

Minutes of the 2001 YCC General Meeting

Thursday 22 November 2001

Salle du Conseil
CERN

Suggested agenda

1. Election of the Chairman
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of the minutes of the 2000 G.M.
4. Report on 2001 Activities
5. Report on the 2001 Budget
6. Report of the Auditors
7. Discussion on 2001 Activities and discharging of the Committee.
8. Nomination of the Auditors
9. Election of the President
10. Nomination of the 2002 Committee
11. Fees for 2002 season
12. Discussion on 2002 Activities
13. Preliminary 2002 Budget
14. AOB.

Point 1. Election of the Chairman.

The 2001 YCC General Meeting begins at 18:09. An attendance sheet is circulated among the participants.

Ms. Gianolio and Messrs. Dorenobs, Kugler, Innocente, Layda, Maan, MacKenzie, Rabar, and Vascotto, have sent their apologies to the president of the YCC for not being able to attend.

The YCC President, Gigi Rolandi, suggests that Chick Nichols, YCC Honorary President, be appointed as chairman. The proposal is endorsed unanimously.

Chick asks the participants which language should be used. Seven votes for English, rest is for French. The meeting is therefore held in French.

Chick Nichols introduces himself to the audience and briefly mentions his life in the Club.

Point 2. Approval of the agenda.

The agenda is approved. However, Mr. Ulf Kracht points out that the actual name of club is Yachting Club CERN.

Point 3. Approval of of the previous year's GM minutes.

Approved. The minutes were circulated in February 2001 and made available on the YCC web site

Point 4. Report on 2001 activities.

Gigi has the floor and shows some slides summarizing the major events of the season.

The Club has 265 members this year, vs. 254 last year. The proportion of friend members is decreasing.

We had 3 YCC News. The Annual and General Information were circulated early in the year and published on the web, in a very timely fashion. The CERN Bulletin was used extensively to circulate information.

The Club has acquired a new boat. In addition, new sails, a new trailer and a new outboard engine were also purchased. On a less happy note, it has to be admitted that the Q-Boat engine is not functioning properly and will be inspected. Probably, this will reveal that complete replacement is necessary.

It was difficult to keep the boat maintenance to acceptable standards, particularly for the First 25. The catamarans have gone through a better season than in 2000. No particular problems were reported for the dinghies, although the 485 and a 470 had to be sent to P. Durr for repair. The boats are now OK, although one repair was delayed by misunderstandings between the YCC and the insurance. There was no particular problem regarding Surprise maintenance.

The figures of the usage of boats exhibit a sharp increase of the use of the fleet. The keelboat usage is up 42% with 160 outings on average. The catamarans average usage was 40 outings, thus increased 17%, while the dinghies outings are down 15% to an average of 45 outings per boat.

BA5. Gigi describes the new shed made available to the Club. The building is ready and our boats are now safely parked there. Important infrastructures, like shelving, are still in an embryonic state. The partition of the building, which is shared with the Diving Club, is still to be done. Since most of YCC gear is in the ISR area, some work is to be carried out to recover all YCC stuff into the BA5.

Courses. In 2001, the Committee put in place three curricula: Windsurfs, Dinghies (beginners/advanced) and Keelboats (beginners/advanced). 74 students (+13%) attended the courses, of which 39 passed the test. The total number of successful tests in 2001 is 70 (+ 40%), including the 39 students.

Surveillance: In 2001 there were 73 Q-Boat outings helped by 33 drivers and 105 crewmembers. Four of the outings included major rescue interventions. Figures show an increase of 7% in sorties, 40% in the number of drivers and 15% in the number of crews. More than 50% of the club membership was involved in the safety shifts.

Social activities. Gigi gives the list of 2001 social events. Namely, Winter Evenings, Fancy Dress Party, Opening Dinner, Newcomers' Welcoming Drink, BBQs after Regattas, Photo Contest, Helpers Outing, Closing Dinner and the Special Sailor Prize. Gigi expresses his view that Salvatore's efforts were not always rewarded with a proportional participation. The YCC Shop was however again a clear success.

Thursday evenings – Each Thursday evening was manned by one or more committee members. On the first Thursday of the month, a special introductory tour of Port Choiseul for newcomers was held. Some of the boats taken on Thursday outings joined several sessions of the CNV *Régates du Jeudi*.

The rough news is the unavailability of the room in Versoix, where YCC has until now held its barbeques. As of next year, Frédéric will use the room as his own office and will give up the buvette. We will try and reach agreement with the new Buvette manager to ensure the continuance of our evenings.

