

2021 International iQFOiL Class Association Annual General Assembly - Minutes

Date and time: 1 October 2021, 14:00 UTC

Place: Online via the Zoom conferencing system

In attendance

Executive Committee: Dorian van Rijsselberghe (NED), Nicolas Goyard (FRA), Nick Dempsey (GBR), Antonio Cozzolino (NZL), Maria Belen (PER), Nathan Outteridge (AUS), **Olga Malsivets (ESP) joined later**

Class Manager: Gonzalo Costa Hoevel

Election Candidates: Ronnie Meir (ISR), Lorand Utassy (HUN), Pawel Kowalski (POL), Maksim Oberemko (RUS), Bruno De Wannemaeker (BEL), Ansis Dale (LAT), Helene Noesmoen (FRA)

Assistance: Francesco Gulizzi, Pilar Lopez, Jaime Navarro, Piotr Oleksiak

Members:

There were **37** Members represented, which represents **84%** of the iQFOiL Class fully paid Members. The Quorum requirements at a General Assembly were met as per Constitution 6.8 and therefore was declared valid.

No	NCA	Delegate	Present
1	ARG	Raul Saubidet	yes
2	ARU	Marja Hoeveling	yes
3	AUS	Nathan Outteridge	yes
4	AUT		no
5	BEL	Bruno de Wanemaker	yes
6	BRA	Bruno asqualin	yes
7	CAN		no
8	CHN	Tian Wang	no
9	CRO	Damir Cargo	yes
10	CYP		no
11	CZE	Marek Raška	yes
12	DEN	Nikolaj Kruppa	yes
13	DOM	Samuel Perez Hults	yes
14	ESP	Marcos Fernandes	yes
15	EST	Matthew Rickard	yes
16	FIN	Borja Carracedo Serra	yes
17	FRA	Nicolas Huguet	yes
18	GBR	Barrie Edgington	yes
19	GER	Michael Götzke	yes
20	GRE	Takis Nikiforidis	yes
21	HKG	Mr. CHAN King Yin	yes
22	HUN	Lorand Utassy	yes
23	IND	Derrick Menezes	no
24	ISR	Ronnie Meir	yes

No	NCA	Delegate	Present
25	ITA	Marco Corti	yes
26	JPN	Yasuko Kosuge	yes
27	KOR	Sangjun Yun	no
28	LAT	Janis Preiss	yes
29	LTU	Arvydas Usnys	yes
30	MEX	Adrien Gallard	yes
31	NED	Eric Kling	yes
32	NOR	Øyvind Birkeland	yes
33	NZL	Aaron McIntosh	yes
34	PER	Nicolas Schreier	yes
35	POL	Witold Dudzinski	yes
36	POR		no
37	RUS	Max Oberemko	yes
38	SGP	Kenny Ling	yes
39	SLO	Matevž Malej	yes
40	SUI	Raoul Marty	yes
41	SVK	Patrik Pollak	yes
42	SWE	Stefan Voxby	yes
43	TUR	Jaroslav Miarczyński	yes
44	USA	Leandro Spina	yes

The meeting was closed to observers.

Welcome by the President of the Class

Dorian van Rijsselberghe welcomed the attendees, thanked the iQFOiL Staff and Executive Committee for their work and input to Class activities and wished a fruitful AGM to all.

Approval of the Minutes of the 2020 IGM

There were no questions arising to the [2021 EGM](#) and [2020 IGM](#) minutes.

Reports

President

Dorian van Rijsselberghe presented an Event structure and plan to introduce different types of Events including Grand Prix, Marathon Series, Continental and World Championships. The plan to introduce a Masters World Championships was presented.

The iQFOiL Class World Ranking was introduced, which will work as an eliminator to the pinnacle Class events. Details of the Ranking are to be established and will be published when finalised.

The President also introduced a project aimed to introduce GPS technology to assist Race Committees and Jury.

