

# Minutes of General Assembly 2000 of the YCC (Yachting Club CERN)

Date : November 23, 2000

Present : approximately 50 members, out of which are 9 of the committee

Excused : 17 members out of which one committee member

Beginning of the general assembly : 18:10

## **Agenda :**

1. Approval of the Agenda,
2. Approval of the minutes of the GA 1999,
3. Report on 2000 Activities,
4. Report on the 2000 Budget,
5. Report of the Auditors,
6. Amendements to the Statute,
7. Nomination of the Auditors,
8. Election of the President,
9. Nomination of the Committee,
10. Fees for the 2001 season,
11. Discussion on the 2001 activities,
12. Preliminary 2001 Budget and
13. AOB.

The honoray president Chick Nicols chairs the general assembly.

## **1 Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda of the general assembly 2000 is approved.

## **2 Approval of the minutes of the GA 1999**

The minutes of the general assembly 1999 are approved unanimeously.

### **3 Report on 2000 Activities**

The president of the YCC, Gigi Rolandi, gives a short overview of the activities of the YCC during the 2000 season. For more details, members are referred to the annual report, which has been distributed at the beginning of the general assembly.

Chick Nicols reads a letter from Ulf Kracht, who could not attend the assembly, but requested to express his opinion in this way. In his letter, Ulf expresses his opinion that the communication in the club did not work well during the last season and suggests that the CERN bulletin should be used more often to announce current news. Some members agree and complain about the fact that the YCC News are distributed in electronic form. However, the first News of the season 2000 has been distributed on paper to all members and, at that occasion, members were asked to declare, if they wish to receive also the forthcoming News on paper. For the coming season, it is planned to distribute the first club News of the season again to everybody on paper and that members will be asked to declare, if they wish to receive the further News on paper. The committee takes note of the wish that the CERN bulletin should be used more often for YCC announcements.

Finally, a long discussion takes place on the use of electronic mail. Some members believe that, whenever a mail is sent to organise some event, members without mail account must be informed by other means. It is pointed out that electronic mail was mainly used to remind members of events, which had been announced in the News earlier.

Only in exceptional cases (e.g. transmission of the America's Cup) events were only announced by e-mail, where an organisation would not otherwise have been possible.

### **4 Report on the 2000 Budget**

The expenses during the season are in reasonable agreement with the planning forecast. A relatively large amount has been spent on maintenance. This is explained by investments for the Surprise. The amount foreseen for renewal of the fleet has not been spent, since the second Surprise for the club has not yet been found.

### **5 Report of the Auditors**

In their report the auditors state that "...the financial statements give a true and fair view of the Club's affairs .... and have been properly prepared." David Holman points out that a large amount of money is blocked on club accounts for key deposits.

Gigi Rolandi states that, after consulting the CERN legal services :

- A The committee has decided - starting with the season 2001 - to suppress the deposit and to introduce a fee of 20 CHF for the license and the fee.
- B The general meeting may decide that every member holding already keys of the YCC is deemed to have paid this fee by way of compensation with the deposit. Those members who do not agree to this procedure and do not want to keep their keys, dispose of 6 months as from the date of the General Meeting to give their keys back against repayment of the deposit. After this date no refund will be given.

Sven de Man remarks that, if point B is approved, the amount available will increase by about CHF 14000.-. He believes that people will make copies elsewhere and that more keys will circulate, since members leaving the club will not return their keys, increasing the security risk for the boats. He therefore opposes proposal B. David Holman thinks that, to increase security, one would have to exchange the locks regularly.

Proposal B is accepted by the general assembly with one vote against and two abstentions.

## 6 Amendements to the Statutes

- Article 17 :

The aim of the proposed modification is and presents an improvement with the de facto situation violating the club rules.

Wolfgang Herdrich proposes to replace 20 % of the club fortune by a fixed amount. There is a lengthy discussion wheter if CHF 20 000.- is too much. Chick Nicols states that this amount is high enough for most day-to-day operations, but not worth to disappear with it and thus a good compromise. Finally, the text :

*Une somme ne d'passant pas 20000.- CHF peut être gardée sur un compte bancaire séparé et accessible par la simple signature du président ou du trésorier. Tout engagement affectant le restant de la fortune du club n'est valable que par la signature collective à deux d'une part du président, du vice-président ou du secrétaire et, d'autre part, par le trésorier ou son adjoint.*

is approved by the assembly.

- Article 22 :

The modification proposed for the article 22 is approved unanimously.

- Article 4 :

Wolfgang Herdrich finds that the point 4 c (proposed to be withdrawn) is not redundant with article 5 and thus should remain in the statute. After some discussion, the proposed modifications of article 4 is accepted with 6 votes against and 5 abstentions.

- Article 14 :

The proposed modification of article 14 (removal of second redundant mentioning of the vice-president) is approved unanimously.

## 7 Nomination of the Auditors

Stefano Buono and David Holman are re-lected auditors for the season 2001.

## 8 Election of the President

Gigi Rolandi is re-elected president for the coming season 2001.

