

Minutes from NFIA and TC meeting, November 7, 2021 via MSTeams

1: Apologies for absence.

Heinz-Werner Aping was not on the call. Present were Michael Fehlandt, Simon Osgood, Lennart Magnusson, Lars Bræstrup and Per Buch.

2: Minutes from last meeting.

Approved without comments.

3: General matters:

The role as secretary has now been handed over to Simon Osgood from Harald Koglin.

According to the statutes the Chairman Michael Fehlandt will end his term next summer in connection with the AGM and be replaced by the Vice Chairman. The board will reach out to potential Vice Chair candidates.

4: Financial matters:

The financials are in good shape with a cash balance of more than Euro 10K. Simon suggested that we update the NFIA website, and the board agreed that Simon investigate this matter.

5: Technical matters:

The use of spinnakers on Folkboats during international regattas has been discussed and suggested by the Finish fleet. The board acknowledges this discussion and decided to present the proposal at the AGM 2022 and vote on the proposal. Prior to that a formal proposal will be sent to the national associations for discussion and national positioning.

Magid Folkboat /Andreas Granlund, Haderslev, DK, has been registered as manufacturer of alumasts.

6: Preparation next meeting:

Next meeting will be Wednesday 16 March at 19.00 CET via MSTeams.

7: Events

Gold Cup will take place as follows: 2022 Kiel, Germany, 2023 Tallinn, Estonia, 2024 Halmstad, Sweden. No decision about 2025 and beyond yet.

Sessan Cup will take place 2022 in Lymington, UK. No decision is yet taken for 2024 and later.

The British fleet was willing to host the event in 2022 but unable to provide boats for the participants and thus not according to the statutes which was accepted by the board as an exemption. All crews must bring their own boat to the event, hosted by Lymington Yacht Club and will run alongside UK Nationals and Walcon Cup. It was felt that taking own boats was enabling all competition to be fair to all competitors. The board strongly recommend participation in this international event. The entry forms and entry is now open, please visit Nordic Folkboat National Championships at Royal Lymington Yacht Club - Royal Lymington Yacht Club, Lymington, Hampshire (rlymyc.org.uk). The event also has its own informational website here: The UK Folkboat Association International Regatta – Sponsored by Spencers of The New Forest (folkboatsessancup.com) where travel and organization information can be found

The Sessan Cup articles:

The Sessan Cup is a challenge cup which originally was granted by Sessan Line, Sweden. The Cup was sailed in Sweden from 1957 between the cities of the Swedish west coast and from 1976 it became an international event among folkboat teams and clubs.

According to the articles it should take place every second year in Germany, Sweden, UK or Denmark and sailed as a friendly team race. According to the articles the race is sailed in boats made available for the teams and the boat owner and there will be a draw for the boats.

These articles were made in another time when the boats were sailed from race to race. I was before the trailer was introduced to the class enabling international races with longer distances.

The Sessan Cup was last raced in Berlin in 2014 and it has been increasingly difficult to find organizing clubs having enough boats. Furthermore, it has also been even more increasingly difficult to find boat owners willing to lend their boats. Some countries do not have any venues with enough boats.

Looking at the history the conclusion is that the principal for the Sessan Cup is the Swedish Folkboat Association. The actual articles of the Sessan Cup were written in connection to when NFIA was granted in 1994. In the Sessan Cup articles it is written:

1. The Sessan Cup

a) The NFIA administer the articles of the Sessan Cup and co-ordinates and select venues for the Sessan Cup.

And in the NFIA articles it is written:

2. The principal objects of the N F I A are:

[d] To co-ordinate and select venues for the following international championships The Gold Cup The Sessan Cup

The articles do not regulate how amendments should be done.

The NFIA board has agreed to investigate a possible update of the articles reflecting the “new times” in order to make this great Folkboat event survive in the future.

Kerteminde, November 11, 2021