



MEETING INFO

DATE	MEETING INFO	START TIME	END TIME	MINUTES BY
17 oktober 2019	General Meeting 2019	17:15 Hrs	19:00 Hrs	Frank van Wijk

PARTICIPANTS

MEMBER COMMITTEE		COUNTRY	INVITED	PRESENT	REMARK
Chris Moore	President	UK	Yes	Yes	
Levente Czaszar	Vice Pres	Austria	Yes	No	Skype was not possible
Torsten Wulf	Treasurer	Denmark	Yes	Yes	
Frank van Wijk	Secretary	The Netherlands	Yes	Yes	
Nico Boel		Belgium	Yes	Yes	
Régis Thouément		France	Yes	Yes	
Pablo Ibarondo		Spain	Yes	Yes	Juan Galmes was added additional related to insurance
Matas Mizgiris		Lithuania	Yes	Yes	
Patrick Letters		Ireland	Yes	No	
Jonas Bourghardt		Sweden	Yes	No reply	
Richard Bertholet		Switzerland	Yes	Yes	
Piotr Wozniak		Poland	Yes	Yes	New as Representative
Dominic Heemann		Germany	Yes	No reply	
Jose Francisco Moleiro		Portugal	Yes	No reply	
Alexander Houston		Cyprus	Yes	No reply	

AGENDA

NR	SUBJECT	INTRODUCED BY
01	Opening of the GM and welcome to the present representatives	Chris
02	Financial Annual Report and Balance Sheet	Torsten / Frank
03	Determining the contribution for National Associations	
04	Appointment of Board Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frank has indicated to resign from the position of secretary. Please submit new candidates as soon as possible with the Secretary. Election of a new secretary. 	Frank
05	Proposal for awarding for the organization of the Open European Blokart Championship 2021. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Venue for the Europeans 2021 	
06	Insurance of pilots participating in a National or International competition. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insured amount Proof of insurance and verification upon registration 	Chris



NR	SUBJECT	INTRODUCED BY
07	Setting up a new EBA website, or maintaining the existing website. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Which main objectives must be met?• Membership data	Chris
08	System of mandatory identification of pilots using recognition of land and thereby a unique sail number.	Frank
09	Final approval of Version 3.0 of the Articles of Association. This concerns the following additions or changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Article 12 Formation of the Board (last sentence)• Article 17, 18 and 19• Appendice 3.0• Appendice 4.0<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Sailing rules edition 5 will be deleted- Sailing rules edition 7 will be added	Frank
10	Info about IBRA revised rules version 7	Nico
11	Any other short item to be discussed	



MINUTES

01	SUBJECT: OPENING OF THE GM AND WELCOME TO THE PRESENT REPRESENTATIVES	ACTION BY
	<p>Chris opens the meeting at 5:15 p.m. and warmly welcomes all attendees. In particular Piotr Wozniak who is the new representative of Poland. He regrets that there are always representatives who are not seen for a long time at European Championships or at other International Competitions.</p> <p>The reps that did not reply to the email requesting attendance are mentioned in the “Participants” list above. They are even not answering on the Facebook group. We might need to find new people from those countries or we need to stop having those countries within it.</p> <p>Chris does not expect to be sorted out tonight but we will need to comment on it at some stage. Do we wish to encourage or see if we wish to find new reps for those countries.</p>	<p>All reps for ideas</p>
02	SUBJECT: FINANCIAL ANNUAL REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET	ACTION BY
	<p>Frank has prepared an overview from the data provided by Torsten.</p> <p>Torsten: the balance - € 1,677.78 Euros as at 3rd October 2019. We can keep our promise to pay for the transponder system at the Euros.</p> <p>Frank: thinks we pay a lot of money for nothing for the banking costs such as shipping etc.</p> <p>Chris: the bank expenses are a lot cheaper than if the money was in a GB Bank.</p> <p>Torsten: if we can find a bank with less costs then this would be good. He has not been able to change the address on the system.</p> <p>Frank: there is no actual paperwork for the bank (probably because it is an online account),</p> <p>Torsten: will have a look with Nico to see if they can change the set up for the bank account as it is currently in a Belgium account.</p> <p>Chris: the decision to raise the contributions was a good decision as there is now ample funds which means that we may be able to think about other things that we may be able to do.</p> <p>Torsten: do we know what the transponder is costing this year.</p> <p>Chris: asked Régis if he knows the costs has Etienne given a figure yet. Not yet Chris and Régis will have a word with him to find out .</p> <p>Torsten: any questions – No questions raised.</p>	<p>Torsten / Nico</p> <p>Chris</p>
03	SUBJECT: DETERMINING THE CONTRIBUTION FOR NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS	ACTION BY
	<p>Chris: do the fees need to be raised or shall we keep it at 4 Euros per pilot. Everyone agreed that this would be left as it is.</p> <p>There was some debate about when billing should take place;</p> <p>Pablo: the Spanish open will never be a blokart event because they can make a blokart open for other mini land yacht sailors. To go to Europeans they assist each other by lending karts etc. They do not want any problem.</p> <p>Chris: does not think that anyone has an issue with this the only issue would be if they wanted to organise a Europeans and there is no open and no fee is being paid would the EBA allow this to happen. He did not want to say no but need to find aa way of how this would work in practice.</p> <p>Frank: if there is a “National Open blokart Championship” somewhere it would only be allowed for blokarts. In that case the specific country organisation is asked for a list of participants and will be invoiced. If there was a championships for all kind of mini yachts including blokarts then this it may not be called as a blokart championship. The fee would not apply.</p> <p>Torsten:- is this really an issue as if Spanish sailors go to other event abroad then they are paying the 4 euros at that event so it does not matter as participate in other ways and they pay the relevant fee for this.</p>	



