

# Minutes of the 2010 YCC General Meeting

## Thursday 25 November 2010

### Council Chamber, CERN

#### Agenda.

1. Approval of the Agenda and Election of the Chair
2. Approval of the Minutes of EGA and GA
3. Discussion of 2010 Activities
  - a. Introduction
  - b. Insurance report
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4. Treasurer's report
5. Report of the Auditors
6. Discharge of the 2010 Committee
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9. Election of the 2011 Committee
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#### 1. Attendance and Election of the Chairman

The 2010 YCC General Meeting opened at 18:13 in the Council Chamber.

An attendance sheet was circulated among the participants. 40 members were present. (List kept by secretary.)

Gigi Rolandi, ex-President, was elected Chairman of the 2010 GM unanimously. The Agenda was approved.

#### 2. Approval of minutes 2010

The minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting (April) and of the Annual General Meeting (November 2009) were approved, with no changes.

#### 3. Discussion on 2010 Activities

a) President Alex Cerri opened discussion with a .ppt presentation and commented on several points of the **season**, noting an overall continuity with the preceding season, despite a new President and a renewed Committee. Over the season, the Club had seen a new RS 500 (a versatile boat in any case, and paired with our existing one, facilitating Match-Racing), a fairly new Hobie Tiger catamaran, perceived as a useful step upwards from our existing cat for even more sporting sailing, a newer Q-Boat -another Boston Whaler which circumvented the problems of the ageing and unreliable predecessor - and a new Yam, a small outboard intended for dinghy and possible windsurf teaching (without needing the Lake Motor permit) which may also improve the quality of M-R surveillance. The latter has yet to see water however.

Alex also noted the start and good progress in a comprehensive overhaul of the trailer fleet, following the base decision that such trailers should be registered in Switzerland: this increased the number of potential tow-vehicles and forced a periodic safety inspection on us (the discovered condition of several having left a lot to be desired), as well as enhancing availability for up-country dinghy regatta use.

Comment was also made of several enjoyable initiatives: the *Pogoria* cruise had unexpectedly been repeated following usable dates (somewhat negated by Icelandic volcanoes however) and had been enjoyed by the (fewer) participants. Wildwind (Greece) had for the second time seen an enthusiastic dozen or so dinghy and cat sailors learn about *real* winds - and earn a reputation for wearing out boats faster than usual participants.

Updating Club facilities included excellent new member software which, even if not visible to average members, greatly streamlined and facilitating Admin by Treasurer and Courses Coordinators. *Nanuq* had been a limited - but enthusiastic - involvement by some members in actually building a boat (in BA 5) this summer. While the *Translémanique en Solitaire* had been a one-person one-off, it had involved an extraordinary number of members, in helping fit *Mic Mac* out, train "solo" on the lake (with passive crew, at times that scarcely impinged on usual bookings); a new Regatta training course (thanks Marco Benvenuti for keelboats), and Swiss Sailing (see below).

b) With .ppt, Haude Morel detailed those innovations and revisions of the past season in **insurance**. She had carried out a comparison of tariffs, and discovered that *Nationale Suisse* was still competitive, so with them we remain. She noted that all boats are insured Comprehensive, except the ISO and the three Ynglings (which, because of age, do not justify more than Third Party). There are a couple of new extensions, because of new boats, and overall, insurance costs us some CHF 12000 p.a.

In response to a question from Detlef Swoboda, Haude explained that new insurance of our trailers had been considered necessary: there is no reason why a member, kind enough to use his towhook-fitted vehicle, should run any risk of accident problems and indeed, despite the relatively little use made of trailers, there had been an incident this season. Kirill Prokofiev received confirmation that a skipper of a Club boat is generally covered by a Club R.C. for crew he may have with him, even for instance on a Thursday outing with "unknowns".

c) **Courses** were summarised by Luca Canali. They had followed previous practice although the intention not to renew CNV dinghy courses this season had been countermanded in the face of considerable demand. Test results vs. courses given were shown in his .ppt (*q.v.*).

Marek Strelczyyk enquired about the discrepancy between many more Yngling keys awarded than places available, yet for instance, very few Surprise keys. Luca explained firstly that the Yngling was a relatively simple "beginner" key, attainable after just the seven lessons and four Thursdays, as well as by fairly experienced sailors who might be new to the Club but well capable of learning an Yngling in their own time, whereas the Surprise was intentionally a demanding test of a sophisticated (and costly) boat, probably well beyond the supposed minimum requirements. It was probably also true that an Yngling examiner was easier to find.

d) **Internal Regattas** and **Match-Racing** were detailed by Christian Mester; see .ppt. He had covered both this season although ideally two people found it quite a lot of work. The noticeable - and regrettable - factor this year was very reduced participation by keelboats in all our regattas. Various solutions will be investigated. He also noted that the individual "Sailing Instructions" for each monthly regatta had been harmonised a lot, and tidied, updated. A very useful innovation had been consciously finding a co-organiser for each regatta (at least, where possible) to ensure training for, he hopes, that person to take sole charge of a regatta next season. He thanked all the organisers and the Q-boat drivers without whom...etc. (the latter being still in very short supply. Christian

also affirmed that giving the "start" from an anchored boat had been well received (even though the actual motive had rather been the dismantled land-mast, for which we still await a volunteer to replace it). Since our official starting-gun has recently been reclassified in Switzerland as a dangerous weapon, which only a Chosen Few may possess, it has been replaced by a sophisticated *Device* with countdown facility, etc.

