



2017 IODA AGM MINUTES

July 18, 2017

Heritage Hotel, Pattaya, THA

Attendees:

AND, ANG, ANT, ARG, AUS, AUT, AZE, BEL, BER, BRA, CAN, CHI, CHN, CRC, CRO, CYP, CZE, DEN, ECU, EGY, ESP, EST, FIN, FRA, GBR, GER, GRE, HKG, HUN, INA, IND, IRL, ISR, ISV, ITA, JPN, KOR, KUW, LAT, LTU, MAC, MAS, MEX, MLT, MOZ, MYA, NED, NOR, NZL, OMA, PAK, PER, POL, POR, PUR, RSA, RUS, SGP, SLO, SMR, SRI, SUI, SWE, THA, TPE, TUN, TUR, UAE, UKR, URU, USA

Proxies:

All Votes - ALG, BLR, CPV, IVB, MNE, QAT, ROU, SEY, SRB, SVK, TAN

Worlds19 Only – AHO, BIZ, CAY, LCA,

Asians19 Only – BRN, IRI, KSA, LEB,

Executive Committee

Peter Barclay, President

S.V. Balachander, Treasurer

Nuno Gomes, VP Africa, Asia & Oceania

Ricardo Navarro, Chair, Regatta Committee

Luis Velasco, VP Americas

Claudio Zon, Chair, Technical Committee

Susan Elliot Beatty, Regatta Secretary

Fiona Kidd, Secretary General

Absent:

Carla Stanley, VP Europe

1. Election of Chairman of the Meeting

Decision

Moved by PAK and seconded by RSA to appoint Peter Barclay as the Chair of the Annual General Meeting was unanimously approved.

2. Approval of 2016 AGM Minutes

The Minutes were circulated in May to all IODA members. No errors or omissions were received by the Secretariat.

Decision

The 2016 AGM Minutes were unanimously approved.

3. President's Report

Peter Barclay presented his report. Peter was particularly proud of the development support that IODA has provided to 17 countries in IODA since 2007, some of which have started to attend IODA events such as: Mozambique, Kenya, Angola, Guatemala, Belize, Paraguay, St. Vincent. IODA is now planning clinics by the Vice Presidents in their regions.

Over the past year, there has been some changes in the Executive Committee. IODA appointed a new Treasurer following a selection process. S.V. Balachander(IND) was appointed in November 2016. Jurgen Cluytmans(BEL) resigned from the Chair of the Technical Committee due of his appointments to several technical committees at World Sailing. In February, Claudio Zon(ARG) was appointed as acting Chair of the Technical Committee.

In April 2017, IODA completed a Measurement audit of Winner in Denmark because of advertising that declared that their boats had performance differences due to different construction techniques, particularly in the concentration of weight which is prohibited by CR 3.1.2. The result of the audit declared that the boats were compliant. Winner published an apology on their website for their misleading advertisement.

In April, there was an incident at the Garda Meeting involving two members of the Executive that suggested that IODA favoured certain builders against smaller builders and there were anonymous emails of allegations of corrupt behaviour. The Executive Committee concluded an internal investigation about this incident. Since the IODA Articles do not establish rules of conduct for individuals, as the AGM is the highest authority, the report and the response of the individual executive member in question was released to the Country Representatives prior to the AGM.

Peter confirmed that the charter boats from both Winner and Far East for the 2017 Championship are statistically the same. No one boat is performing better than the other. He stressed that the fundamental importance for the Optimist Class that boats built are equal in speed regardless of the builder or country of origin. The success of a sailor is in their ability and talent and not in the boat that they steer.

Peter thanked his colleagues in the Executive Committee and the members of the Regatta and Technical Committees for the great work and dedication to the class.

Most importantly he thanked his wife, Sole and his family who have supported him during his tenure of Vice President and then IODA President for the past 11 years.

4. Vice President's Reports

- (a) Nuno Gomes VP, Africa, Asia & Oceania, presented an overview of the 2016 African Championships in Luanda, Angola held October 6-14th as well as the 2016 Asian/Oceania Championship held in Trincomalee, Sri Lanka, May 28 to June 5th.

Priorities for the region are to improve communication through the secretariat (a What's App group has been created to help people be in contact with one another), and improving and

updating databases in the region of key Optimist supporters to better coordinate activity in the areas of regional competition and development.

