



International non profit organisation

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## Minutes

### FISLY ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2016

**Date** : Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> of September 2016 at 7 PM (19.00 H)

**Venue** : Centre de char, à 100 m du site principal,  
2391 rue de la mer à Bretteville sur Ay plage, FRANCE

**SKYPE** : WIFI was not available

### 1. Registration of the representatives :

#### Full members :

	Belgium	BFLYC-FBLYC	3	Freddy Compernolle
				Thierry Kaisin
				Kurt Vandenbroucke and Lieven Claes
	France	FFCV	3	Alain
				Jaen-Claude Josse
				?
	Germany	YCSPO	3	Sven Kraja
				Niels Münch and Helge Sunts
	USA	NALSA	3	-

**Associate members :**

	Argentina	APC	1	-
	Chile	CC	1	-
	Great-Britain	BFSLYC	1	Derek Nixon
	Great- Britain	SPKA	1	excused
	Great-Britain	PKA	1	excused
	Netherlands	NSF	1	Hans Blanken
	New Zealand		1	-
	Ireland	IPKSA	1	Colman Billings
	Switzerland		1	excused
	Spain	AEC	1	excused
	Possible total number of votes		5	

According to the regulations only countries having paid their fee for 2016 have voting rights.  
See further in minutes.

**Class associations :**

	ISSA	1	Yann Demuysere
	CI II	1	-
	CI III	1	Hans-Werner Eickstädt
	CI VIII	1	-
	Historic SY	1	Jan Leye
	CL MINIYACHT	1	Alan Watson

Class association do not have voting rights

**Affiliate members:**

	Brasil	FBCV	1	-
	Denmark		1	-

## **2. Registration of council members :**

Officially Registered council members 2010-2014 :

Belgium	BFLYC-FBLYC	Bernard Peirs Jan Leye Pierre Nyssens	secretary	excused present excused and resigning
France	FFCV	Christophe Roger Olivier Cannic Hervé Dehaynin	vice-president	present resigned -
Germany	YCSPO	Hans-Werner Eickstädt treasurer Heiko Hartmann Christoph Hanke		present present excused
UK	BFSLYC	Susan Meader		resigned
UK Scotland	SPKA	Tom Arlott		excused
UK	PKA	Matthew Job		excused
Ireland	IPKSA	Alan Watson	president	present
USA	NALSA	Nord Embroden	vice-president	-
Chile		Juan Enrique Quinones	vice-president	excused
Spain	AEC	Miguel Angel Hernaiz		excused
Switzerland		Mark Aghte		excused

Officially not registered council members 2014-2018:

UK	BFSLYC	Mark Serejko	present
USA	NALSA	Mary Robertson	not present
Netherlands	NSF	Floor Lagerwey	present
France	FFCV	Amaury Lequette	not present
Belgium	BFLYC	Yann Demuyser	candidate

## **3. Approval of the minutes FGA –2015 – De Panne**

OK

## **4. Great exchange :**

Country update

France:

2500 pilots. Mixed young and old. 150,000 pilots who sail occasionally. 105 clubs registered.

French members paying tax to sail in Northern France, but now have a deal with Government Project near Paris, for landyachting on an airport field (20k from Paris).

Germany:

Sport is growing. 2700 members sailing. Everyone who does the landsailing license examination gets one year for free as a members. Slowly growing over 10 years. Average age between 30 and 50, not many younger pilots.

29 Sept. to 5 Oct 2018 proposed Europeans. Unclear currently if Class 8 will be there or Borkum. Class 8 is very successful. Number of pilots is increasing slowly. Horses and yachts are allowed on separate beaches.

UK:

Sport grew by 8% primarily due to mini-yacht purchases. However, racing is reducing. Number of active racing members is now 80 people. Sailing with people at Greatstone Kent having a go - over 2000 per year. However, finding it difficult to translate into membership. There are less regattas held and BFLSYC is running to stay the same. In Redcar there is clear support from the local authorities for this new location. There is a good cooperation with PKA.

Belgium:

Seeing slow-down after the European championships last year. Apparently this is normal after a large event.

De Panne is going to redevelop their buildings so will possibly work out of tents this year.

Membership has not changed dramatically. Use of mini yacht has not come big. Although there is an important BLOKART activity organised by another organisation that is not affiliated to our other clubs and federations.

