

## **AGM 2022**

As usual the IEMA AGM was held in Genève at SGN on the lay-day during the World Cup. You should all have received the Invite with the Agenda and supporting papers. The minutes are in the course of preparation and will be sent out in due course but in summary:

### **1. Opening of the Meeting**

The meeting was opened by noting the passing of past Executive Secretary Guy Jones with a minute's silence.

It was also reported that Past President and Honorary Life Member John Lammerts van Bueren had been awarded the honour of Knight of the Order of Oranje Nassau for services to the world of Classic yachts.

The new owner of the Neptune Class boat Severn, Mr Sven Schultz, was introduced as a new member of IEMA. He will start his campaign with Severn in Genoa next year. We welcome him to the Class.

### **2. Minutes of the 2021 AGM**

The Minutes of the 2021 AGM as circulated were approved.

### **3. Annual Accounts for the Year ending 31 December 2021**

The Executive Treasurer, Tom Knutsen, presented the accounts which were approved.

### **4. Technical Committee Report**

For a variety of reasons, including the pandemic, the Technical Committee did not have much to report but there are a number of issues that need to be addressed in the next 12 months and it is hoped these will progress under the leadership of the new Chair (see 6. below).

## **5. Future Programmes**

### World Cup 2025

Hasse Karlsson and Max Norlund made an excellent presentation on behalf of Airisto Segelsällskap (ASS) in co-operation with FEMA, Åbo Båtvarv and the City of Turku to hold WC2025 at Turku, Finland in August 2025. This proposal, which had the support of the Executive Committee, was unanimously approved.

### World Cup 2026 and onwards

Nominations for 2026 and 2027 are being invited for consideration by the Executive Committee. We are aware that Sodus Bay Yacht Club on Lake Ontario, U.S. are working on an application for 2026 and we would expect a presentation to be made at the 2023 AGM. If approved, a venue for a European Championship will need to be determined.

## **6. Election of Class Officers**

Subsequent to the AGM Invitation, Past President John Lammerts van Bueren and Chairman of the Technical Committee expressed a wish to stand down as Chairman due to work pressures although he will remain on the Committee. Julianne Hempel was nominated in his place. She will be supported by Kjell Myrann. Her nomination was unanimously approved and we look forward to working with her as Chair. The other nominations were approved unanimously.

## **7. Proposals for Membership Dues for 2023**

We explained the need for the proposals set out in Appendix 5 of the AGM Invitation. The proposal to increase the basic Membership Fee for 2023 from €100 to €250 was fully understood and approved.

There followed a full discussion on the proposal to introduce Patron Member Sponsorship whereby Owners would voluntarily agree to commit to pay €2000 (including basic Membership) for three years to help with our search for a Title Sponsor. We really need to promote our Class by adopting a much more professional approach to exposing our Class to the World and that cannot be done on the basic Membership Fee.

We were absolutely delighted with the support this proposal received and to date we have commitments from:

Anne Sophie  
Apache  
Bona  
Catina IV  
Carron II  
Falcon  
Frøya  
Glana  
Helen  
Pandora  
Saskia  
Severn  
Starling Burgess

These commitments will make a huge difference as to what we are able to do and other Owners are invited to join this very generous group as the promotion of the Class is in every Owner's interest as we believe raising our profile will preserve and enhance the value of our boats.

The Meeting also approved that Excom be authorised to agree a one-year "Group" deal for NAEMA Members.

Whilst writing, a significant number of Owners have yet to pay their 2022 Fees of €100. If you are in that category please pay now. Please email Executive Treasurer Tom Knutsen at [treasurer@8m.org](mailto:treasurer@8m.org) if you are in doubt about what or how to pay. We plan to review the situation of non-payers in the coming months. Compared to other Class dues and in the context of running an 8mR, the IEMA subscription is very low and we hope to be able to demonstrate real value over the coming years.

## **8. Resolutions by Members**

There were no Resolutions by Members proposed.

## **9. Any other Business**

Due to the pandemic and the resultant pressures on business, John LvB has reluctantly had to suspend the latest 8mR Book he had promised to write. He very much hopes to resurrect the project in due course and a lot of work has been done. There were 18 sponsors and they have now been written to explaining the situation and giving them options about what to do about the €1000 each of them generously subscribed.