Optimist fleets in Asia are growing, so there is need for more race officials, measurers, and coaches. Africa is growing in Optimist activity as well with some MNA's becoming very competitive (ANG, MOZ, TAN etc). New countries are coming on stream but some are struggling. Oceania is well represented by NZ and AUS.

Nuno also outlined the plans for development coaching clinics in both Africa and Asia, as well as official's clinics associated with events in the region.

- (b) Luis Velasco, VP Americas presented an overview of the 2016 SAMS held Salina, Ecuador on March 17-26th and 2016 NAMS in Antigua, July 10-18th. He also reviewed the up coming events in 2019.

Luis also outlined his plans for development clinics in the region. One IODA Development Clinic is scheduled to take place November 28th to December 3rd in Santo Domingo and another is scheduled to take place prior to the 2018 South American Championship in Montevideo, Uruguay March 15-20, 2018. A Measurement Clinic may take place at the same time.

Luis also outlined a proposal to introduce an award to be presented to the "Best Optimist Development Program in the America's" as well as the introduction of Development Subcommittees in the regions of North American and the Caribbean and South America to assist in the development in the Americas.

- (c) Carla Stanley, VP of Europe was not in attendance of the meeting, her report was circulated to the IODA members in attendance at the AGM. The VP, Europe visited a number of events in Europe in 2016 as well as a site visit for the 2017 European Championship in Bourgas, Builgaria.

Carla also attended the 2016 Europeans in Crotone, Italy held in July 15-22nd. There were 290 competitors from 46 countries in attendance (33 teams from Europe and 13 from the rest of the world).

Fifteen teams took part in the separate event for the 2016 European Team Racing in Ledro, ITA August 23-28th. In 2017, gender equal teams of 4 sailors (2 boys and 2 girls) was approved at the 2016 AGM.

Carla provided plans for the future to support a coaching clinic in Slovakia.

5. Technical Committee Report

Claudio Zon, the Chairman of the Technical Committee presented the Technical Committee Report.

Currently there are eight International Optimist Measurers: Wataru Arakawa (JPN); S.V. Balachander (IND); Jurgen Cluytmans (BEL); Diego Freiria (URU); Jean-Luc Gauthier (FRA); Ms. Jang (KOR); Curly Morris (IRL); Conxa Ontiveros (ESP).

There are six Measurers in Training: Olive Parker (IRL); Maho Udagawa (JPN); Alejandro de Juan (ESP); Alberto Pindozi (ITA); Alexandra Willeman (URU); and Mr. Muramatsu-Teksu (JPN).

The Technical Committee have been organizing measurement training seminars to increase the number of Optimist Class Measurers.

For the past year, the Technical Committee has provided pre-measurement for boats and hulls making it easier for the sailors when they arrive at an event. They recommend that they will continue with this in the future. They are also looking at implementing a paperless system for event measurement in the future.

There are two new approved IODA builders: Naaix (ESP) and OnePlus (CHN). There are also potentially two new IODA approved builders in the future: Tom Optimist One Design (BRA) and Nilo Dinghies (ARG).

The IODA Prototype Measurer along with President, Peter Barclay inspected the Winner moulds and found all boats were IODA compliant and Winner has removed their advertisement. In the future, the Technical Committee will promote better control of the builders.

And finally, the Technical Platform on the IODA website was created last year, but is not being used very much. TC will reactivate it in the coming year.

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. In 2017, IODA has implemented microsites across all our IODA events. It is an Internet based platform available to all organisers where we run not only the technical part of the events like Official Notice Board, Jury matters and results but also the social media and tracking. This brought to competitors and support people flexibility and comfort since they can access and be updated about the event 24 hours a day from any place.

Another action for 2017 was the implementation of the Development Program for Race Officers, an educational system based on practice at events that looks for new and potential race officers.

The goals of the program are to increase and refresh the pool of race officers available to attend future events and provides to organisers of IODA events one more person to help in the race committee at their events. In 2017, the program was implemented at the SAMs and Africans and also will be at European Championship.

During a 3-day Regatta Committee Meeting in March, the Committee reviewed the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, Regatta Manual, all race management and jury forms and other support documents.

Ricardo thanked his committee members, Andres Peres (ESP), David Campbell James(GBR) and Ilker Bayindir (TUR) for their time and effort donated to the Optimist Class over the year.