De Krab for youth sailing: seeing a lot of interest in sailing. DePanne club is large, but interest in racing and coming to championships is reducing. Mostly concentrated in DePanne. Belgium has Walloon(French) and Flemish federations. Due to our political situation we have also a complex structure in the organisation of our sport. As reorganisations are going on in the Flemish sailing organisation we have to renew our structures. On that level a lot of work will have to be done in the near future.

Mentioned that Pierre Nyssens has resigned from the FISLY council he was council member for 26 years and founder of ISSA. We thank him for all the work he has been doing.

Holland:

Terschelling: 100 members. New club-house. Generating interest. Leisure sailing only there though.

IJmuiden: Sailing about 50 people in winter. Regattas. Blokart consists of about 80 people.

Working on organisation of EU championships in 2019. Will train youth sailors in Terschelling. Condition of sponsor for new club-house is to bring in new youth sailors. Connected with a foundation for teaching young sailors. Will teach sailing, maintenance etc..

Relationship with Class 8. Still no current relationship between C\* and fixed sail, class 8 have asked to meet with them. Class 8 sails in Texel, different island. Floor has a meeting scheduled with Class 8 and FISLY would like the two to communicate frequently as in other countries and to work together where possible.

The NSF (Dutch Landsailing Federation) was member of the Dutch sailing federation but has made an end of this membership as they gave no real support.

Ireland:

Focusing on 2 beaches now, Benone in Northern Ireland, and Bettystown in Meath (North of Dublin, location of EC 2017). Found that at events held on other beaches local members didn't turn up for the events organised to facilitate them.

Have attended Battle for The Bay on Dublin city beach, Took 200 people per day in minis (two days). Got some members following on from that and have attended maritime festivals to promote the sport. Charging a small fee for people to have a go. A lot of focus this year is on EU event next year.

Membership is now approx. 30 members. We know 100 yachts in Ireland but they do not come to events.

Sailing with Blokarts and Minis together. Class 8 pilots will assist with EU event.

Sailing in Summer with Mini yachts to increase awareness.

## **5. FISLY President's report 2015- 2016**

We have to be organized in our sport.

What we do, we do it with passion. We are the keepers of our sport and we are all volunteers.

We had a very nice event in Belgium last year. But we had also difficulties in the definition of what a European championship is held for, to promote our sport and to find a champion European sailor. We decided to split classes for championships as not all countries are able to organize very big events. Splitting the classes in some year can be good for the development of the sport in smaller countries. It is not the perfect solution to split and separate the classes but it may be necessary if Championships are to be held frequently.

Difficult for one country to facilitate EU championship in one location, due to the size of the even. Membership preference is for single location, including Class 8.

Sailing masters, jury and Rules seminar :

We have had some difficulties in organizing an electronic vote on the proposal but we overcame these. We always have problems with meanings and intent being 'lost in translation'. Some other problems are being caused due to the complexity of our statutes that were written years ago. As an example when we recently got an official translation of our statutes it appears that we may have problems about presence at meetings and of the legality of voting in previous years based on an older translation. This will be an action point for the years to come, resolving these issues. Our functioning should be more simple, clear and with more respect to the opinions of pilots and class associations.

The past year was a very positive year, finding solutions for outstanding problems. Issues mentioned, numbers in classes, locations we can race, resignation and changes to some long established FISLY people. The most important lesson learned is that when we TALK together with one other and we do not "talk to each other", we solve our problems.

La Franqui was extremely well organized but had little wind. Some website problems were overcome and the need for an English version highlighted. FISLY sends compliments and thanks to Christian and his team in Leucate.

Current EU event in Bretteville : seems there were some small problems in starting up the races. These will be sorted out in the coming days.

Don't forget we are an amateur sport run by volunteers who do a magnificent job.

## **6. FISLY Treasurer's report 2015-2016**

Accounts 2015

Balance December 2015, approx. 18,000 euro. Includes 2767.10 euro donation from Nalsa for next World Championship. FISLY says thank you.

Payment for each country. Full members, Belgium, France, Germany, USA. Other countries are associated members or corresponding members.

Total membership fee is approx. €4500. Missing payment of €1000 from several members. Supposed to be paid by 30 June each year. Members who have not paid do not get a vote in the general assembly.

Allocated Budget for 2016: total budget 9,750. €500 is included for FISLY website. Note largest fee allocated is €7000 for Windpointage. For translation and to become a FISLY program which is then available to all members.

