

Presidents report at the AGM 2008 .

Welcome to the IECU-AGM 2008 .

The invitation and agenda for this meeting had been distributed in accordance with the IECU-constitution .

There are 23 possible votes , and we need 30% (that is 7) to do a legal AGM .

I therefore conclude that the AGM is legal .

Anybody against ?

Everyone in the room please write on the circulating paper .

We need 2 scrutinizers for the minutes ???

1 secretary of the AGM (Paul de Porter have accepted)

2 vote counters (Paul have accepted + ???)

1) I will ask everyone to read the minutes from the AGM 2007 .

Do you have any comments ? Can you accept it ?

2) Report of the president :

Dear sailors and friends ! Thank you for showing up to day . First of all a big thank you to the IECU-board for your great job for the Class . A very special thank you to Mick who in a perfect way have been doing our web-side and promotion the last 14 years . I am sorry that you want to stop , but I understand and accept . It will be very difficult to find someone that will use so much time for the class that you did . I wish Mick all the best in the future . And hope still to be in contact with you .

The IECU-board had very regular contact to each other by e-mail or phone .

Of health reasons mr Jorma Heiskanen can not be here today . I will later try to make a presentation of his work .

Mr Paul de Poorter and I took part in the ISAF annual conference nov 07 in Lisbon , trying to get votes for the election nov 08 in Madrid of equipment to the Olympics 2012 in London . Jorma Heiskanen is in contact with ISAF concerning the application , and to find out if ISAF will ask for special technical matters in Madrid .

Last year I thought we was hitting the bottom concerning number of IECU members . I was wrong . We have lost 3 more nations , and are now 16 members .

All over the world sailors in general are complaining that they are missing new sailors . In the clubs the average age is going one up every year .

But our class is just opposite . Over the last 4 years the sailors average age had definitely gone down every year . I am still sure we have a great future in front of us , but perhaps we need to move our focus a little .

This year is the first year the vintage games will take place .It will take place in Medemblik in Holland 20-27 sept . The games will be sailed in : Europe female , Europe male , O-jolle , FD , Soling , Dragoon .

The status 27-6-08 : Total 116 sailors , from 23 countries , in 3 continents , have entered . But yet only few sailors from the Europe class .

The bidding for the Vintage Games 2012 have started , and until now France , Hungary and Italy have applied . More classes may take part in 2012 .

In general it have been a quit year , and that is both good and bad .

Thanks for listening .

Do you have any questions ? Can you accept the report ?