04	SUBJECT:	APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS	ACTION BY
		<p>Frank has indicated in principle to resign as secretary and as a representative of The Netherlands.</p> <p>Chris: he has done a really good job whoever takes over has some big shoes to fill and we need a new secretary. Does anyone want to volunteer unless we can persuade Frank to stay.</p> <p>Frank: he will stay as long as all the reps will answer him when he sends them a question.</p> <p>Chris – everyone present will do and we will work on the rest or they will be replaced as above.</p> <p>Frank: he will stay on for another year or two and then review but not as Representative of The Netherlands.</p> <p>Chris: he is happy to carry on as President of EBA unless someone else would like to take over. No other volunteer Chris will stay on.</p> <p>Vice president – Levente is currently vice president – he could not make it to this meeting so he has not been asked if he wants to stay on. If he does not want to carry on is there anyone else who would like to take the post.</p> <p>If he does stay on Chris would like to see him at more events. He used to come a lot but this has since dropped off. Chris will speak to him.</p> <p>Torsten: Suggested Nico.</p> <p>Nico: will try to get to more events. In the future he will probably have some more spare time and would be happy to step in as vice president if needed. No objections from other Reps.</p> <p>Frank: refers to the Articles of Association for the duration of special functions and for the election procedure for positions in the board. Someone can be re-elected.</p>	<p>Chris</p>
05	SUBJECT:	PROPOSAL FOR AWARDDING FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF THE OPEN EUROPEAN BLOKART CHAMPIONSHIP 2021.	ACTION BY
		<p>Frank: in the past we have asked who would like to put their names forward. The only candidate for 2021 is UK so the board is pleased to confirm that the EBA has decided to give this to UK. It will be announced on Saturday evening at Pilots Dinner.</p> <p>Chris: confirming the venue will be Llanbedr – Chris is standing down as BLSA chairman in two weeks but he is assured that the BLSA wants to organise this and he is happy to assist them and will be helping as EBA president. It will probably take place the 3rd weekend in September.</p> <p>Frank: please can no one mention this until it is officially announced on Saturday so that it can be announced to everyone at the same time.</p>	
06	SUBJECT:	INSURANCE OF PILOTS PARTICIPATING IN A NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION.	ACTION BY
		<p>Frank: this has been brought up because of the problems with insurance for some countries.</p> <p>Chris: There are different insurance requirements for different countries. In UK the required insurance is 10 Million. Hopefully the UK insurers will deal with insurance for sailors under some kind of one off policy for the event and the costs of this will probably be dealt with by adding the cost to the entry fee.</p> <p>Frank: at the Dutch association members can join without having insurance through the actual association. One can have its own insurance and this may not cover you for big events of anything which is taking place outside of the country.</p> <p>Frank: this has all come to light in the current Europeans with issues for a few of the participants this time. Nobody has been really looking after this issue to make sure that people are adequately insured for these events. Something should be written in the Articles about insurance requirements.</p> <p>Frank: we will make some information available about all of this in an appendix in the Articles of Association which will be useful for clubs.</p>	<p>Frank</p>