Regattas. 11 YCC Regattas were organized during the season, including two extremely successful Match Races. In particular, one regatta was organized in collaboration with CCS. Numerous YCC members participated in external regattas (i.e., Geneve-Rolle-Geneve , Bol d'Or, Semaines du Soir in Versoix, Rolle, Nyon and the Criterium for Surprise in Versoix) organized as a CLUB participation. The effort to organize the crews was considerable but well rewarded.

Point 5. 2001 Budget.

Cristina has the floor. Please refer to the printed version of the YCC consolidated 2001 budget for details.

Budget highlights (figures are rounded to the nearest CHF 100):

YCC revenues came mainly from the membership fees (CHF 50,000), the course fees (CHF 12,700) and the availability of the deposit for keys (CHF 14,100) that was freed by the GM last year. The Association du Personnel contributed with CHF 11,000, of which CHF 5,000 were overdue from the year 2000.

YCC expenditures: totalled CHF 80,200. Major items were the purchase of the new Surprise (CHF 32,000), the purchase of sailing equipment (CHF 24,000), insurance premiums (CHF 9,400) and repairs (CHF 7,500). These entries account for CHF 72,000 (90% of total expenses).

The keys to access a boat will no longer be sold to members. They will be free of charge.

Cristina answers some questions about some budget lines, such as the money spent on regattas, the money raised by regattas, the purchase of a gun and new flags and the reason why YCC keeps a French bank account. She also explains that the Club paid for the crew enrolment to the Semaines du Soir. Ulf Kracht wonders why freeing the deposit of the key has freed CHF 14,100.

Rob Veenhof explains that the market value of Miss Match exceeds CHF 32,000 because it's a boat geared for racing. The official value of the boat in the asset table is CHF 15,000.

The liquid assets of the Club total CHF 81,000.

The present official value of the YCC assets (the fleet) is presented.

Point 6. Auditors' report.

Stefano Buono, one of the two YCC auditors, reads the last page of the report. At 18:42, while Stefano is reading, D. Holman, the other auditor, enters the room. After the report is read, David Holman wishes to point out that sail depreciation oddity should have been spotted before. Chick asks for the report to be approved. Approved.

Point 7. Discussion on 2001 activity and discharge of the Committee.

Paul Gelissen argues that the drop in dinghy usage was due to unsuitable weather. Ulf Kracht comments on the organization of the fancy-dress party, saying that the place of the party was awkward to get to. Udo Wagner replies saying that the low participation cannot be explained by the awkward location as due to heavy snowfall everybody would equally have been forced to arrive by car as well for a more central location. The one chosen was well announced and easy to find. Salvatore explains why the party generated a deficit. He argues that it could have been worse if we had rented a proper room. Ulf Kracht suggests YCC try again.

The Committee is discharged of its responsibilities for 2001 by the GM and thanked.

Point 8 - Election of Auditors.

The two current auditors volunteer to take up the same task next year. Accepted

Point 9 - Election of President.

Gigi acclaimed.

Point 10 – Election of the 2002 Committee

Gigi presents the 2002 Committee, which is approved by the Assembly. The breakdown is :

Chairman: Gigi ROLANDI
 Deputy Chairman: Marco BENVENUTI
 Secretary: Elena GIANOLIO
 Treasurer: Udo WAGNER

Committee members:
 Enrico BRAVIN,
 Mario CAMPANELLI,
 Giovanni CERVELLI,
 Michel CORNEVIN,
 Robert HERZOG,
 Vincenzo INNOCENTE,
 Patrick JANOT,
 Salvatore MELE,
 Paul RABAR,
 Sandro VASCOTTO,
 Robert VEENHOF

In 2002, there will be five new members: Giovanni CERVELLI, Michel CORNEVIN, Patrick JANOT, Sandro VASCOTTO and Udo WAGNER.

Will leave the Committee : Peter Brooks, Christian Carli, Maria Cristina Morone, Wim de Maan and Jérôme Pierlot

Point 11 – Fees

Gigi presents a proposal for the fees for 2002. Since YCC has a healthy financial situation, there are no reasons to increase any fee. He recommends that the reduced fee for the Committee be discontinued. Gigi's proposals are approved. Therefore the 2002 fees are as follows:

Category	Annual Fee	Entry Fee
Active members	200 CHF	100 CHF
Active juniors (a)	100 CHF	50 CHF
Friend members (b)	60 CHF	0
Honorary members (b)	0	0
Temporary members (c)	70 CHF/month	0

Point 12 Discussion on next year's activities.**Gigi presents the proposals of the 2001 Committee.**

Fleet - The usage of the keelboats, and of the Yngling's in particular, calls for the purchase of another vessel. It should be another Yngling since this boat is used all the time.

