



MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of
The International Council of Yacht Clubs

Held by Skype Teleconference

Thursday 29th November 2012, at 22:00 UTC

Present: John McNeill (Chairman) John Stork; Heinz Rautenberg;
Jim Burns; Gero Brugmann; Rex Harrison;
Andy Anderson; Gunilla Antas; Mark Inkster;
Paolo Caffarena; Chris Carlile; Bill Wood

In attendance: Larry Fournier (Treasurer) Mike Rogers (Administrator)

Apologies: Flemming Ipsen; Chris Otorowski; Ambrose Lo; Phil Smith; Jack Sullivan

Order of Business

A quorum being present, the Meeting commenced at 22:23 UTC

1. Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Directors Meeting held on September 11th 2012

Moved by: John Stork
Seconded by: Heinz Rautenberg
Passed unanimously.

2. Interim Financial Report

The Treasurer gave a brief précis of his interim report before submitting it to the board with the draft budget for 2013 for approval by the board.

Moved by: Jim Burns
Seconded by: Gero Brugmann

That the interim financial statements and draft budget for 2013 be approved.

The following amendment was offered and accepted by JB & GB:

That the Forum costs be budgeted as \$2,500 with the remaining \$2,500 originally on the budget line moved to a contingency fund which will be used only in the event of exceptional events.

Approved unanimously.

3. Forum VIII

Following the unfortunate and unforeseen loss of a sponsor less than 2 weeks before the forum, Royal Southern Yacht Club had made an overall loss of circa \$15,500. As these circumstances were beyond the control of the club and funds

had already been committed. With this sponsorship the forum would have shown a breakeven. It was recommended an ex gratia payment of \$7,000 be made to Royal Southern Yacht Club as a contribution toward their losses on the forum.

Moved by: John Stork
Seconded by: Andy Anderson
 Agreed unanimously.

4. Reports of the Vice Presidents

a) Americas

A report had been previously circulated to the Board. There were no questions. Jim Burns further added his aim to contact each club in the region to confirm contact details, and the preliminary plans for the Americas conference in April 2013.

b) Asia Pacific

A report had been previously circulated to the Board. There were no questions.

c) Europe

A report had been previously circulated to the Board. There were no questions. Gero Brugmann further reported the firm confirmation of the venue for the European conference as KNS, Oslo. The NRV's Admiral will be chartering a boat to join in the cruise in the Baltic and it is hoped this will encourage many more members to join in the activity.

5. Report on New Region Potential

John McNeill spoke to his report which, had been previously submitted to the Board. Further comments were invited by email / web forum.

6. Membership Retention & Involvement

John McNeill spoke to his report, which detailed the need to involve more than just the current club leadership in ICOYC activities. All were requested to ensure that they fed back to the Membership Committee on what was needed by clubs from Council membership.

7. Communications

A brief review of the activities of the Communications committee was given. A key part of the activities will be to have a representative from each club involved. All were requested to ensure a rep was forthcoming from their club. Andy Anderson reported RNZYS are commencing a communications review and will be incorporating ICOYC strongly as a part of that. Suggestions will be given as appropriate.

8. Forum Advisory Committee

A report was submitted from the Forum Advisory Committee. There were no questions.

9. Membership Committee

A report was submitted from the Membership Committee. Gero Brugmann further added:

- a) Royal Malta look promising as a potential member
- b) Royal Cork will be contacted again in December to discuss membership
- c) Further suggestions for member clubs would be welcomed by the committee.

10. Interclub Activities Committee

A new committee was proposed to look at the activity of and interaction between members of member clubs. A draft charter was presented to the board. It was stressed that this would not affect or imply reciprocity between clubs, but encourage and enable interclub relationships for activities as prescribed by the needs of member clubs.

Moved by: Mark Inkster

Seconded by: Andy Anderson

That the Interclub Activities Committee Charter be accepted

Passed unanimously by roll call vote.

11. Bye-Laws

Jim Burns reported that having just taken another organisation through the updates required by Industry Canada he had established that the regulatory documents of the Council are already sufficient for the new regulations.

He stressed the opportunity still exists to remove redundancies and clarify language. Any suggestions should be emailed to JB, who was requested to circulate a full set to all Board members for perusal.

12. Nominations Committee

A report had been submitted which particularly asked a series of questions on the purpose and objectives of the committee. Comment and subsequent discussion was encouraged on the web forum.

13. Host Club Forum VIII report

Discussion was held on the initial draft of the Hong Kong programme. After comment from various parties Mark Inkster was requested to amplify feedback from the survey and the Board and look at the programme and particularly the time scales for sessions. Feedback to MI should be by email ASAP.

14. Future Forum Planning

Following a paper submitted on Forum planning discussion was held. The potential for an April 2015 forum at the RNZYS was mentioned. Feedback through the web forum was requested. Other options / possibilities / considerations should also be made via the forum.

15. Web Forum

A paper had been submitted on the web forum. Board members were all requested to try the system, bringing any difficulties directly to the attention of John McNeill who will be happy to assist.

11. Any Other Business

Following the Skype issues it was requested that both Skype and other options be explored prior to the next meeting. It was also noted that both hosting and chairing a meeting was not easy and options for splitting the responsibilities should also be examined.

Next meeting will be held circa February 2013.

There being no other business a motion to adjourn was made by Andy Anderson and the President called the meeting closed at 23:24 UTC

Minutes by: Mike Rogers, ICOYC Administrator

Respectfully submitted by: Phil Smith, ICOYC Secretary