07	SUBJECT: SETTING UP A NEW EBA WEBSITE, OR MAINTAINING THE EXISTING WEBSITE.	ACTION BY
	<p>Frank: necessary that we have a website – plan to start a new website if he left as secretary but now he is staying.....</p> <p>Nico: if we use a professional we may have to raise the fees.</p> <p>Pablo: knows someone who might do it for free and this could be a good solution. He will speak to Juan about getting this set up. Should not be a problem with having full support and back up for this website. Frank will sent a useful Member List to Pablo.</p> <p>Frank: it should be easy to use as the present website is set up so that no one can make changes to it. We need to have it set up so that anyone can have access to a blog system. The implementation of changes to the website may only be carried out by persons appointed for this purpose.</p> <p>He thinks that every pilot should register as a pilot with some limited data. No need for “personal data” not necessary for races. Just name and sail number, National Club, Insurance, Category, etc. But does not need loads of information such as date of birth, banc-account, Social Security number, etc and then this means that we don’t need to worry about data protection. This can then be used for more purposes such as registration for the international competitions.</p> <p>Nico: was a problem because all of the information was there without data protection but if we start up a new website, need to see if it can be made possible for people to remove themselves from the website if they wish to do so. All information should not be available for everyone to see.</p> <p>Frank: you can have a very easy working website so that it is easy to do and does not cost that much.</p> <p>Chris: asked Pablo if he could arrange with Juan to get this up and running as quickly as possible.</p>	<p>Frank</p> <p>Pablo</p>
08	SUBJECT: SYSTEM OF MANDATORY IDENTIFICATION OF PILOTS USING RECOGNITION OF LAND AND THEREBY A UNIQUE SAIL NUMBER.	ACTION BY
	<p>Frank: do we still need the Pulley Whip numbers if we already have the number on the sail. It could be helpful that Pilots have a unique and personalized Sail Number</p> <p>Chris: most countries have sail numbers.</p> <p>Nico: some people have sail numbers but do not use them. Those are FISLY appointed numbers. And what happens if people are sharing sails? Still thinks that the Pulley Whip is a good way to go.</p> <p>Pablo: in Spain they also share sail numbers often.</p> <p>Chris – a problem may arise with the whip numbers that are currently being used. The Pulley Whip numbers we have, are now at the end of their life.</p> <p>Torsten: could each sailor not purchase their own Pulley Whip number.</p> <p>Chris: did not think that this was a good idea as why would people want to buy a Pulley Whip Number if they already have a number on their sail.</p> <p>Frank: when you have a sail number it should be big enough so you do not need Pulley Whip number.</p> <p>Matas: should there not be a standard for the size for the number on the sail or Pulley Whip? Every individual Pilot should be responsible for that and it should be mentioned in the notice of race.</p> <p>Nico: again, but what happens if you are sharing sails.</p> <p>Chris: most people in UK have their own sail number but may not have all of the sails and occasionally they will share a sail. This is why a Pulley Whip number is issued for bigger events because of this sharing. We don’t want to put people off coming to events if they do not have a full set of sails including Sail numbers.</p> <p>He thinks it is not for the EBA to supply these numbers it is for the pilots. But it should be one design.</p> <p>Régis: the two numbers one on sail and one on Pulley Whip should be the same number as this makes it easier to see. Also the Pulley Whip numbers should be in a certain format.</p>	