7. Annual Audited Accounts

- (a) The IODA Treasurer, S.V. Balachander presented the 2016 Annual Report. Although overall expenses were lower in 2016 by about \$8K, there is a deficit of just over \$30K

as a result of approximately \$60K less revenue than in 2015. A question from the floor regarding adding the due date to the invoices will be reviewed for 2018.

Decision

*Moved by PAK and seconded by CAN to approve the 2016 Annual Report.
MOZ/TAN Abstained from voting. Motion approved.*

- (b) S.V. Balachander reviewed the 2017 Budget. He is forecasting a loss of about \$50K which will be funded from the reserves to be used in the areas of development and training. Comments from the members included increasing the amount of development spending while others suggested eliminating Tracking costs of \$25K to reduce the deficit.

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

S.V. Balachander proposed that there are no changes in the IODA Annual Subscription Dues in 2018 and will remain at \$350USD. There is also no change in the championship fee, as this was determined at the 2016 AGM. The championship fee is \$35USD per sailor and adult registered. As agreed at the 2016 AGM, the championship fee is to increase to \$50USD in 2019. Sail Label fees will remain at \$10USD each.

The only change as a matter of information is that the cost of the Registration/Measurement Books and ISAF Plaques for new boats will increase as of August 1st to \$50USD from \$45USD each. The increase is due to a cumulative increase in Royalty fees charged each year for the past several years from World Sailing.

9. Proposals from the Executive Committee

Note: All Proposal decisions approved at the 2017 AGM are effective immediately, with the exception of Class Rule Changes.

- a) Proposal 17-01 Conditions for the Optimist World Championship from the Executive Committee regarding prizes and awarding the Top Girl the Helen Mary Wilkes Trophy and the Top Boy the Peter Barclay Trophy.

Decision

Moved by RSA and seconded by CAN, proposal 16-01 was unanimously approved.

- b) Proposals 17-02 and 17-03 Conditions for the Optimist World and Continental Championship regarding eligibility with World Sailing.

Decision

Moved by RSA and seconded by BRA, proposals 17-02 and 17-03 were unanimously approved.

- c) Proposals 17-04 and 17-05 Conditions for the Optimist World and Continental Championship regarding bone fide sailors making up no more than 50% of their team.

Decision

Moved by SUI and seconded by ESP, proposals 17-04 and 17-05 were approved.

- d) Proposals 17-06 and 17-07 Conditions for the Optimist World and Continental Championship regarding the reimbursement costs for the site visits by an IODA Representative prior to the championship.

Decision

Moved by CAN and seconded by BRA, proposals 17-06 and 17-07 were unanimously approved.

- e) Proposals 17-08 and 17-09 Conditions for the Optimist World and Continental Championship regarding meals for the International Jury.

Decision

Moved by RSA and seconded by MOZ, proposals 17-08 and 17-09 were not approved.

- f) Proposals 17-10 and 17-11 Conditions for the Optimist World and Continental Championship regarding meals for the IODA Officials.

Decision

There was no motion, Proposals 17-10 and 17-11 were withdrawn.

- g) Proposals 17-12 and 17-13 Conditions for the Optimist World and Continental Championship regarding specifying food for the competitors.

Decision

There was no motion, proposals 17-12 and 17-13 were withdrawn.

- h) Proposals 17-14 and 17-15 Conditions for the Optimist World and Continental Championship regarding the mandatory use of the Event Microsite for IODA Events.

Decision

Moved by MYN and seconded by AUS, proposals 17-14 and 17-15 were approved.

- i) Proposals 17-16, 17-17, 17-18, 17-19 Conditions for the Optimist North American, South American, African and Asian/Oceanian Championships regarding changing the gender reference from 'female' to 'girl'.

Decision

Moved by RSA and seconded by CAN, proposals 17-16, 17-17, 17-18, 17-19 were unanimously approved.

- j) Proposals 17-20, 17-21, 17-22 and 17-23 Conditions for the Optimist World and Continental Championship regarding the reference to the use of "Bid Forms" for the applications to host an IODA event.

Decision

Moved by RSA and seconded by AZE, proposals 17-20, 17-21, 17-22, 17-23 were unanimously approved.

- k) Proposal 17-24 Condition for the Optimist World Championship correcting a reference.

