

World Council meeting of October 18th-19th 2008 in London

The World Council met for the **first time in a mid-year meeting** and with only the “core” members present, namely the four Regional Chairmen, two builder representatives, the Executive Secretary and the President. This intermediary meeting was decided as a test at the last “full meeting” held in February 08 in Terrigal, Australia. It was felt that the time span between the Terrigal meeting in February 2008 and the following full meeting in Halifax end of August 2009 was quite big. While the World Council uses e-mail and telephone extensively for their internal communications, certain more complex issues can only be treated adequately and efficiently in face to face meetings and decisions might therefore be unduly delayed. The smaller size (actually the one foreseen in the constitution) was decided to keep the expenses down, but also to facilitate exchange of opinions and decision making. Whether or not we will continue with such a mid-year meeting in this form will be discussed and decided at the Halifax meeting. Personally I found the experience quite positive: we had in depth discussions on important issues which face the class and several urgent decisions were made.

We **approved the 2007 accounts** (the ILCA accounting year goes from October 1st of the preceding year until September 30th), took note of the results of a provisional account closing for 2008 (not audited yet), **approved the budget 2009** and looked at the forecasts for 2010 and 2011. Here are the figures:

| | 2007 Approved Accounts | 2008 Provisional Accounts | 2009 Budget | 2010 Forecast | 2011 Forecast |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| ILCA OFFICE | | | | | |
| Income | | | | | |
| Plaque Fees | 74'527 | 47'102 | 57'000 | 57'000 | 58'000 |
| Sail Button Fees | 44'926 | 49'200 | 50'500 | 51'000 | 51'500 |
| Membership Fees | 70'395 | 80'501 | 79'000 | 79'000 | 80'000 |
| Sale of Goods | 8'384 | 11'221 | 11'800 | 12'508 | 13'258 |
| Cont from Euro Region | 8'727 | 23'897 | 21'000 | 18'000 | 19'080 |
| Contribution to ILCA for Entry | 40'502 | 30'689 | 26'700 | 29'700 | 15'150 |
| Contribution to ILCA for Charter | -22'480 | 13'501 | 19'500 | 19'000 | 19'000 |
| Interest Receivable | 33'009 | 42'480 | 41'000 | 42'025 | 43'286 |
| Total Income | 257'990 | 298'591 | 306'500 | 308'233 | 299'274 |
| Expenditure | | | | | |
| Publications | 16'639 | 20'702 | 23'700 | 24'885 | 26'130 |
| Testing & Development | 8'040 | 9'527 | 9'000 | 5'000 | 5'000 |
| Salaries & Pension | 134'676 | 183'058 | 195'872 | 209'583 | 224'254 |
| Office & Travel | 28'250 | 27'247 | 31'780 | 37'120 | 34'832 |
| Auditors / Bank Charges | 7'166 | 6'868 | 10'750 | 11'288 | 11'852 |
| Depreciation | 5'286 | 5'500 | 5'500 | 2'100 | 2'100 |
| Cost of Purchases | 9'942 | 13'265 | 14'000 | 14'700 | 15'435 |
| ISAF / World Council | 6'042 | 14'276 | 16'500 | 12'500 | 16'500 |
| Total Expenditure | 216'041 | 280'443 | 307'102 | 317'176 | 336'103 |
| Accumulated Funds b/f | 809'587 | 851'536 | 869'684 | 869'082 | 860'139 |
| Surplus for year | 41'949 | 18'148 | -602 | -8'943 | -36'829 |
| Accumulated Funds c/f | 851'536 | 869'684 | 869'082 | 860'139 | 823'310 |

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| CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY | | | | | |
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| Entries Received | 167'709 | 218'950 | 147'900 | 182'300 | 109'500 |
| Bank Charges | -3'650 | -6'252 | -3'698 | -4'558 | -2'738 |
| Championship Expenses | -1'328 | -6'818 | -4'650 | -4'650 | -3'050 |
| Travel/Accommodations | -14'473 | -23'921 | -33'000 | -22'500 | -16'500 |
| Contribution to ILCA for Entry | -40'502 | -30'689 | -14'550 | -18'750 | -10'950 |
| Payment to Organisers | -107'756 | -151'270 | -92'003 | -131'843 | -76'263 |
| Total | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CHAMPIONSHIP CHARTER | | | | | |
| Charters Received | 219'630 | 276'998 | 287'500 | 265'000 | 272'000 |
| Bank Charges | -5'253 | -9'912 | -12'138 | -11'725 | -11'900 |
| Misc Charter Expenses | -748 | -832 | -640 | -640 | -640 |
| Contribution to ILCA for Charter | 22'480 | -13'501 | -16'500 | -17'000 | -17'000 |
| Payment to Charter Providers | -236'109 | -252'753 | -258'223 | -235'635 | -242'460 |
| Total | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

A proposal originating from the UKLA and submitted by the European Chairman to reduce substantially or even eliminate the membership fee collected annually from the Districts (£ 5 per member and year) was unanimously rejected. However, the Council approved a proposal that the ILCA bank charges for the payments of the membership fees by the Districts will be carried by ILCA in the future instead of by the Districts. This corresponds to normal international business practices. It amounts to approximately 5% of the membership fees transmitted and will reduce the cost to the Districts accordingly. The approved budget 2009 as above takes this into consideration. The forecast 2010 and 2011 show an increasing deficit. The Council felt that this was for the moment acceptable and does not require any immediate action in view of the accumulated funds by the Association.

Quite some time was spent on **technical matters** and **rule changes**, which had been pre-discussed in a preceding full day meeting between the **Technical and Measurement Committee (TMC)** and the **builder representatives**. Tracy Usher, the chairman of the TMC has written a separate article on this subject, which you can also find in this issue. The World Council accepted all the different proposals by the TMC.

In the area of organisation and planning of **World Championships** the following decisions were made:

- A **Laser Junior Standard Men World Championship** will be introduced. It will be open to sailors who will reach 17, 18, 19 or 20 years in the year of the championship and will be an "allocated event" (with qualifications for the limited allocated places per country/district). The first one will be held in 2010 in Hayling Island in parallel to the Laser Standard Men World Championship to be held there.
- The age brackets for the **Laser 4.7 Youth policy** were slightly modified: the "under 15 age category" will become "**under 16 age category**". Based on past and projected future World Championship participation this change would give us a better chance to give two official **World Championship titles** for "**Laser 4.7 girls under 16**" and "**Laser 4.7 boys under 16**" under the current restrictions imposed by ISAF for such titles regarding the minimum number of participants and countries represented.

- The **venues for the 2010 World Championships** were confirmed subject to the final signature of the contracts with the organisers:

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|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Laser Standard Men: | Hayling Island / UK |
| Laser Standard Junior Men (new): | Hayling Island / UK |
| Laser Masters: | Hayling Island / UK |
| Laser Radial Women: | Largs / Scotland |
| Laser Radial Men: | Largs / Scotland |
| Laser Radial Youth (Men and Women): | Largs / Scotland |
| Laser 4.7: | Pattaya / Thailand |

- The **preferred regions** for the **World Championships 2011 and 2012** were also decided. With the obvious exception of the 2011 Laser Standard Men and Laser Radial Women World Championships which will be part of the ISAF Olympic Classes Worlds in Perth, all the others will be **open to bids**. The bidding documents and process will start by year end 2008.

It was also decided to further **improve the ILCA internet** pages by a more up to date **regatta reporting**.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and successful 2009!

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