
Ricardo Navarro (Chair, Technical Committee) – Chair, Regional Games Committee
Andres Perez (Member, Regatta Committee) – Chair, International Judges Committee
Member, Race Officials Committee
Fiona Kidd – (Secretary General), WS Classes Committee representing IODA
Member, Events Committee
Peter Barclay (IODA Past President) – Chair, Team Racing Sub Committee
Curly Morris (IODA Measurer & Former Chair TC) - WS Classes Representative on Equipment
Rules Subcommittee

The 2019 World Sailing Meeting will take place in Bermuda from October 26th to November 3rd.

17. Election of Members of the Executive Committee (Article 7)

Election of two members for a two-year term:

- a) Kevin Whitcraft (THA), nominated by THA and seconded by MYA was elected as President
- b) Carmen Casco (SUI), nominated by SUI and seconded by ESP elected as Vice President, Europe.

18. Election of Members of the Technical Committee (Article 8)

Election of two members for a two-year term

- c) Olive Parker (IRL) nominated by IRL and seconded by ESP was elected as a member of the Technical Committee
- d) Alberto Pindozzi (ITA) nominated by ITA and seconded by AUT was elected as a member of the Technical Committee

19. Election of Members of the Regatta Committee (Article 9)

Election of two members for a two-year term

- a) Ricardo Navarro (BRA) nominated by BRA and seconded by CHI was elected as a member of the Regatta Committee
- b) Andres Perez (ESP) nominated by PER and seconded by TUR was elected as a member of the Regatta Committee.

20. Election of the Auditor (Article 14).

S.V. Balachander, Treasurer. proposed to continue with Beierholm located in Aalborg, DEN as the auditors for the International Optimist Dinghy Association for the Fiscal Year 2019.

Decision

The proposal to elect Beierholm, Aalborg, DEN as the auditors for IODA for Fiscal Year 2019 was unanimously approved.

21. Any Other Business

- a) There is a concern regarding Coach accommodation at Optimist events. It was expressed that Coaches should not be sharing rooms with sailors.
- b) Due to the size of the teams at the Europeans (7 max per country), the sharing of boats by two coaches with 7 sailors each is deemed to be unsafe. This needs to be reviewed for the future by the Regatta Committee.
- c) South American countries want to change the South American Championships Conditions so that the event does not need to be held during Easter week.
- d) The Member from Spain proposed that IODA look into country flags on sails. This is to be studied by the Technical Committee
- e) The Member from Spain proposed adding diamonds on the girls' sails. This it to be studied by the technical committee.
- f) KW thanked all of the members for attending the AGM and for their contributions at the meeting and throughout the year.
- g) KW closed the meeting at 1:15 pm following a motion from the floor.