Detlef enquired about the shortage of Q-boat drivers, noting that more would also enhance Thursdays, general teaching. Agreed by all: although different attempts have been made, we still do not currently have enough volunteers.

e) **External Regattas** were this year coordinated by Michal Kwiatek who reported a good season: some fifty members had participated, with therefore new crews, new skippers, new boats (Mamma Mia) to a total of 19 regattas, from the *Hivernales* onwards. See also his pages on web. Michal made comment on some intentions for the future, for instance praising the initiative on the *Translémanique* which ended up in occupying far more sailors than the theoretical solo sailor Andrea Messina.

#### 4. Treasurer's Report

**Treasurer** Maarten Schokker noted that there were 302 Active members, of whom 55 were new to the Club. Apart from the revenue this brings, income had been healthy this year: KCHF 0,8 from the Shop (with some tasty new items) and KCHF 27,1 from sales of boats and equipment. Against this, there had been two Helpers' Outings to finance (one a left-over from last season's cancellation) and a lot of money spent on additions to the fleet: *Res-Q II* at KCHF 53.3, the Hobie Tiger at KCHF 17, the RIB at KCHF 6,3, and a number of new sails and repairs totalling KCHF 20.7. They were large sums, but the club was in a healthy financial state, with a slightly lower balance figure now: the audit a year ago had told us to spend more money!

Suzanne Maurin asked for clarification on the "re-evaluation of boats" line: Maarten explained the two *Mystères* basically accounted for this. One had previously been considered as "resting" but still viable; now both were out of use, for sale but with no great expectations of high offers. Jan Fiete Grosse Oetringhaus received further clarification on the "too high a balance" issue: Maarten agreed that it had not dropped all that significantly, despite the auditors' strictures, but believed that this was prudent: next season is going to be more unknown than usual, with the effect of Swiss Sailing (SwSa) on membership difficult to evaluate and in fact, our current expenses happen to be very close to total savings (harbour dues being imminent).

Michal Kwiatek commented that expenditure on Ynglings was disproportionately high. It was explained that they are the only boats to be professionally maintained, which is costly, but insufficient volunteers had been found to take responsibility and they were pivotal boats, by beginners, by undemanding outings, so got a lot of use. Gijs also noted that weaknesses had been found in the decks of the two newer ones, which had required additional bracing during the season. Robert O'Riordan received confirmation that a full balance sheet would become available, in concert with the proposed expenditure sheet to be confirmed later this evening.

#### 5. Report of the Auditors

Both auditors were absent but had sent their Report, which Christian Mester explained and amplified. The Club still has a relatively high disposable income, with *Fortune* increasing from KCHF 287 to KCHF 296. They noted that the membership fee will need to be raised (as also commented elsewhere) because of SwSa. The Report was accepted.

#### 6. Discharge of the 2010 Committee

On the proposal of Gigi Rolandi, the 2010 Committee was discharged as having performed its mandate correctly.

### 7. Appointment of the 2011 Auditors

Tom Wegelius was willing to stand again; there was some confusion as to whether incumbent Christain Carli would wish to stand down now or after a further year. The situation was resolved by appointing these two, with Tomasz Ladzynski as the second, if necessary. Unanimous.

### 8. Election of the 2011 YCC President

At the invitation of meeting-Chairman Gigi Rolandi, Alex Cerri, the only candidate, presented his proposals (*q.v.*) should he be re-elected. He hoped primarily to maintain the smooth ride we have been experiencing, while investigating enhancing keelboat interest again (these things go in waves). Perhaps encouraging participation of Surprises in more regattas, and reminding people that the Yngling was Olympic class until very recently, and they should easily be used in Match-Racing. Marek Strelczyyk endorsed this; it was also proposed that collective outings, lunch-visits, even the once-popular Hiking weekends, would all help to bring keelboats back into greater use.

Suzanne Maurin enquired what was happening about the proposed Teach the Teachers initiative, both to reach a higher level and to somehow reward teachers for their time and energy. Alex agreed it had not advanced recently but would certainly add it to his intentions: adherence to SwSa would undoubtedly facilitate this, as would group outings of teachers before the season.

