# Minutes of the 2016 YCC General Meeting

## Thursday 17 November 2016

## Council Chamber, CERN

## Agenda.

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#### 1. Introduction, election of the meeting chairperson and approval of the agenda

Valentina opened the meeting at 18:00, welcomed the members present (some 49, list kept by Secretary) and proposed the election of Sebastian Łopieński as Chairperson of the meeting. There were no other candidates and this was agreed unanimously. Sebastian took the floor, secured approval of the Agenda (http://indico.cern.ch/event/580499) and of the Minutes of the 2015 AGM (http://indico.cern.ch/event/580499/contributions/2353463/attachments/1373339/2084109/go) (unanimous, 1 abst.), and returned the floor to Valentina to present her Report.

#### 2. President's report

Valentina presented her report

(http://indico.cern.ch/event/580499/contributions/2353465/attachments/1373703/2084830/Valentina\_report.pdf) particularly mentioning the loss in October of Giovanni Volpini, a friend, Committee Member and active sailor. She highlighted the purchase of three new dinghies (29er, RS 400, RS 500), noted that there had been three Winter Evening talks and several initiatives such as the recent professionally-sailed comparison of our two Surprises under identical conditions, to determine if one was faster (apparently not). The Club now had a record 368 members of which 92.7 were "active". Sebastian thanked her for her presentation and particularly praised the Talks, events he hoped would continue as in the past. There were no further questions or comments.

#### 3. Fleet report

Gijs took the floor and presented the current status of the fleet by age, with comments (http://indico.cern.ch/event/580499/contributions/2353467/attachments/1373386/2084203/GA2016-fleet-evolution-GdR1.pdf). He would revert to proposals for replacements at a later stage of the meeting.

#### 4. Report on internal regattas

Nina presented her report noting that she found it helpful to structure the presentation around 4 numbers".

(http://indico.cern.ch/event/580499/contributions/2353466/attachments/1373166/20 83747/GA\_2016\_IR.pdf); 40% of membership completed a survey on regattas, 8 regattas had been planned (of which only one had to be cancelled), and she proposed four challenges for next year, to be referred to the incoming Committee. She noted that the CERN Cup had been the most popular regatta while regretting that participation, if

high, was nevertheless very largely of YCC members. She thanked the thirty members who had helped ensure the regattas happened. Sebastian expressed his pleasure at the innovation of allowing children to participate in one regatta. There were no other comments.

### 5. Report on external regattas

Michał Kwiatek reported on this and expressed his thanks that Facebook had provided many photos of a lively continuing occupation.

(http://indico.cern.ch/event/580499/contributions/2353468/attachments/1373662/2084764/YCC\_External\_Regattas\_in\_2016.pdf). He noted that there was a meeting at the CNV Rotonde (unfortunately short notice, 18 November) to discuss future regattas. There was a question about extra training for regattas, both for participants and organisers; Sebastian agreed these were good ideas and referred the subject to the next Committee.

#### 6. Cruise report

Manfred presented a synopsis of this year's cruise on behalf of himself and other skippers Denis Grier, Marco Benvenuti and Michel Cornevin.

(http://indico.cern.ch/event/580499/contributions/2353469/attachments/1372079/2081476/20161117\_YCC\_AM\_cruise\_report.pdf). A cruise is always slightly complicated in the organising: it is difficult to get participants to commit early enough to secure the best boats and indeed, finally four boats had been taken for the 3 + 1 weeks, with 26 participants. The Ionian Islands, around Corfu, were the selected destination. Somewhat damaging storms had been encountered.

#### 7. Report on courses

Michel Chevallier was unfortunately ill, but Sebastian took the meeting through the report which he had sent, with revealing statistics of attendance and test success rates. (http://indico.cern.ch/event/580499/contributions/2353460/attachments/1372487/2082338/YCC\_General\_Assembly\_Courses\_2016.pdf).

#### 8. Insurance report

On behalf of himself and Haude Morel, Marcel Arditi presented a report (http://indico.cern.ch/event/580499/contributions/2353464/attachments/1373167/2083741/111616\_YCC\_Insurance\_GA\_2016\_b.pdf). He noted that new insurance had been taken out on the three new dinghies and the recently acquired Edel-II, while that for the dinghies sold (two Laser2s, the ISO *Isospin*) had of course been cancelled. Partly by request of external regatta organisers, the insurance for *Jedi, Mic Mac* and *Mamma Mia* had been raised from MCHF 2 to MCHF 4. Marcel was thanked for this report. There was a question as to why *Vas-Y*, a popular boat, was nonetheless not insured "Casco" (fully comprehensive); Marcel explained that any reimbursement for damage would be based on the perceived value of the boat and *Vas-Y* is very elderly...