The detailed President's report presentation is [Appendix A](#) to the AGM Minutes.

Class Manager

Gonzalo Costa Hoewel presented a detailed report on Class activities, which is [Appendix B](#) to the AGM Minutes.

The Class Manager covered multiple aspects of activities including:

- The support for regional series
- Events organised in 2021
- The 2021 European Championships scheduled for October in Marseille
- The 2022 event calendar
- The Race Management Development Program, which was described and introduced in order to prepare local Race Management crews to conduct high quality racing as per iQFOiL Race Policies.
- Race Management principles and actions to introduce technology guidance were described
- New members to the Technical Committee were introduced.
- Equipment issues were acknowledged, and solutions introduced for the European Championships in Marseille.

- Speed tests with technological guidance were described.

The Class Manager received a question concerning a possibility to organise an event at the Olympic Venue in Marseille. This will be investigated in order to find a possible venue for such an event.

OEP Report

Antonio Cozzolino presented the OEP Report on behalf of the Board, informing the Members he has withdrawn his candidacy to the Executive Committee and will be representing Starboard preparing the documentation and process of the OEP.

The introduced “White Label” program was described allowing manufacturers to brand iQFOiL equipment. Two manufacturers have taken advantage of this program so far.

The process of allowing new manufactures was described:

[World Sailing documentation](#)

[Overview of application process](#)

[Steps taken by class so far](#)

[Proposed timeline moving forward](#)

[People involved from different stakeholders](#)

An intended deadline of 1st December 2021 was named for preparing the Building Guidelines and Manufacturer Application Process. Applications to be open by the end of January 2022.

The 2020 Class Accounts and Financial Statements

The 2020 Accounts and 2021, 2022 projected budgets were presented on Class Managers presentation.

The Class Secretarial role was discussed, as Andrus Poksi will not be continuing his role with the Class.

A question about PR and event media was made, with information that live coverage was named as mandatory for pinnacle Class events.

A question about Class surplus was made. The Class Executive is to look into how the Class surplus may be distributed in order to support the Class Constituencies.

Manufacturing fees were mentioned, and the fact new Manufacturers would be Class contributors.

Submissions

The voting system was described. The Election Runner Platform was used. Submissions were grouped as per suggestion from the Class Coaches Committee.

Initial vote on Public or Secret Ballot

Public 17 votes, Secret 19 votes

A secret ballot was selected

Submissions were voted in the following order:

19-21 Class Rules – Footstraps

YES 67% NO 33% - approved

13-21 Constitution – Regulating employment of ExCom members

YES 82% NO 18% - approved

14-21 Class Rules – Personal clothing & drinking container

YES 97% NO 3% - approved

12-21 Race Management – Reaching starts, video review

YES 91% NO 9% - approved

16-21 Race Management – Wind limit

Information on the fact that submissions on Race Management Policies may be changed if advised by Class Committees was provided.

Further it was agreed that the submissions concerning Race Management Policies were not to be binding, but act as an indication to the Executive Committee.

Comments regarding the proposed wind speed being too low for Women for course racing/ fleet racing and comments around when a final Race Management Policy would be published were made.

The submitter mentioned that the wind limits need not to be taken hard and may be at the discretion of the Race Committee.

To make the Race Committee work easier it was called to keep it more open and not treat any limits as guidelines and not restrictive.

YES 76% No 24% - approved

01-21 Class Rules – Changing front wing for Women

YES 25% No 75% - not approved

02-21 Class Rules – Changing front wing

An amendment suggestion to fundamentally change the submission and remove the 800 wings from the submission was not accepted.

Cost, Inclusiveness of athlete weight range were discussed.

YES 26% No 74% - not approved

10-21 Race Management – Reaching starts, double points
YES 48% NO 52% - not approved

It was discussed that new slalom points scoring options will be tested during the European Championships.

11-21 Race Management – Reaching starts, single points
Withdrawn by submitter

03-21 Race Management – Separate discards for Slalom and Course racing
Withdrawn by submitter

07-21 Race Management – Marathon discards.

