

1) Opening

The meeting is opened at 16:05 by the VODA president Mr. Walther Nerving. About 30 members were participating, representing all National Organisations.

2) Number of members per National VEGA Organisation

Denmark 210, Great Britain 207, Germany 138, Netherlands 272, Sweden 600, USA 129.

These numbers are defining the number of votes per Organisation during this meeting and the annual contribution each National Organisation is due to VODA (€ 0,25 per member).

To establish the number of votes each Organisation is entitled to, the following definition has been agreed: a member of a National VEGA Organisation is a person paying his annual contribution to that Organisation. Such person may also be member of more than one Organisation if paying contribution to these as well. This solves the membership question raised during the previous VODA meeting held in 2002 in Egå.

3) Minutes of the General VODA Meeting held on July 15, 2004 in Egå, Denmark

The minutes drawn up by Chris Kersbergen are arrested unchanged.

4) Election of the VODA Board for the next two years

Walther Nerving, president, is re-elected as such. Joop Wagenmakers is elected as secretary (including: treasurer). He is succeeding Chris Kersbergen.

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5) VODA Achievement Awards 2004

Candidates are Anwar Andhoj, László Snönyi, Elly van Soest, Joop Wagenmakers, mrs Neuschulz, Klemens Henkes. After shortly adjourning the meeting for consultations, it has been agreed to grant an award to Klemens Henkes and to Joop Wagenmakers. The president cites the texts about their merits.

The awards will be handed over during the IFR closing diner.

6) Next VEGA International Friendship Regatta

The Deutsche Vega-klassenvereinigung is offering to organise the IFR2006 near Eckernförde, as chairman Klemens Henkes announces. His proposal is cordially welcomed. The event will probably take place during mid July.

7) VODA Economy

Joop Wagenmakers is due to produce the next financial statement in his new function as secretary. He states some Organisations are still to pay, he will work it out. Ross Dring (USA) and Tom Rasmussen (Norway) were easing Joop's task in paying in cash right now.

8) Updating VEGA Class Rules

Chris Kersbergen made already an electronic version of the 1988 Rules as joined to the agenda. He has incorporated the modification agreed in the 2004 General VODA Meeting in Egå. This involves the addition of a Touring Class for those liking to race and having an unmeasured VEGA. After final approval of the text of the adapted Rules, it is his proposal to put the new Rules on the VODA website in pdf format.

However, a new point raised in this meeting causing much discussion is the proposal to cancel the engine weight requirement in the Rules (120 kg minimal) as the old engines are wearing out and are gradually replaced with new types being much lighter. In cancelling the 120 kg requirement, we should fully rely on the existing floating marks requirement. If a boat floats above these 2 marks, more stress is put on weighing her down. The question arises where and how to put a possible additional weight. Lars Lemby reveals for that the mostly unknown but existing athwart ship stability requirement solving the problem.

Finally, it has been agreed to cancel the 120 kg engine weight requirement. If consequently additional weight should be mounted to meet the existing floating marks requirement, it has to be located such that the existing athwart stability requirement should be met.

Furthermore, it has been agreed (proposal of Lars Lemby) to further update the Vega Class Rules. Lars Lemby and Joop Wagenmakers will work on it. Lüder Heidemann undertakes to compare the Lars and Joop/Chris versions on his computer. Joop will draw up the new text in his function of secretary. Diana Webb is asked to improve and convert this text to "real" English. The new VEGA Class Rules issue will be open for approval in the next General VODA Meeting.

9) New proposal to standardising measurement sheets to check on Vega Class Rules

*The question arises whether a standardised measurement sheet (the ideal) is feasible, listing all measurements necessary to check on the Class Rules. In the Netherlands and in Sweden such sheets are available. Lars Lemby and Joop Wagenmakers will try to get such sheet to be proposed in the next General VODA Meeting.

The question is raised who will be responsible to assure a boat meets in all respects such listing. Walther proposes each National Organisation is due to that.

*About the 2 floating marks. These are in many cases hardly to be seen due to painting, even disappearance. A useful alternative checking the floating marks requirement is checking 2 chains touching the water surface instead as proposed by Jacob Cats and Joop Wagenmakers.

The explaining appendix has been issued already, but may not having reached everyone.
Hence it will be appended to these minutes as asked by the president.

10) National reports on activities

The secretaries of the National Organisations are kindly requested to submit their report on the past two years to the VODA secretary, if not having done yet.

11) Further questions and points

None.

12) Closing of the meeting

At 17:32.

Joop Wagenmakers, secretary