#### 9. Swiss Sailing

Rob reported on behalf of Swiss Sailing and sought guidance from the meeting as to voting at the AGM next Saturday in Lucerne, which he would attend for YCC. (http://indico.cern.ch/event/580499/contributions/2353458/attachments/1373204/2083830/sws2016.pdf). He noted that SwSa had again lost money, some KCHF 30, largely because of lack of success in finding sponsors. He clarified the slides and, at Sebastian's request,

recommended a vote in favour of a Board vote next Spring (rather than immediately as their Committee wanted, which could be interpreted rather presenting anew a proposal that had already been turned down once). Rob's recommendation was accepted -

- Vote between the two options presented on slide 4 "Structure":
- = 30 votes in favour of option 1: "Swiss Sailing intends to have a debate and a vote on a revised constitution at an EGA in spring 2017."
- = 0 votes in favour of option 2: "The working group would like the current board to resign and vote now on their proposal."
  - = 18 abstentions
- Vote (the second main issue on which Rob requested guidance) concerning SSLA fee (slide 7), "Swiss Sailing proposal: 4000 CHF (rounded median)" This was turned down, 0 in favour, 39 against, 9 abstentions
- Vote concerning SSLA fee (slide 7), "SSLA wants to be treated like a class: 300 CHF per year (keelboat fee)" 36 in favour, 0 against, 12 abstentions. In connection with information about SwSa, it was noted that they can run courses on training regatta organisation, teaching, etc. (reputedly good) and, following some discussion and Dejan Dincic's recommendation, Sebastian recorded a request that next year's Committee take this up. Consuelo Goncalves Perez coupled a request that Winter

Evenings should be continued and perhaps expanded; agreed.

#### 10. Treasurer's report

Joanna presented three papers (see Agenda) of which (http://indico.cern.ch/event/580499/contributions/2353452/attachments/1373543/2084538/Budget\_plan\_2017\_YCC\_AGM\_2016.pdf) was fully discussed before acceptance. Sebastian paid tribute to a difficult job well done and thanked Joanna on behalf of the Club. (Voting, see under 15 below.)

#### 11. Auditors' report

On behalf of himself and Johannes Gutleber as Club Auditors, Giovanni Franzoni presented their report and made some comments on the financial status. (http://indico.cern.ch/event/580499/contributions/2353451/attachments/1373508/2084580/YCC-Audit\_2016\_v1.pdf). Their recommendation was for planned expenditure during 2017 and/or a long-term plan. A decision was postponed to imminent discussion of a 2017 budget. Patrick Diday enquired whether *impôts anticipés* were claimed back: neither Johanna nor the Auditors were sure of this, and will investigate.

## 12. Discharge of the 2016 Committee

By unanimous vote,3 abst, the Committee was declared to have fulfilled its mandate, for which Sebastian thanked them.

#### 13. Election of the 2017 Auditors

Valentina had received two "volunteers" for the position; Giovanni Franzoni was reelected and Luigi Serio elected (Johannes having preferred to step down): unan, 1 abst.

## 14. Election of the 2017 President and Committee

The meeting had had notice of one candidate for President, Valentina Venturi. She was invited to propose her Committee for election. She noted that she was proposing a slightly larger committee (work does not decrease): Valentina and the following were

declared elected (together with roles): they were elected 50 in favour, 0 against, 2 abstentions.

Valentina Venturi	President
Jens Spanggaard	Vice-president
Consuelo Goncalves Perez	Treasurer
Joanna Liberadzka	Assistant Treasurer
Elena Gianolio	Secretary
Rob Veenhof	Swiss Sailing liaison
Haude Morel	Insurance
Tim Hancox	Publications and Surveillance
Laure Chevalier	Website
Marcel Arditi	Insurance
Michel Chevallier	Courses and Test coordinator
Paul Smith	Dinghy courses and Tests
Morgane Cabon	Dinghy courses
Rachid Mazini	Yngling courses, Tests, Social activities
Gonzalo Fernandez Peñacoba	Catamaran courses, training, maintenance
Torsten Layda	Keelboat courses and Tests
Manfred Willenbrock	Cruise
Felix Wolf	Dinghy Maintenance
Ramon Folch	Dinghy Maintenance
Silvia Costantini	Yngling Maintenance, Social activities
Anne-Laure Lamure	Internal Regattas
Nina Ingenkamp	Internal Regattas
Michał Kwiatek	External Regattas
Paolo Gradassi	Keelboat Maintenance
Kirill Prokofiev	Keelboat Maintenance, Cruise
Jean-Marc Leiser	Res-Q II (M) maintenance, training and
	Tests
Sascha Schmeling	Surveillance
Gijs De Rijk	Boat hibernation and Fleet Launch
Giorgio Lopez	Shop

#### 15. Fleet evolution in 2017, preliminary Budget and 2017 fees

Joanna proposed her 2017 budget which was discussed. In connection with this, Gijs reverted to his slide (*q.v.* above) showing a possible fleet evolution over many years. It was agreed to be an excellent basis for Committee discussion and planning. Several questions arose: Rachid, noting that the Ynglings were among the most popular boats, enquired if another, fourth, might be bought? Gijs noted that only the oldest, *Vas-Y*, was legal for four passengers, the rating having changed since then. She therefore provided a unique (and irreplaceable?) service to the Club and might be maintained indefinitely. It

was agreed that Ynglings were important Club boats, and the option of "renewing" them by, f.i. only purchasing a bare hull and adding existing fittings was recorded. "Fleet size" (slide *q.v.* above "is getting close to the financial replacement limits") was also discussed, although Torkel Alfthan noted this is equally influenced by membership numbers: apparently growing steadily, although this should not be considered a given. Tomasz Ładziński enquired about future keelboat intentions – whether both Aquila *Brabant* and GibSea *Gipsy* would be kept (to say nothing of the "new" Edel-II)? The consensus was probably not, especially as use of one on a buoy had been discovered/confirmed to limit interest. The proposal to leave fees unchanged was accepted. These matters were referred to the new Committee by Sebastian, the proposed budget was accepted, unan. 1 abst. and the meeting adjourned, having no further business.





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