It was mentioned by the Class Manager that at some events this would have put in danger having the marathon and by having a good look at the forecast and local knowledge, the marathon was run before reaching the second discard, but yes reached later in the day, so two discards were given before changing to Gold and Silver. NZL supported the idea that the Marathon is a format that everyone likes to do and that we might be restricting too much if we can only do it when we reach 8 races.

YES 62% NO 38% - approved

08-21 Race Management – Marathon starting system

Safety was mentioned as an issue, with the angle and speed of boat to be set.

The intention is to create fair racing

Class manager explained that when the “rabbit” starts to cross it simulates the speed and angle of an iQFOiL going upwind on port. So already implementing the idea of a fair start.

YES 42% NO 58% - not approved

15-21 Race Management – Course configuration

YES 82% No 18% - approved

09-21 Race Management – Slalom course options

YES 52% No 48% - approved

04-21 Race Management – Finals format

Withdrawn by submitter

17-21 Race Management – Olympic format

It was noted that this decision is not for the Class to make, but will serve as a guideline for World Sailing.

YES 58% No 42% - approved

18-21 Race Management – Worlds & Europeans format

The personal perspective, fairness and MNA investment perspective were mentioned.

YES 70% NO 30% - approved

05-21 Race Management – Abandonment time limit

Adding additional time limits were mentioned as an option.

YES 78% NO 22% - approved

06-21 Race Management – Abandonment when fleet is not foiling

There was a sentiment that the percentage rule may be open to abuse.

YES 42% NO 58% - not approved

Election of the President and Executive Committee

World Sailing was present overseeing the Election Process and delivered the results of the votes for both the President and the Executive Committee members.

President Candidates and Executive Candidates received time to present themselves prior to the voting.

Because of the constitutions requirements, five of the candidates were be appointed as they run unopposed, those are:

- Olga Maslivets (ESP), Bryony Shaw (GBR) – on the basis of the gender requirement;
- Helen Noesmoen (FRA) – on the basis of the gender, female athlete and sustainability requirements;
- Nicolas Goyard (FRA) – on the basis of the male athlete requirement; and
- Nathan Outteridge – on the basis of the minimum continental requirements.

Accordingly, these candidates were removed from the ballot, and delegates only needed to vote for 3 candidates to make up the remainder of the Executive Committee.

Candidates were able to make a presentation.

Ansis Dale (LAT)

Ronnie Meir (ISR)

Dorian van Rijsselberghe (NED)

The following nominations were received for remaining three positions of the Class

Executive Committee:

Ronnie Meir (ISR)

Lorand Utassy (HUN)

Pawel Kowalski (POL)

Shahar Zubari (ISR)

Maksim Oberemko (RUS)

Bruno De Wannemaeker (BEL)

Nick Dempsey (GBR)

The Presidential Elections consisted of two rounds of voting and the Executive Committee Elections consisted of one round of votes.

1st Round Results

Ansis Dale (LAT) 10 votes 29%

Ronnie Meir (ISR) 9 votes 26%

Dorian van Rijsselberghe (NED) 16 votes 46%

Election Result

Dorian van Rijsselberghe (NED) – President 19 votes 59%

Ansis Dale (LAT) - 13 votes 41%

Voted Executive:

Pawel Kowalski (POL) 26 votes

Lorand Utassy (HUN) 18 votes

Ronnie Meir (ISR) 17 votes

Other Committee Members as per constitution requirements

Helene Noesmoen (FRA)

Nicolas Goyard (FRA)

Nick Dempsey (GBR)

Bryony Shaw (GBR)

Olga Maslivets (ESP)

Nathan Outteridge (AUS)

Appendix C shows the full Election voting results provided by Worlds Sailing.

Any Other Business

Any other business RS:X submission.

It was proposed to influence voters at the AGM to transfer surplus funds to iQFOiL Class.