Conversely, the estimates of repair costs of the First 25 (CHF 15,000) would suggest that the First 25 should be decommissioned. The Committee would like to moor the boat on the YCC buoy outside Port Choiseul, pending its sale.

Regattas - The Committee would like to continue improving the participation of our boats to external regattas. Thus the YCC racing programme will be at least equal to 2001's. The *Ras-le-Bol* will not be repeated though, because of the weak participation drawn over the past years.

Social Activities. The YCC Committee will only ensure organizing the opening and closing event, plus the helpers outing. More can be organized with the Committee's support if people volunteer to take charge themselves. Gigi outlines that doing otherwise might mean losing money.

Gijs de Rijk is discussing with the Municipality of Versoix to find a venue for our Thursday night barbeques.

The new BA5 storage shed is there. There will be a call for help for furnishing the shed.

Gigi passes the floor.

Discussion: G. Dadaglio challenges the decision of decommissioning the First 25. Gigi replies saying that CHF 15,000 is too much considering the limited use of the boat. G.Dadaglio says that the First provides a unique service (long outings). Chick Nichols recalls the original reasons why YCC bought the First in the first place. Chick would rather sell her and buy another one. Micheal Levine says that mooring the boat at an outer buoy will mean a death sentence. Ulf Kracht says YCC should buy a CHF 30,000 yacht. Marco Benvenuti says YCC doesn't have much money after all, since we have to renew the entire fleet before it becomes too old. He also adds that 6 people account for more than 80% of the usage of the boat, which makes the repair difficult to justify. Micheal Levine re-iterates observations that a group of First-lovers can try and see if they can repair the boat in-house. Mr. Merlo says he supports the purchase of a new CHF 30,000 boat. Nicola Bosco says we should either repair the boat or sell it. Tim Hancox shares the view that the outer buoy solution would sentence the boat to death.

Salvatore Mele would like to see the computed expenses per member-using-the-boat and compare the figures with those of the other boats.

Gigi's view is that since the First is used for longer outings, it naturally calls for an external mooring, more than any other kind of boat. Plus, we don't have to forget that the Q-Boat engine is to be replaced, on top of the purchase of an Yngling. Hence, we don't have the money to replace the First with another boat.

Two proposals are submitted to the GM participants:

Proposal 1 – The Committee is mandated to explore the technical feasibility of the following: Sale of the Caravelle → Try to swap Caravelle's place with some other place in the harbour because her present place is too shallow → Q-Boat takes the place generated by the sale of the Caravelle → Buy a new Yngling → the new Yngling goes to the former Q-Boat place → First stays where she is and Micheal Levine conducts trials for repairs.

Proposal 2 - Buy a new Yngling → Phase out the First 25.

Vote. Proposal 1 is approved by 19 votes for, 10 votes against, rest abstained. The Committee will therefore have to try to implement the Proposal 1. Proposal 2 is rejected. Gigi wishes that there would be as much usage as there is interest.

Presentation of the plan for the 2002 JG Cruise. R. Herzog gives the presentation. He says that he wishes to modify the tradition for the cruise, by introducing a new simpler and cheaper formula. Marine de Cogolin in the Gulf of St. Tropez is going to be the departure point. Paul Gelissen says that in 1996 we tried and it was a semi-failure. Chick Nichols says that he recalls the old cruises on the Côte d'Azur as a big success.

Point 13 – 2002 Budget

Presented by Udo, the newly appointed Treasurer. He recalls that the amount of liquidity of the Club is too high. We need to spend on the renewal of the fleet. He outlines that his 2002 budget is prudent. He counts on fewer new members and only CHF 65,000 of income. He anticipates financing the purchase of one new Yngling and one new 40-60 HP outboard engine. CHF 5000 are allotted for BA5 refurbishment. The same sum is allowed for a proposed new electronic key system. We should end up with CHF 54,000 at the end of 2002. He points out that one should not mistake the budget with the expenses. Nick Ziogas says 40HP is more than enough for the Q-Boat. Endorsed by many. Some say that the proposal 1 (see above) to keep the First, if the Committee is successful in carrying it through, might clash with the 2002 budget.

Approved.

Point 14 - AOB

Peter Brooks says that a small motorboat is definitely needed to round up the windsurf students. Paul Gelissen says he has one that he can give to the Club.

Ulf suggests that the Escalade and the christening of the new Surprise appear as official events in the 2002 calendar. Gigi asks Nick Ziogas whether he still wills to paint Miss Match's name on the hull. Nick says he will, this winter.

Gijs de Rijk tells about new key system and describes the facility. He has resumed work on it for a month and built a prototype box with 5 keys. He planned to spend CHF 1700 for a computer but he has actually found a suitable PC for CHF 100.

The General Meeting is closed at 20:17