## 9 Nomination of the Committee

Gigi proposes the committee for the season 2001. There are only a few changes with respect to the last season. Salvatore Mele will take over the social activities from Jose and Véronique Gomez-Costa, who will leave the committee. Rob Veenhof will take the place of Rui Ribeiro (courses and tests). Peter Brooks and Jérôme Pierlot will join the committee and organize the windsurf activities and the catamaran maintenance, respectively. The committee proposed for the forthcoming season is :

Gigi Rolandi	:	President
Marco Benvenuti	:	Vice-President, publications (News...)
Cristina Morone	:	Tresurier
Christian Carli	:	Secretary
Elena Gianolio	:	Administration and IT
Enrico Bravin	:	Maintenance Dinghies
Robert Herzog	:	
Robert Herzog	:	Organization of "Jeune Genevois" cruise
Jerome Pierlot	:	Maintenance Catamarans
Willemjan Maan	:	Maintenance Keelboats
Peter Brooks	:	Windsurf
Vincenzo Innocente	:	Courses and Tests
Rob Veenhof	:	
Mario Campanelli	:	Regattas and training Thursdays
Paul Rabar	:	Surveillance
Salvatore Mele	:	Social Activities

The committee proposed for the coming season is approved by the general assembly.

## 10 Fees for the 2001 season

Gigi Rolandi proposes to keep the club fees at the same level as last season, since the financial situation of the club is good. He proposes to suppress the CHF 20.- "fine" for late payers. In order to motivate the YCC members to pay their annual fee on time, he suggests to organise a lottery at the opening dinner amongst those, who pay on time. The winner is reimbursed the annual fee.

The question, why friend members do not pay an entrance fee, is raised. The answer is that the entrance fee is to participate in the acquisition of the fleet. Since friend members do not use the club boats, they are not asked to pay an entrance fee.

## 11 Discussion on the 2001 activities

- General :  
Gigi Rolandi plans to update the publications (general and yearly) presenting the YCC to the outside world and to the members.
- Cruise :  
Robert Herzog plans that the "Jeune Genevois" cruise 2001 should be organised by a "working group" consisting of the skippers. His own task would be coordination.

At the moment, there are two proposals for the cruise. One is to sail along the Croatian coast and the other to head to Korsika starting from Italy.

- Regattas :  
Regattas, which were held successfully (e.g. match-race and regatta in common with the CNV) during the 2000 season, will take place again. In addition Mario Campanelli envisages to boost the participation of YCC boats in public regattas taking place on the lake Geneva.
- Social Activities :  
In addition to the traditional club events (like winter club nights, thursday trainings with BBQ, ...), Salvatore plans to organise again a photo contest and the election of the "special sailor", which had been successfully introduced this season. Lost traditions, like the camping week-end for dinghies and the after regatta BBQ's will be re-introduced. Furthermore, there are plans to refurbish the shop and to organize club evenings "à thème" (sailing related movies, presentations ..).  
There is a long discussion on the fact that, during the past season, no responsible for preparing the thursday BBQ and to sell drinks was present in Versoix on a number of occasions.
- Catamarans  
Gigi Rolandi speaks for Willemjan Man, who could not attend the assembly. There was a certain decline of the Catamaran activities (difficulties to find volunteers for teaching courses, maintenance ..., low availability of boats and serious damage of one hull). However, a poll showed that there is still interest in this section. The catamarans will be repaired and a new responsible has been found and hopefully the coming seasons will be more successful.  
Finally, there is a discussion about the fact that the catamarans had been declared "entry level" by the present committee. Hartmut Kugler expresses his opinion that, in previous years, the level of catamaran sailors had been kept high by being strict about granting licenses (experience required for C courses, serious tests). At that time, little damage of the catamarans was observed despite the regular usage of the boats and the fact catamarans are sportive boats requiring a high level of sailing skills.

## 12 Preliminary 2001 Budget

The provisional budget for the 2001 season is based on experience during the past season. There is uncertainty on the subvention from the staff association. In some years there is no subvention in other (accounting) years, a subvention is paid twice.

The main points are :

Income	:	CHF 55700.- (fees, courses, subvention, ...)
Expenses	:	CHF 38980.- (maintanence, insurance, ...)
Reserved for new boats	:	CHF 40000.- (to buy a second Surprise)

During the follwing discussion, Sven de Man proposes to accept an offer from Mystère to exchange the existing catamarans against new ones for FF 60 000.-. It is pointed out that accepting this offer would bring the state of the catamarans to the situation 3 years ago. The amount proposed in this offer is too expensive for only three years of catamaran use. That is why the Mystère offer had not been accepted by the committee.

## 13 AOB

- Michael Levine states that the cruise had been marvellous and thanks the organiser.
- Udo suggests to distribute a printed current member list to all members at about mid-season (as had been done in previous years).

It turns out that some members had technical problems to access the member list available on the www site of the club. Those members are kindly requested to contact Elena Gianolio in order to solve the problems.

End of the General Assembly 2000 of the YCC : 20:50