

Minutes of the 2003 YCC General Meeting

Thursday 20 November 2003 - Salle du Conseil

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Agenda.

1. Election of the Chairman
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of the Minutes of 2002 G.M.
4. Discussion on 2003 Activities and Presentation of 2004 Activities
 - a. Introduction.
 - b. State of the YCC fleet.
 - c. Courses.
 - d. Regattas.
 - e. Jeûne Genevois Cruise.
 - f. Windsurf weekend
5. Report on the 2003 Budget.
6. Report of the Auditors.
7. Discharge of the 2003 Committee.
8. Nomination of the 2004 Auditors.
9. Election of the 2004 YCC President.
10. Nomination of the 2004 Committee.
11. Fees for the 2004 Season.
12. Preliminary 2004 Budget.
13. AOB.

Attendance and Election of the Chairman.

The 2003 YCC General Meeting begins at 18:05. An attendance sheet is circulated among the participants. 56 members are present. List is kept by secretary.

Chick Nicholls, ex-YCC President, is unanimously elected chairman of the 2003 GM.

Approval of minutes 2002

Minutes are approved.

Discussion on 2003 Activities and Presentation of 2004 Activities.

Gigi Rolandi used transparencies to show events and Club development, noting particularly that active membership had increased some 30% over three years. Against this, towards 50% of new members do not renew, usually because they have left Geneva. Non-CERN membership has increased, currently 40%. (The guideline maximum is 50%.)

Gigi also highlighted the perennial problem that YCC is almost automatically blamed for damage in Port Choiseul, because our boats are used so much. He noted that the Oracle Reservation system for boats would become a great improvement.

State of the YCC Fleet.

Enrico Bravin noted that five new covers for dinghies were made, and that overall, maintenance had found limited enthusiasm in most classes of boat.

The Dinghies are in adequate shape. A decision on replacing the 485, and what type, would be taken during the winter.

Catamaran use had suffered through lack of maintenance volunteers.

In 2003 YCC bought a second brand new Yngling, and named her Y Me? The remaining "old" Yngling had been extensively refurbished, with new rigging. All three are used a great deal.

Surprises remain very popular. Mic-Mac suffered a bad accident in a regatta and was out of action for weeks, causing problems with bookings, regatta presence and the course.

While the First caused unexpected problems a couple of times, her thorough refit made her a usable and interesting alternative, including for internal regattas.

Coyote periodically slipped her moorings (external buoy) or attempted to sink herself, just to check that she was being noticed.

Paul Gelissen asked for details about the toplock system on the Ynglings. It was reported that it had caused problems, maybe being better suited to owner-user boats, compounded in this case by sails with batten-pockets that confused too many users.

Paul Gelissen proposed that the new Committee investigate participation in more regattas such as from Corsier. Noted, but also that there is only a limited number of weekends in the season.

In response to a question from Nick Ziogas, it was clarified that insuring the ISO for regattas would necessitate Casco insurance and then cost a further CHF 500 p.a. (The Surprises cost CHF 1200 each.)

Tests&Courses.

Vincenzo Innocente reported that as usual, all courses were oversubscribed. Although 10% of active members are involved in teaching, there is still a shortage. This year fewer licences were obtained and later in the year than previously. Overall, the new teaching system for Ynglings had caused problems and would need to be reviewed.

Match Races and Regattas.

Marco Benvenuti presented the season for these activities. Boat damage and unavailability had been the limiting factor. The new Dragster regatta had been a popular success.

The Surprise match-race was organized as usual in September. It was enjoyable and continued to be a highlight of the season.

As to external regattas, the unavailability of Mic-Mac for much of the prime season had caused problems: Miss Match had flown the flag for external regattas, resulting however in on Surprise being generally available for sailing from Port Choiseul, nor for regatta crew practice.

Jeûne Genevois Cruise.

The 2003 JGC organization built on the success of 2002, with another inexpensive expedition by coach, this time to the Isle of Elba. This year, fewer people, four boats, but good weather, winds and happy visits round Elba and Capraia.

Windsurf weekend.

Giovanni Cervelli reported on the weekend, the same as JG above, and also to Tuscany. Opportunities for guaranteed strong winds were rare and the weekend a great success.

Financial Report.

Refer to the printed version of the YCC consolidated 2003 budget for details. Udo Wagner mentioned a few salient points of expenditure.

Income.

The increase in the number of members continues to mean an increase in income.

Expenses.

New sails, already bought and planned for the future, represented a steady use of funds. It was noted that accounting and expenditure had been tight to predictions.

Report of the Auditors.

Stefano Buono sent his regrets but David Holman, as one of the YCC Auditors, confirmed the 2003 budget, noting that the fear of increased membership resulting in lower enrolment had not happened. He confirmed their willingness to continue in 2004.

Discharge of the 2003 Committee.

The YCC 2003 Committee is discharged.

Election of the YCC President.

Gigi is acclaimed.

Nomination of the 2004 Committee.

Gigi thanks those current members who are not restanding for election: Salvatore Mele and Paul Rabar. He proposes the 2004 Committee, which is approved by the Assembly.

There are seven new members

The members are :

Chairman: Gigi ROLANDI

Deputy Chairman: Marco BENVENUTI

Secretary: Elena GIANOLIO

Treasurer: Udo WAGNER

Committee members:

Dominique BERTHET (new),

Enrico BRAVIN,

Giovanni CERVELLI,

Jonathan COOK (new),

Gijs de RIJK

Christine DETRAZ,

Timothy HANCOX,

Robert HERZOG,

Vincenzo INNOCENTE,

Antonio PERIN (new),

Gennaro RUGGIERO (new),

Sascha SCHMELING (new),

Sandra SEQUEIRA (new),

Sandro VASCOTTO,

Robert VEENHOF,

Nick ZIOGAS (new).

Fees for the 2004 Season.

The proposal that the 2004 fee for active members remain unchanged is accepted.

As of 2004, YCC fees are therefore as follows:

Category	Annual Fee	Entry Fee
Active members	250 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

Preliminary 2004 Budget.

The printed version of the YCC provisional 2004 budget is made available and may be consulted for details.

Chick Nicholls enquires where details about the First repairs are shown and this is clarified by Udo. Noted that the on-board toilet and sink discharge will become illegal next season.

The 2004 provisional budget is approved as submitted.

AOB. There are no questions beyond those already answered earlier.

The Meeting closes at 20:45 and participants are invited to a drink and snack.