



International Tornado Class Association

AGM Notes 2021

Meeting started at 7.15 pm on the 26th of September

16 people are in attendance

People present

Sarah Jentsch, Markus Betz, Josef Gunkel, Estela Jentsch, Jürgen Jentsch, Maria Tsaousidou, Roland Marth, Manos Angelakis, Willi Guggenmos, Kostandinos Trigonis, Nikolas Betz, Michael Papadopoulos, Martin Daum, Paul Opolony, Alexandros Tagaropoulos, Periklis Aidinidis

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1. Apologies for absence

Aaron Duncan, Allan Gamble, Brett Burvil, Kim Nicholas

2. Approval of the minutes of the last AGM

Proposer: Markus Betz

Secunder: Roland Mart

3. President's Report

Feedback international Activities 2020: first time in the history of the Tornado Class no Europeans (Segelclub Füssen Forggensee) and Worlds 2020 Nautical Thessaloniki, postponed, because Covid restrictions.

2021 Europeans mid-July Segelclub Füssen with 17 Boats from 5 Nations

Tornado Nationals 2021: New Zealand, Austria, Germany, Czech Republic, Great Britain, Austria, Switzerland.

New fleet activities in Russia: Novosibirsk and Saint Petersburg, USA (Kansas), Belgium, Netherlands, Brittany, France.

New interest of young sailors from the 29er and 49er class in Austria and Germany. Eight bells for Dr. David Sweeny, 3times Olympic participant for Canada.

4. Secretary's Report

Confirming Jürgen's report and adding

Jürgen succeeded in Live Sail Die, the video maker company from NZL, offering us free transmission of the media that we send them

Ron Holm, United States, is a member and about to be a Commodore of Honor at Perry Yacht club but also now an official member of the ITA who wishes to start Tornado action in Kansas. For now, he counts 4 Wooden and 4 Marstrom Tornados and needs our support.

As we are here today, we all love what we do and probably are willing to make the class bigger, get more sailors to see what the tornado is and host more and greater events. We need to work it together. The class needs more support. You know that all committee jobs are voluntary jobs that may consume a lot of time basically before major events.

From the secretary's position, through the year I am in weekly (if not more often) contact with the president for things that should be done, contacts with WS, sailor's requests, sometimes technical issues, organizing events, selecting venues etc. These ones are manageable throughout the year. More to that there is following each and every tornado event that takes place around the globe, managing the website and social media, sending our reports to all the social media broadcasters etc. I feel that I



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fail to manage every point of it at the level I want it and I do not have all the time that is needed.

As discussed in previous AGMs', the major issue is our class promotion, that nowadays can be made online with posts and reports. There is a lot of Tornado action to be covered. Events take place all year long thanks to our "down under" friends who sail when we (in Europe) ski.

In order to cover this point, I suggest that we create another ITA role, the **Social media manager & promotion**, with the view that one representant from each country will inform the social media manager for every event that take place in his country by sending reports, photos, videos, etc. to be published. This should happen in a regular basis. Paid advertisement might also help. Instagram is the new trend and we should invest there.

If you also agree, I would like to continue for another 2-year period as a secretary of the class, but only if I snap out some of the responsibilities that have landed on me and with the view to motivate more people to be in action for the class.

Please get motivated!

5. Treasurer's Report (17.11.2020 – 13.09.2021)

First, I have to apologize for my absence. This Report will be read by Josef Gunkel. The total balance at the cut of date of 17.11.2020 was 18.165,01 € with the balance of 16.296,87 € at Raiffeisenbank Jungholz / Reutte - Austria, 363,14 € on Paypal and 1.505,00 € in Cash.

The main income is as in the years before from Memberships, Stickers and Eventfees. The Memberships form Germany are not yet paid (2.390,00€), however will be asap paid. Also, an amount of 150,00 € is outstanding from North Sri Lanka, this however is a payment in advance.

So, we can close the Raiffeisen Bank account with a balance of 16.925,47 €, the PayPal account with 147,14 € and 2.100,00 € in Cash. This means a total amount of 21.712,61 € is available on the cutoff date 13.09.2021. Starting with a total amount of 18.165,01 € this means a gain in difference of 3.547,60 €.

The Books have been checked by Markus Betz and Allan Gamble on the 26.9.2021 in Thessaloniki, Greece.

As already announced in the last AGM I will try to support the class for the next year as much as I can. After this year a successor for the treasurer job will be necessary.

Books checked by Markus Betz and Roland Mart (in the absence of Allan Gamble)



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Treasurer report has been accepted by all.

6. Event's manager Report

2020 review, the last regatta before Corona was the European Championship in Rimini 2019. Attendance was high, racing conditions good and fair, the organization on the water and off the water was excellent. Suellen from New Zealand took care of video and photography as well as a local. The event program was probably one of the best so far.

The 2020 World Championship of Thessaloniki was moved to late September 2021. The European Championship took place in Füssen, the organisation was good, the sponsors plenty and racing took place in light conditions, with 5 completed races.

Venues for forthcoming European and World Championship events are:

Valencia – old Americas Cup port will host either competition,
Cádiz is interested in hosting Worlds,
Balaton was initially interested for 2021 but now would like to have us 2023 for a Euro,
Attersee wanted us for 2022 Europeans but have retrieved their bid.
Puerto Colom in Palma de Mallorca have offered to host us too.

Due to the dates limit for World Sailing, August 10th and the pandemic, we were forced to take the decision of hosting the **next World Championship again in La Grande Motte, as Paul Bastard was spontaneous in giving us immediate feedback, this will take place end of August 2022.** We would like to host the 2022 Europeans in some traditional Tornado club in Italy if possible. After these Worlds we will make contact with a few clubs (Rimini, Cesenatico, Dervio and Torbole and Arco at lake Garda) and see what options we have.

Thessaloniki has offered to host any regatta we want in the future.

Mediterranean flair and lake Garda seem to be the members favorite locations for international competitions. We must not forget the United Kingdom; their fleet is active and we haven't been there in a while.

7. Election of Auditors

Markus Betz and Roland Martin offered to be auditors for 2022 in La Grande Motte, FRA

8. The 2020-2022 Committee

All previous committee members resigned and members who officially stated their will to get involved in the committee members were elected.



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The room voted on the 2021-23 committee and all in favour, noone against.

The 2021-23 committee:

Aaron Duncan (NZL)

Brett Burvill (AUS)

Dany Paschalidis (GRE)

David Gunkel (GER)

Josef Gunkel (GER)

Juergen Jentsch (GER)

Kim Nickolas (AUS)

Kostas Trigonis (GRE)

Leo Sanchez (ESP)

Maria Tsaousidou (GRE)

Martin Daum (AUT)

Nikolas Betz (GER)

Sarah Jentsch (ESP)

Silvia Salzmann (AUT)

Wolfgang Heinemann (GER)

9. Any other business

Discussion on social media management and promotion of the class. Young ones could get involved in this part.

Class should be strong with membership fees that should be made on time and by all members withing the first quarter of each year.



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National associations should be motivated and more in contact / under the ITA.

Each sailor willing to help the class is more than welcome! Class needs support.

The reduction of target time per race was discussed. There was a common will to have some reduction aiming to 40-45'. The point of having more than 2 races per day is about to be examined

Meeting finished at 8.30 pm