To be discussed, rolling increase in membership charge to go from corresponding member to full member over 6 years.

Noted, France has not paid for this year. A country holding a EU event must be a full member.

Noted : Germany didn't pay in time as well as Holland.

Noted, Class 3 has not fully paid this year.

According to a General Assembly meeting in 2011 all members must pay before 30 June to have voting rights.

Countries can remain as members, without paying but do not have voting rights.

The percentage of voters must be of more than 50% of valid members and must be present. (Art.7.7)  
It was found that the number of countries with voting rights at the actual meeting does not reach 50%. According to the constitution a further meeting can be held after three days and there is no minimum percentage required. (Art. 7.7)

So it is agreed and announced to those present that a second GA will be held on Thursday where the countries that have voting rights and that are present will have a vote on the proposals.

The president will ask to all those present to give comment on the proposal so that those who have voting rights can consider and respect these opinions in their voting at the GA on Thursday.

Fisly-budget 2016

Approval of the report given by the treasurer with the understanding that the allocation for Windpointage should not be reached and includes the source code in that budget.

## **7. Acceptance and resignation of memberships:**

full member :

associated member :

affiliated members :

No requests were received

## **8. Election and resignations of FISLY Council Members**

- resignation of council members : Pierre Nyssens (Belgium) is making resignation after 26 years of council membership.
- election of new council members (unregistered)

Items to be voted on:

Yann Demuyser to replace Pierre Nyssens on Council. Agreed in principle.

## **9. ISRR**

Validation of electronic voting on extra-ordinary General Assembly 28.5.2016 and of minutes of FISLY council of 18.06.2016.

**Implications for race directors and jury members.** We have to insist that Sailing Masters and jury members take their role very seriously.

4m/sec rule. Races to be held with the logic of the vote whereby 4m/sec is not required. Sailing Master and Jury to agree if a race condition is valid. There are many complaints about this rule-change, omitting the 4m/sec rule. To be discussed by the Council.  
For class 8 it was never meant that the abolition of this rule would apply for their class.

**Voting proposals on 'FISLY The Spirit of Miniyacht Specifications' and 'FISLY Miniyacht Sport Final'**

See proposal in attachment. See FCM 18.06.2016)

The president proposes to admit the Spirit MY for one year and then to re-evaluate.

Proposal on the Mini-yacht Sport specification. Mini-yacht Spirit Specification. Proposing that the Spirit class would have this spec for a trial one-year including EU event in Ireland.

Sport Spec was agreed already. Do we agree there are two mini classes. Voted, and agreed, Yes.

New Sport Spec. was presented and generally agreed by those present.

New Spirit Spec. was presented and generally agreed by those present. It was agreed there is no limit on the time period for the specifications. UK abstained from agreement.

7. 8. General Assembly meetings. 9. 4m/sec rule. Discussed again. Has been noted in point 2.

**Voting on proposal for a new wheel in Standart and date of application.**

Standart wheel. Proposing to have an alternative front wheel available within the class rules. ISSA to vote on whether this alternative wheel is allowed. General Assembly is being asked to give pre-approval for this wheel to be used in EU and World championships starting 01 Jan 2017. It was agreed.

**Voting on clarification proposal (FCM 18.06.2016) :**

FISLY ANNEX n. 12

RULES FOR THE EUROPEAN AND WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Actual rule :

ARTICLE 1 - OBJECTIVE To organise an annual (\*) international week of sand (land) yacht racing , consisting of a series of races, the winner(s) of the series being designated the Champion(s) of Europe or/and World or National Team Champion(s) of Europe or/and World. Validity : see Art 7 g 1).

(\*) World championships are organised every 4 years. If a World championship is organised outside the European Continent, there will be no European championship that year. In that case a European trophy is possible during that or the preceding year. [FGA 18/09/11]

Proposed clarification :

ARTICLE 1 - OBJECTIVE

To organise an annual (\*) international week of sand (land) yacht racing , consisting of a series of races. The winner(s) of the event is the 1<sup>st</sup> placed pilot and is being designated the Champion(s) of World or National Team Champion(s) of the World.

**The European Champion or National Team Champion(s) is the 1st pilot(s) in the General Ranking of the event who sails with a license issued by a country or club of the European Continent for the event.**

Validity : see Art 7 g 1).

Agreed by majority. One abstention from The Netherlands.