Decision

Moved by CAN and seconded by RSA, proposal 17-24 was unanimously approved.

10. Proposals to Amend the Class Rules

Note: All Class Rule Changes are effective from January 1, 2018.

- a) Proposal 017-TC01 changing Class Rule 2.7.3 Identification on the hull to comply with current practice.

Decision

Moved by RSA and seconded by CAN, proposal 017-TC01 was unanimously approved.

- b) Proposal 017-TC02 changing Class Rules 3.2.6 and 3.5.3 to clarify the number of sheaves in mainsheet blocks.

Decision

Moved by BRA and seconded by RSA, proposal 017-TC02 was unanimously approved.

- c) Proposal 017-TC03 changing Class Rule 3.5.3.8, mainsheet attachment arrangement.

Decision

Moved by AUS and seconded by CAN, proposal -17-TC03 was unanimously approved.

- d) Proposal 017-TC04 changing Class Rule 3.2.6 regarding 'personal electronical equipment'.

Decision

Moved by CAN and seconded by PAK, proposal 017-TC04 was unanimously approved.

- e) Proposal 017-TC05 changing Class Rule 4.2 (b) regarding total weight of clothing and equipment worn and the correct reference to the Racing Rules.

Decision

Moved by CAN and seconded by AZE, proposal 017-TC05 was unanimously approved.

- f) Proposal 017-TC06, changing Class Rule 4.3 (a) clarifying attaching the bailers to the hull.

Decision

Moved by RSA and seconded by AZE, proposal 017-TC06 was unanimously approved.

- g) Proposal 017-TC07 changing Class Rule 2.5.4 regarding the number of boats per sailor.

Decision

Moved by AUS and seconded by CAN, proposal 017-TC07 was unanimously approved.

- h) Proposal 017-TC08 changing Class Rule 6.3.3.12 to update the wording on the “leech mid point” and “foot mid point” as publicized in the 2017-2022 edition of the Equipment Rules of Sailing.

Decision

Moved by BRA and seconded by AZE, proposal 017-TC08 was unanimously approved.

11. Proposals from Members

- a) Proposal from CAN regarding changing the conditions of championship eligibility to allow any boy or girl to enter so long as he or she has not reached their 16th birthday on the first day of the championship event.

Decision

Moved by Canada and seconded by IRL, the proposal from CAN was not approved.

12. Confirm the Venue for the 2018 Optimist World Championship

Stelios Charalambous, the Chair of the Organizing Committee of the 2018 Optimist World Championship presented an update on the arrangements for the championship hosted by the Famagusta Nautical Club in Limassol, Cyprus taking place from August 27th to September 6th, 2018. The sailor entry fee is 550 Euro and the Adult entry fee is 600 Euros. The Optimist charter fee is 400 Euros and the charter fee for the support boat is 1300 Euros (Euro 650 per coach)

As this event, will be a mandatory charter, there was a question regarding the two-builder provision in the World Championship Conditions. The chair of the Organizing Committee agreed to confirm to IODA in the near future the names of the two builders that will be providing the charter boats to the event.

Decision:

Moved by IRL and seconded by HUN, the Famagusta Nautical Club (FNC) in Limassol, Cyprus is unanimously confirmed as the venue for the 2018 Optimist World Championship.

13. Select the Venue for the 2019 Optimist World Championship

Bids from ANT and CHN were presented at the meeting. TUN did not present their bid. The following venue was selected.

Decision

Antigua was elected as the host venue for the 2019 Optimist World Championships. The dates of the World Championship are July 6 to 16, 2019.

14. Confirm the Venues for the IODA Continental Championships 2018

The following IODA Championships were unanimously confirmed:

- i) 2018 European Championship – Scheveningen, NED, June 22 – 29th
- ii) 2018 Asian & Oceanian Championship – Ngwe Saung Yacht Club & Resort, MYA, Nov 10 to 17th
- iii) 2018 African Championship – Clube Maritimo de Desportos, Maputo Bay, MOZ, Oct 5 to 12th
- iv) 2018 South American Championship – Yacht Club Uruguayo, Puerto Del Buceo, Montevideo, URU Mar 24-Apr 1.
- v) 2018 North American Championship – Vallarta Yacht Club, MEX, June 24-July 1st
- vi) 2018 European Team Racing Championships – Lago di Ledro, ITA, August TBC

