

Enterprise Association Rules and Constitution – A Proposal for Change and Updating

19th January 2019

Current Constitution:

- Area AGMs are held during the last 2 weeks of November & at these two area reps are elected to represent their area on the National Committee
- The Area AGMs also elect Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore
- Area AGMs may form area committees, and these shall consist of 2 representatives from each recognised fleet
- Area committees shall appoint an area chairman and hon sec
- Area committees are expected to call and hold not less than 2 committee meetings each year
- During January the National Committee have their first Committee meeting
- At this meeting, the National Committee shall appoint:
 - Hon Secretary
 - Hon Treasurer
 - Hon Fixtures Sec
 - Social Sec
 - Public relations Officer
 - Up to 2 Association members to represent EA at EI
- The National Committee may also appoint an Assistant Sec
- Entitled to vote at National Committee meetings are: Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore, Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer, Area representatives

Operation to end 2017:

- Area AGMs are held during ~~the last 2 weeks of~~ November and December & at these up to two area reps are elected to represent their area on the National Committee
- The Area AGMs also elect Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore
- Area AGMs ~~may~~ do not form area committees, and these shall consist of 2 representatives from each recognised fleet
- ~~Area committees shall appoint an area chairman and hon sec~~
- ~~Area committees are expected to call and hold not less than 2 committee meetings each year~~
- During January the National Committee have their first Committee meeting
- At this meeting, the National Committee shall appoint:
 - Hon Secretary (not appointed 2018)
 - Hon Treasurer
 - Hon Fixtures Sec
 - ~~Social Sec~~
 - ~~Public relations Officer~~
 - ~~Up to 2 Association members to represent EA at EI~~
 - Membership Secretary
- The National Committee may also appoint an Assistant Sec
- Entitled to vote at National Committee meetings are: anybody who happens to be at the meeting
~~Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore, Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer, Area representatives~~

Operation since start of 2018:

- Area AGMs are held during November and December & at these up to two area reps are elected to represent their area on the National Committee
- The Area AGMs also elect Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore

- Area AGMs do not form area committees

- During January the National Committee have their first Committee meeting
- At this meeting, the National Committee shall appoint:
 - Hon Secretary (not appointed 2018)
 - Hon Treasurer (resigned 11th January 2019)
 - Hon Fixtures Sec
 - Membership Secretary
 - **Championship Co-Ordinator**
 - **Sponsorship**
 - **Diary Editor**
 - **Technical**
 - **Training**
 - **Webmaster**
- The National Committee may also appoint an Assistant Sec (not appointed during 2018)
- Entitled to vote at National Committee meetings are: anybody who happens to be at the meeting

Proposed requirements:

- Annually we need:
 - An AGM to cover:
 - Legal requirements such as the presentation and approval of accounts...
 - To elect Commodore, Vice Commodore (Commodore in waiting) and Rear Commodore (a previous Commodore who will act as mentor for current)
 - To elect:
 - Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer, Hon Fixtures Sec
 - Membership Secretary
 - Championship Co-Ordinator
 - Sponsorship
 - Diary Editor
 - Technical
 - Training
 - Webmaster
 - Up to two area reps per area , to represent their area on the National Commit
 - Optionally, an Assistant Sec
 - A formal opportunity for members to raise points of interest
- Ad-hoc we need:
 - A mechanism to propose and vote on proposals to change International Enterprise Class Rules
 - A mechanism to propose and vote on proposals to change The Rules of the Enterprise Association
 - A less formal opportunity for members to raise points of interest

Proposal:

- AGM to be held during the National Championships at the Championship venue
- (Ideally we would use technology to enable members to take part remotely)
- The AGM shall elect Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore
- The AGM shall elect:
 - Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer, Hon Fixtures Sec
 - Membership Secretary
 - Championship Co-Ordinator
 - Sponsorship
 - Diary Editor
 - Technical
 - Training
 - Webmaster
 - Optionally, an Assistant Sec
- Provide a formal opportunity for members to raise points of interest
- Prior to the AGM, nominations shall be made for the above positions
- We need a mechanism to elect up to two area reps per area, to represent their area on the National Committee

Proposal (continued)

- We need to create a new constitution proposal to present to the membership
- When we have a proposal we think is ready for the membership, this will be reviewed by the NC
- When the NC are happy the proposal is sound, we'll organise a SGM to put it to the members for a vote

Complexities:

- World Sailing own the copyright for the International Enterprise
- The World Sailing Constitution Standard template we're being asked to align with doesn't appear to be fit for EI/EA
- We need advice from WS about how best / where we can align with their wishes

In the meantime:

- If the Class Secretary receives any requests to change the current constitution while we're doing this, we will invite the requestor to help build the proposal
- If the Class Secretary receives any requests to change Enterprise International Class Rules while we're doing this, the Technical Committee (TS) will help the requestor build a compelling request, and submit to EI for onward submission to WS.
- If the Class Secretary receives any points of interest, these will be forwarded to the relevant NC member