**Project of rewriting the rules in ISAF format :** state of the project and comments. This is a very important project with a lot of work involved. It must be clear that we have a large support for this by the GA.

Proposal to re-write the FISLY rules in the format of ISAF normal sailing rules. It is to make our sport more easy for normal wet-sailors to understand. Floor, Benny Dezeure and Christoph Peirs are doing this work. General agreement.

## **10.FISLY organisation**

**Windpointage :**

Finances and engagements for use by members.

To translate to other languages. Was estimated at €10,000. Anticipated to be €4500 to €5000. There is agreement to do updates for 5 years without charge. Agreed, subject to FISLY owning the source-code and the budget being below €7000. There should be no ongoing licence-fee. General agreement.

**Problems in the statutes on presence of council members.** How to make an evolution to a better representation of pilots and of classes in FISLY.

FISLY must comply with Belgian law. Budget to be provided to allow legal advice to fix the issue arising whereby 50% of members with voting rights must be in attendance. Should be made easier to do votes on items taking into account far-away countries.

## **11. Any other business – FISLY President and Secretary**

None

## **12.Any other business – FISLY representatives**

None

## **13.Any other business**

None

**A second GA is planned for Thursday at 9 PM to vote the proposals.**

Jan Leye  
FISLY secretary  
8.10.2016

## **FISLY COUNCIL Meeting**

After the GA there was no time to discuss the whole agenda.

Following topics were discussed:

4m/sec rule :

Class 8 and Standart are not happy with the rule change as it has been voted. On the next council meeting it will be rediscussed and eventually proposed to vote on a next GA, it was understood that Cl 8 were not to be included in the rule change.

EC Hoylake:

Derek Nixon

Marshalls and volunteers will be needed

Opening will be on Sunday.

Racing will be on Monday and further on all day.

There are no sponsors.

All the budget will have to come from the registration fee of the pilots.

The website is up.

EC Ireland

A proposal movie is shown.

Some important topics.

Jury members, scorers and volunteers needed please.

Help will be provided from pilots from class 8.

Organizing the traveling for yachts and pilots can be a solution. The airport is 45 minutes driving.

Classes : Standart, Promo, MY Sport and Spirit.

Accommodation of all kinds is available

There many interesting tourist activities and sites.

## **Second GA 29.9.2016**

At 7 PM (hour was changed due to racing in the morning).

Present:

Alan Watson	Ireland	1 vote
Heiko Hartmann	Germany	no vote
Mark Sereiko	UK	1 vote
Yann Demuysere	Belgium	3 votes
Jan Leye	Belgium	

General remark:

As on the preceding GA there was not the quorum to have a valid vote. So a second GA can take place according to our statutes that has the right to vote for the proposals. The countries with a vote are asked to respect the general agreement that was expressed for the proposals.

1. Yann Demuysere for the council.

As Belgium has a majority of the votes and as Belgium supports Yann candidateship, Belgium abstained from the voting. The votes of Ireland and UK are in favour of Yann.

2. Abolition of the 4m/sec rule before the start:

Proposal by SPKA to maintain the original rules for class 8. There was a mistake in the formulation of this rule where class 8 was to be excluded.

**The members with voting right that are present all agree on the reinsertion of the '4m/sec during a minimum of 3 minutes to have a race started' for class 8.**

Standart will also make a proposal for having this 4m/sec rule back. It will be discussed at the FCM and proposed to a vote on the e-EGA.

It will possibly also be voted on the coming Extraordinary Electronic GA foreseen for spring 2017.

3. MY

Splitting in 2 classes : Sport and Spirit :

Specification Sport : unanimously voted YES

Specification Spirit : unanimously voted YES

From 1/1/2017

4. Rewriting rules in ISAF format : unanimously voted YES

5. Budget Windpointage : unanimously voted YES with understanding that the allocation for windpointage is closer to 4.5 - 5k and max should not be reached and this includes the source code in that budget

6. Standart Wheel : new optional wheel valid from 1/1/2017 : unanimously voted YES

A new edition of the rules will be made for 1/1/2017

Next council meeting will be in Ireland.

We will meet over 2 days to work through the agenda.

Afterward we will organise an Electronic EGA to vote the proposals.

Possible dates for the FCM are 21-22 of January or 28-29 of January

A Doodle will be made as soon as possible

There are places to stay

Final remark:

We do all this for the pilots.

Jan Leye

21.10.2016

**corrected 16.03.2017**