



To: The President, Vice Presidents, IDA Officers, National Secretaries, and Technical Committee, Builders

From: David Dale

Re: AGM 2011

Date: 30th November 2011

Flash Report of the International Dragon Class AGM, held at the Royal Thames Yacht Club, London, on Saturday 26th November 2011

SUMMARY OF THE MAJOR ISSUES AND DECISIONS

IDA Officers

Robert Campbell having completed 4 years as Chairman retired and was thanked for his effective leadership of the Association both ashore and afloat during his time in post.

Richard Blickman was unanimously elected to succeed him for a period of 2 years.

Vasily Senatorov was unanimously elected to succeed Richard Blickman as a Vice-Chairman for a period of 2 years.

The Chairman's Report,

Is attached.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that.

Income, this year was ahead of budget at £68k mainly accounted for by an increase in the sale of sail labels. Building fees were slightly down, as were Class subscriptions.

Payments, this year were ahead of budget by £2.5K at £68.5K. Development of the web accounted for the majority of this increase but was the only category over budget.

As a result of this increased expenditure on a professional web manager Communications via the web have built very strongly both among Class members and outside parties. It is a building attraction for advertisers and we will build this activity in the coming months to build revenue. Going forward we will be looking for feedback from members on their preference

for the Web or the Yearbook as the principal form of communications and will be sending a simple questionnaire to clarify the response, before recommending a way forward for our internal and external communications.

The closing cash balance remains on target at nearly £52K, a figure which is thought prudent to meet any unexpected difficulties which might affect the Association in the foreseeable future.

Subscriptions will remain at the current level for 2012 and no change to sail or mast label prices is proposed.

The full Report will be available with the Minutes when they become available.

Technical Committee, Rule Changes for 2012

Dr Philip Dohse (Germany) was appointed by the Officers to succeed Michael Hayles.

Michael was warmly thanked by the Chairman for his 5 successful years in post, and the skilful work with his Committee, Builders and Measurers to take the class forward in its controlled development.

Philip Dohse advised the delegates of the proposed Rule Changes to Class Rules 2.346, 2.347 and 2.507 and the reasons for them. They were approved by the meeting and will be forwarded to ISAF for final approval, to take effect from 1st March 2012.

New Rules for the World and European Championships

The proposed Rules changes were adopted by the NDAs. A summary of the changes is attached. Please circulate this widely to your members likely to be affected.

There was much discussion on eligibility and the relevance of it in the current world. The Officers will again review the subject and table specific recommendations at the 2012 AGM.

Use of VHF

The use of VHF at events for the PRO to communicate with Fleets and for safety purposes is strongly recommended. The recommendations are attached* and a paragraph about the use of VHF at graded events will in future be included in the NOR and SIs.

Events Rota

The events and locations were confirmed for 2014, events after 2014 will appear in the full Minutes.

	Worlds	Europeans	Gold Cup
2012		Lake Attersee, (Austria)	Kinsale, (Ireland)
2013	Weymouth, (UK)	Cascais, (Portugal)	Douarnenez, (France)
2014		San Remo, (Italy)	Medemblik, (Holland)
2015	France (venue tic)	Basted (Sweden)	Germany (venue tic)
2016		St Petersburg (Russia)	

In 2015 La Rochelle has been suggested as the venue for the Worlds, this will be subject to a recommendation by the Officers, following a visit to and assessment of, its suitability to hold a Major Championship event for the Dragon Class.

Basted has been allocated for the Europeans as result of the kind offer of the Russian Fleet to delay their application for the Europeans until 2016, and the support of the Swedish Fleet at their Championships in St Petersburg in 2012. It was noted that barring exceptional circumstances the 2016 European Championships will be held in St Petersburg, recognizing their generosity in foregoing 2015 and in view of the large number of Russian entries at major events.

Also in 2015 Germany will be recommending either Warnemunde, or Kiel for the Gold Cup a decision to be made at the 2012 AGM. Boltenhagen was rejected as a suitable venue.

Review of Regatta Gradings

The Prince Philip Cup, was awarded Grade 1 status as it is the only major event in the Southern Hemisphere and is the Australian Interstate Championships, - a continental championship.

. All other existing Grades will remain for the season 2012.

Any Other Business

International Ranking List – National Ranking Lists

Markus Weiser was announced as the 2011 winner of the Muller Trophy

Robert Alpe reported that despite many general and specific reminders Organising Authorities were still not sending results with the necessary details of individual crew members to enable him to keep the IRL up to date and accurate. The IDA reminds all major event organizers that they have a commitment to provide results with this information (and it should all be available from entry forms submitted by crews - See Regatta Regulations Appendix 6 – Entry Forms).

In future a new paragraph to this effect will be required in the Notice of Race for all Championship, Grade 1 and Grade 2 events.

Date of Next Meeting

Saturday 27th October 2012 in Munich (details to follow).