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		<p>Matas: should also be same letters and same colours.</p> <p>Chris: if it will be professionally made then it may be too expensive. He does not want to make it prohibitive to people.</p> <p>Chris: let's have a look at the different ones and see if we can get some pricing. He agreed that this should be set by the EBA.</p> <p>All Reps: different ideas and possibilities for implementation are discussed. It's the bigger clubs that has sailors with lots of numbers. The maximum amount of numbers that will fit on a Pulley Whip is 3 so the letter and 2 numbers so if you have 3 digits then you would have to drop the country letter.</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>All Pilots should have Sail and Pulley Whip number but the priority will be the Pulley Whip number. It is the individual sailor's ultimate responsibility to make sure that this is properly displayed and is of the required size. It is up to the national organisations to issue the numbers. Formalisation of the standard for the Pulley Whip Number will be included in an annex to the Articles of Association.</p>	<p>Frank</p>
09	SUBJECT:	FINAL APPROVAL OF VERSION 3.0 OF THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION.	ACTION BY
		<p>Frank: has set what articles have been changed and has set some appendices. All information that is changeable within a year or two years is done by way of an appendix. Therefore it is not necessary to change the Articles of Association with all its voting consequences. A table of the Membership Fee, the current list of Members of the Board of the EBA, it's all in the appendices. All changes are shown in the margin on the left hand side of the page.</p> <p>It would be great if everybody will read the Articles of Association and all Appendices and provide him with any comment so that possible improvements can be made.</p> <p>Frank: an invitation to bid for the organisation of a European Championship is included in Appendix 3.0.</p> <p>A format of a bid book that can help the Association or Club in setting up the required document has also been created in concept. Frank will also send this concept to all reps for comments or possible additions.</p>	<p>All Representatives</p> <p>Frank</p>
10	SUBJECT:	INFO ABOUT IBRA REVISED RULES VERSION 7.0	ACTION BY
		<p>Nico: provides an explanation of the various changes and additions to the IBRA Regulations version 7.0.</p> <p>This version will come into effect on 01-01-2020 and will undoubtedly be adjusted again in two years.</p> <p>The current rules are based on sailing rules and are workable, but sometimes give some difficulties depending on different wind directions.</p> <p>Some important additions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A blokart code of conduct has been added. <p>Verbal abuse – insulting, criticising etc can lead to disqualification.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A drink and drugs policy has been added. <p>Alcohol – as a guide not permitted to drink prior to or during a blokart race.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chris – he has seen pilots drinking on the track during the race at this event. Maybe this could come under scrutineering. - Nico – proposed to put this under a spot check by the committee of someone in every race. - Chris – the transponder system can randomly pick out pilots to scrutineer. 	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nico – thinks this should be if a race offer sees someone who might have been drinking. ➤ Bearing shield hub caps allowed in production. difference between performance and production. ➤ Port starboard has been reintroduced' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chris - we can still change this for the Europeans. - Sailing rules – no event changes should change the rules. ➤ The 360 rule will not be accepted any longer because of a mistake. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If you still maintain a clear advantage then you will be disqualified from the race. - This would have to be protested. It is probably going to cause problems. - Matas – maybe we should state in the rules that 360 must be done without sliding. - Torsten – maybe 360 could be stated to only be done by a tack rather than a gibe. ➤ Protested competitor must be informed as soon as reasonably possible. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reasonable should be at least by the end of the day of the race. - What is considered to be reasonable time was not clarified. - Definition of proper course has been updated - Nico – defining what a proper course is which is a bit vague. <p>The definition is the course you would sail if you sailing the course on your own.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nico – is not happy with the definition that has been given. ➤ Contact with the mar not penalised – if unavoidable. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If mark is contacted on finish this will be penalised. 	
11	SUBJECT: ANY OTHER SHORT ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED.	ACTION BY
	<p>Régis: a suggestion for a Land Yachting Event in Asnelles for the 80th anniversary of D Day. The EBA needs to know first exactly what will be proposed. (this probably has something to do with a suggestion from FISLY) – it is not known yet what the agenda is.</p> <p>Frank: we will wait until we get the full proposal.</p>	

Chris closes the General Meeting and thanked everyone for their participation and commitment to the issues discussed.



ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN

ACTION	APPOINTED TO	DATE	READY
Change of set up for Bank Account	Torsten / Nico		Yes
Cost of Transponder system with Etienne for invoicing	Chris / Régis		Yes
Conversation with Levente about continuity as Vice President	Chris		Yes
Include information regarding insurance in the Articles of Association	Frank		Yes
Available Membership list to be sent to Pablo	Frank	Asap	
Ask Juan about the possibility of setting up a website	Pablo		
Formalize a standard for a Pulley Whip number and include it in the articles of association	Frank		
Information to be sent to all Reps concerning a draft of the bid book for a European Championship	Frank		

NEXT MEETING

SUBJECTS	APPOINTED TO	DATE