Tomasz Ladzynski enquired why Cruises had not been on the agenda or among future intentions? Alex admitted it was cause and effect: he had not been immediately successful in finding a Committee volunteer to take this on but hoped something could be arranged. Similarly, Windsurfing is without a person responsible at the moment, if only because our lake conditions do not facilitate the sport!

Alex was elected, 39 for, 1 against, 0 abstentions.

### 9. Election of the 2011 Committee

Alex presented the Committee which he would like to see elected, and with whom he feels he can work well. He particularly thanked those 2010 members who for other commitments or departure from the area, would not be standing again: John Fullerton, Wojciech Fedorko, Maarten Schokker, Michele Petteni. He also thanked those who are not on Committee but do invaluable work: Enrico Bravin for the key system, Marco Benvenuti for the Match-Racing training and Manfred Willenbrock for Cruises.

With Alex as President, the following Committee was accepted by the meeting:

Gijsbert DE RIJK	VP, Versoix matters, BA 5, TSO
Elena GIANOLIO	Secretariat, administration
Patrizia AZZI	Social activities and shop
Haude MOREL	Insurances
Rob VEENHOF	Permanences, lectures, etc.
Tim HANCOX	New members,

	publications
Francesco BERTINELLI	Q-boat, maintenance
Sascha SCHMELING	Surveillance
JanFiete GROSSE-OETRINGHAUS	Dinghy courses/training
Paul SMITH	Dinghies, cats.
Michal KWIATEK	New members, external regattas
Luca CANALI	New members, courses, IT
Christian MESTER	Treasurer
Alessando THEA	Boat maintenance
Andrea MESSINA	High wind issues, keelboats
Sanja DAMJANOVIC	Internal regattas

#### 10. Swiss Sailing: where are we and what are the next steps

Alex gave an update of events since the EGA which had endorsed the intention to request membership. It had been provisionally accepted and indeed Rob Veenhof had kindly represented YCC at the very recent AGM, with our nominal (and temporary) three votes "gift". Rob gave a resumé of events and invited questions. Marleen Van Nes noted that with the new opportunities, a whole new scale of information needed to be made available to members. Francesco Bertinelli wanted to know when the first payments were due: Alex responded 15 January for a first assessment, based on then-membership figures, followed by an adjustment on 15 March.

#### 11. Preliminary 2011 Budget

Christian, as the newly elected Treasurer, presented his budget, thanking Maarten for his assistance in preparing it. There was some discussion, following a comment from Detlef, as to how the CHF 18,500 "paid to SwSa" should be assessed, but it was noted that we are in a transitory stage anyway: we were best-guessing the situation. Membership could be feared to drop because the fee was inevitably going up, and a total of 370 Active members was merely a speculation. Marleen enquired if there was a budget for refurbishing trailers: yes, it is under maintenance figures. Francesco noted that the budget for "Q-driver incentives" (CHF 3500) had not been a unanimous decision, and asked for confirmation that this was still under discussion: confirmed it was under review by a subgroup. Robert O'Riordan noted a discrepancy between the nominal SwSa increase per member of CHF 50 and the actual total sum: true the CHF 50 is not exact, as there are some administrative costs also contained therein.

Tomasz noted that a Friend member who now would be getting a SwSa card (and license) through YCC might very well already have his SwSa card through another club such as CNV, of which he was already a member. Confirmed, several members finding themselves in exactly that situation, and Gigi noting that he had a couple of Italian duplicate memberships for the same reason: it was endemic and insoluble. The budget was agreed, also in relation to point 12 below. F

## 12. Fees for the 2011 Season

The proposal from the previous Committee that the 2011 fees should be raised was finally agreed, 32 in favour, 2 against, 6 abstentions. The Committee proposal was therefore accepted and for 2011, YCC fees are as follows:

Category	Annual Fee	Entry Fee
Active members	300 CHF (prev. 250 CHF)	100 CHF
Active juniors (a)	150 CHF (prev. 100 CHF)	50 CHF
Friend members (b)	110 CHF (prev. 60 CHF)	0
Honorary members (b)	0	0
Temporary members (c)	110 CHF (prev.100 CHF)/month	0

Members were invited to pay their dues soon: we could run into cash-flow problems!

## 13. Gifts for helpers

Alex and Patrizia announced that, apart from the traditional Helpers' Outing, the Committee had wished to offer some more tangible gift as well, and modelled the "Crew Bag". Some 85 people were eligible to be offered one of these, as thanks for various tasks during the season, ranging from teaching, maintenance, devoted Q-boat duty to others. The gifts were subsequently made, along with announcements as to regatta winners, the Nichols Cup, the President's Cup, at the Smash Restaurant, where dinner had been organised.

Gigi Rolandi was thanked for efficiently running the meeting.

## 14 AOB.

(Members present felt that Apéros (thank you, YCC) and Dinner (thank you, Patrizia) took precedence over AOB.)