

# International Lightning Class Association

Minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting

June 13, 2013 – CVC, Castiglione del Lago, Italy

## **Call to Order**

The Annual Meeting was called to order by President John Faus at 4:20 PM

## **Roll Call**

Fleets 1, 12, 36, 64, 75, 77, 126, 147, 194, 196, 215, 301, 335, 372, 429, 434, 453, 456, 462, 488, 510, 516, 519; with proxy's submitted quorum achieved.

## **Reading of the Minutes from the Last Meeting**

Rob Ruhlman made a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes, it was seconded by Ryan Ruhlman, and unanimously approved.

## **Reports of Officers**

### **President's Report – John Faus**

President Faus started off by thanking our hosts the CVC, organizing committee and regatta chairs, Franco de Regis and Renzo Bozzi from the Italian District. During the Governing Board meeting the Kotka Fleet, # 298 from the Gulf of Finland was reinstated.

### **Treasurers Report – John Faus**

In Treasurer Lobos absence, President Faus reported that after careful review, the GB feels at this point there is no need for a dues increase for 2013 but will carefully watch the financials and may consider an increase in the future if necessary. Please continue to have all of your fleet members pay their ILCA Dues and Fleet Dues.

### **Chief Measurers Report – Bill Clausen**

Clausen began by thanking all of the competitors for having everything ready during the measurement process here at the Worlds. This was a big help and helped the process move along quickly. He thanked Clarke Newman for assembling the measurement supplies and packing them in the containers from Texas. He also thanked Nick Turney for his fantastic support while helping with sail measurement. The Class has a new scale and has also fixed the other scale so we have two usable scales. Both have water proof cases. President Faus thanked Bill for pulling double duty this week with measurement, Jury assistance and now acting as the Class Rep on Race Committee.

### **Secretaries Report – Debbie Probst**

Secretary Probst submitted a written report which calls for more International reports and articles of interest for Flash-es, Flash Blasts and the Yearbook.

## **Vice Presidents and Committee Reports**

**VP Worlds – David Starck** thanked the Italian organizing committee for hosting a terrific event. The 2014 Youth Worlds will be held at the Buffalo Canoe Club in Canada from June 28-July 2, 2014. During the Governing Board Meeting approval was granted to increase the number of boats from 20 to 24 for this event. Ian Jones is the chair for this event and we are asking each country to send at least one team to Buffalo next summer. The next World Championships will also be held the Buffalo Canoe Club during the summer of 2015. We are encouraging participation and will be asking the Executive Committee to fill the designated "Developmental Slots". These slots are to be used by

Counties where organized Lightning sailing is non-existent. Myself and the organizing committee are looking for recommendations. The Canadian Open Championship will be held in conjunction with the International Masters prior to the World Championship.

**Pan Am Games Report - Peter Hall** reported that the next games will be held at the RCYC in Toronto: July, 2015. Seven slots have been approved for the Lightning under the Mixed Team category. This means that at least one male and one female must be on each team. The IOC is pushing for gender parity and by embracing this new category we as a class are helping to achieve their goals.

**North American's Report - Josh Goldman** reported that planning for the 2013 NA's at the Cedar Point YC in Westport, CT is going well. They are planning for 80+ boats to participate the third week of August. It is a beautiful facility. Just prior to the NA's the Women's, Junior and Master NA's will be held at the Nyack Boat Club in Nyack, NY.

**Italian District Report - Franco de Regis** announced that following this regatta it is anticipated that the excitement from these Championships will refuel the Italian District. The youths that are participating are active in other classes and we hope they will bring others in and help the club level of racing go up and increase the participation in the Italian District.

**European Area Report** - The European District met and the meeting went well. The minutes from this meeting are posted on the notice board and will be posted on the ILCA website.

### **Unfinished Business**

None at this time.

### **New Business**

Nominating Committee Chair, Rob Ruhlman presented the 2013-2014 Proposed Slate of Officers. There was no discussion. Clarke Newman made a motion to approve the slate as presented, Ann Allen seconded. All approved. The 2013-2014 Slate of Officers was approved as submitted.

Jamie Ewing suggested that we look at advertising options and possibly revising the current advertising policy. Discussion ensued. Our current Class Rules will be evaluated within the next 6 months and the Executive Committee will look into any necessary revisions.

Bill Clausen made a motion to adjourn, Ryan Ruhlman seconded, all approved and the meeting concluded at 4:43 PM.