

Minutes of the 2005 YCC General Meeting

Thursday 24 November 2005

Council Chamber, CERN

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10. Nomination of the 2006 Committee.
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Attendance and Election of the Chairman.

The 2005 YCC General Meeting opened at 18:05 in the Council Chamber. An attendance sheet was circulated among the participants. 52 members were present and four had sent apologies. (List kept by secretary.)

Giovanni Cervelli, ex-Committee Member was unanimously elected Chairman of the 2005 GM.

Approval of minutes 2004

The minutes were approved, with no changes.

Discussion on 2005 Activities.

Gigi Rolandi reminded the meeting that he and Marco Benvenuti were stepping down after many years of rewarding and enjoyable "running" of the Club, with indispensable help from several generations of Committee. Both would remain contented and active ordinary members. Gigi spoke generally about the season, noting that it has been as active as in previous years, although with a slightly diminishing membership. The programme of the season was now well established, although it was always open to review by successive committees.

State of the YCC Fleet.

John Fullerton detailed the state of the fleet, stating that the whole fleet was in a better condition than it had been a year ago - although, conversely, also a year older. Four new windsurf boards (and an EW course) had greatly reactivated that discipline, although it might be prudent to replace some boards already. He referred to the Force 5 Bf rule which had been introduced and which could be considered a success in application and a preventive measure for boats whose maintenance was under different people's responsibility, both volunteer and professional, as in the case of Phil Durr and the three Ynglings. Phil indeed, has been surprised on a few Mondays not to have a list of necessary repairs.

Surprises remain very popular, and now fairly urgently need new sails. Ynglings continue as the default choice of outings. The First inboard engine is definitively finished, and a decision will need to be taken by the new Committee about the future of the boat, the small outboard always being regarded as a temporary stop-gap.

One dinghy mast had been replaced, and one catamaran mast was still awaited, over a long time which has raised questions about the competence of the Mystère importers.

Courses.

Tomasz Ladzinski reported that all courses were oversubscribed, predictably, with, oddly, exactly the same number of applicants as last season. (152, of which 70 were offered places in courses.) Again, there is still a shortage of willing teachers, especially for the wetter boats. This year, as the previous year, fewer licences were obtained possibly because the traditional weeks of tests happened to have extremely poor wind conditions.

Match Races and Regattas.

Marco Benvenuti expressed his thanks to Nick Ziogas for running the external regattas, and noted that the season was not over: the Escalade regatta next weekend awaited enrolments. External regattas had seen 31 members participate in a total of 25 races, 14 dinghy and 11 keelboat. Marco expressed his particular thanks to Thierry Boileau, Morten Knutsen and Tomasz Ladzinski for organising individual internal regattas, all of which had gone very well, if with a global turn-out which could have been higher - but was slightly up on the previous year nevertheless. To note that finding Q-boat skippers/ buoy layers had been even more difficult than in the past and would need attention next season.

We should be proud of the Club's achievement in bringing a Surprise home seventh in the Genève-Rolle-Genève (which probably discomfited many owner-skipper private boats, aware that YCC's reputation for winning is less memorable). There had also been a first place in the Rolle Semaine du Soir, no doubt to similar amazement.

Social Activities.

Sarah Fullerton took the meeting through the planned events, from Opening Dinner following first regatta, snow on the newly prepared boats the day of the launch, the May Newcomers' evening, etc. She noted the good relationship with Angelo and the satisfactory Thursday supper arrangements and recorded that, after a year's absence, an event to thank Helpers had again happened, with a Go-Kart evening.

Jeûne Genevois Cruise.

Sandro Vascotto reported on another successful 2005 JGC, this time to Corsica and the west coast. His slides of balmy summer evenings on deck in a deserted bay evoked fond memories - as did the pictures of intrepid crews coping with more extreme conditions. He thanked the four skippers, Armin Boker, Nicola Bosco, Dennis Grier and Micheal LeVine for taking the responsibility and creating the right atmosphere in each case. Plans

are tentative for next year, 2006: either Brittany (as not visited for many years, and only once before) or the Aegean are under investigation: the sporting or relaxed options.

New key system

Gijs de Rijk updated the meeting on the electronic key system which seems to have been an unqualified success. It will of course be continued, and some research done on possibly extending it kept available.

Financial Report.

Refer to the printed version of the YCC consolidated 2005 budget for details, as prepared by Udo Wagner and circulated separately. Udo noted mainly that income was down but so, surprisingly, was expenditure on repairs. The result was a higher cash sum currently available for possible purchases: the new Committee will study this and make recommendations, although Giovanni proposed that they be left to consider it rather than allow the meeting to make proposals - all no doubt contradictory.

Report of the Auditors.

Christian Carlo and Wolfgang Lerche, as YCC Auditors, had confirmed the 2005 budget, Christian making two recommendations: that the unused Crédit Agricole (French) bank account be closed, and that the "benefit" of the shop be considered. (Not "benefice" as profit is not in question, but purpose, need.) Giovanni proposed, and the meeting accepted, that Christian Carli and Wolfgang Lerche be appointed 2006 auditors.

Discharge of the 2005 Committee.

The YCC 2005 Committee was discharged, as having fulfilled its mandate (unanimous).

Election of the YCC President.

Tomasz Ladzinski was proposed and accepted unanimously as the 2006 President.

Nomination of the 2006 Committee.

Tomasz, in accepting, thanked particularly Gigi and Marco, and those outgoing members, Sarah, Udo and Vincenzo who were not offering themselves again. He proposed a 2006 Committee, which was approved by the Assembly. The members are:

President: Tomasz Ladzinski Vice-President: Gijs de Rijk Secretary: Elena Gianolio Treasurer: Luigi Serio

Committee members:

Allain Gonidec
Anne Danois
Enrico Bravin
Gennaro Ruggiero
John Fullerton
Jonathan Cook
Marco Silari
Marion Lindsay
Nick Ziogas
Paul Mayoud
Rob Veenhof
Sandra Sequeira Lopes Tavares
Sandro Vascotto

Sascha Schmeling
 Sebastian Lopienski
 Stefano Fratianni
 Tim Hancox

Portfolio responsibilities will be decided at the first meeting of the new Committee.

Fees for the 2006 Season.

The proposal that the 2006 fees remain unchanged was accepted.

For 2006, 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 2006 Budget.

Luigi reminded the meeting that the printed version of the YCC provisional 2006 budget as distributed by his predecessor had been reviewed by them both and may be consulted for details. He noted that there is some CHF 30,000 potentially available for purchase of a new boat, for example. Sandro recorded that a member, unable to be present, had made a strong case for replacing (assuming repair was impractical) the First, Chick'En II, a category of boat that served a definite need in the life of the Club.

The 2006 provisional budget was approved as submitted.

AOB.

1. One point was raised, by Hanne Kattwinkel: could something be done to improve the mooring of Yngling Vas-Y to facilitate access. Tomasz promised to consider this, while noting that strictly that boat was squatting on a non-existent place (adjacent to Chick'En II, and we were lucky not to have had enduring complaints. In fact, all Port Choiseul moorings were being reviewed soon by the authorities, and he would hope to maintain, if not improve, existing arrangements.

The Meeting closed at 20:05 and participants adjourned to a drink and very liberal snacks: thanks to Rob, Sarah, Elena for preparing it all.