15. Select the Venues for the IODA Continental Championships 2019

All bids were presented and after voting, the following IODA event was selected:

- i) 2019 Asian & Oceanian Championship – Mussanah Sport City, Oman Sail, OMA Sept 30 to Oct 7th

The following IODA events were uncontested and selected:

- i) 2019 South American Championship – Algarrobo CHI – After Easter, 2019
- ii) 2019 European Championship, Centre Nautique de Crozon-Morgat, June 22 – June 29th
- iii) 2019 European Team Racing Championship - Lago di Ledro, ITA, August, 2019

Note:

No bid was received to host the 2019 Optimist North American Championship.

An incomplete bid was received from SEY to host the 2019 Optimist African Championship.

16. Information from World Sailing Meetings

The 2016 Worlds Sailing Conference was held in Barcelona Spain, November 5-13th. Elections took place for the Executive and appointments were made for all committees. IODA has a number of our Executive and Committee members that have been appointed to WS committees and Sub-committees for the next 4 years. The interests of IODA are well represented by the following.

Peter Barclay – Chair, Team Racing Sub Committee
Ricardo Navarro – Chair, Regional Games Committee

Andres Perez – Chair, International Judges Committee
Member, Race Officials Committee

Luis Velasco – Member, Para World Sailing Committee
Fiona Kidd – WS Classes Committee representing the Optimist Class
Member, Events Committee

Jurgen Cluytmans (former TC Chair) – Chair, Equipment Rules Sub-Committee
Chair International Measurers Committee
Member, Equipment Committee
Member, Race Officials Committee

Curly Morris (former TC Chair) - WS Classes Representative on Equipment Rules
Subcommittee

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 LAT elected as Vice President, Europe

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

Election of two members for a two-year term

- a) Olive Parker (IRL) nominated by IRL and seconded by MOZ was elected as a member of the Technical Committee
- b) Alberto Pindozi (ITA) nominated by ITA and seconded by AZE was elected as a member of the Technical Committee

Election of a retiring member for a one-year term

- c) Diego Freiria (URU) nominated by URU and seconded by ARG 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 ARG was elected as a member of the Regatta Committee
- b) Andres Perez (ESP) nominated by ESP and seconded by PUR was elected as a member of the Regatta Committee.

20. Election of the Auditor (Article 14).

Treasurer, S.V Balachander proposed to continue with Beierholm located in Aalborg, DEN as the auditors for the International Optimist Dinghy Association for the Fiscal Year 2017.

Decision

The proposal to elect Beierholm, Aalborg, DEN as the auditors for IODA for Fiscal Year 2017 was unanimously approved.

21. Any Other Business

- a) A letter signed by 22 team leaders was received by the President prior to the start of the AGM asking to postpone the start of the AGM to 1700 from on July 18th. The reason for asking for the delay was due to the dangerous launching conditions at the venue and the Team Leaders preferred to safety at the venue until the sailors were launched safely.

Decision:

Moved by RSA and seconded by AUS to start the meeting was approved.

Meeting started at 10:50

- b) Prior to the election of the Executive Committee, a motion was presented by the Member from BEL and seconded by PAK, requesting that a third-party independent investigation be conducted about the Lake Garda incident, and about how the Investigation was run.

Decision:

Approved.

- c) The Secretary General, Fiona Kidd, presented the revised IODA logo to the AGM that was approved by the Executive at the Mid Year Meeting in ARG in February, 2017. It is based on the concept that IODA brings youth sailors together from around the world to compete as one. The updated logo has been designed to appeal to the young sailors in the class and provide more flexibility across many applications. The new logo will roll out over the next few months across the organization.
- d) Peter Barclay proposed that IODA institute the Jacobsen Trophy in memory of Viggo Jacobsen who passed away in the fall of 2016 and his wife for their vision and dedication during the first years of IODA. He suggested the possibility of renaming the Miami Herald Trophy.

Decision:

The proposal was unanimously approved.

- e) Ricardo Navarro thanked Peter Barclay for his over 15 years of service in IODA and presented him with a gift of appreciation from the Executive Committee for his 11 years as President of IODA.

Decision

Moved by President Elect, Kevin Whitcraft and seconded by Ricardo Navarro, Chairman, Regatta Committee to elect Peter Barclay as an Officer of Honour was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.