

# Minutes from the Annual General Assembly,

February 5, 2001 in Sønderborg

## 1. Election of meeting chairman

The board suggested Henrik Stærsholm (DEN-42), who was elected with acclamation. The meeting chairman concluded that the general assembly was announced with a legal time of warning. 11 participated representing 9 boats: DEN-5, DEN-7, DEN-19, DEN-33, DEN-42, DEN-53, DEN-67, GER-3 and GER-5. One power of attorney was received from the owner of DEN-7.

## 2. The president's report

"The year started with the General Assembly in Vedbæk Sejlklub, where 17 members from 12 boats participated. It was the first time in many years that we did not pass any changes of the class rules. The only proposal that was put forward was a permission to use a furling system. The proposal was rejected but a dispensation was given for a two years trial.

A questionnaire has been made in order for the board to know what the members' attitude is and which items they think we shall work for. The result of the survey was described in detail in the last Newsletter.

A short resumé:

1. A majority felt that e-mail should be used to inform the members (for those who do not have access to the internet snail mail will still be used).
2. No clear answer was given to the question on the sole use of the internet to publish the Newsletter. The letter will therefore be published in both a printed and an electronic version for the time being.
3. There was given support to publish a more primitive version of the Newsletter for those without access to the internet.
4. The board was asked to work for permission to use furling system.
5. The board was asked to work for a change of the class rules such that a cheaper mast could be used.

And we in the board are actually doing something right now with these items.

Our Open Danish Championship was arranged by Vedbæk Sejlklub and 20 boats participated. Again a small increase compared to the year before. New boat owners participated and it is nice that our foreign members keep participating at the championship. Very light wind dominated the championship. It was very difficult to be the referee and actually equally difficult to be sailor but the champion was after all found. Congratulations to Bjerne for his work making the championship a success. It is not only the BB10m boats that are getting older and older also the elder members were doing very well. At the price ceremony the average age was probably over 50 years. So we are many who still have a chance. The champion Erik in DEN-5 won for the third time; a very big congratulation to him and his crew!

Last year I talked about the plans Dansk Sejlunion had to change the general rules for the championships. It was announced at an annual meeting which was arranged in February last year. Now one year later I still have not received the minutes from that meeting. When I ask for them they reply that they are busy with the new DH2000 measuring rule. It is quite surprising that DS cannot service the members better.

We have not been particularly lucky with the new DH measuring rule. The BB10m has been punished very severely. In board we have done a lot to influence DS to adjust the rule but until now without great luck. But Erik in DEN-5 has become member of an evaluation group which has to look at the insufficiencies which apparently are in the new DH2000 rule. Let us hope that Erik will succeed with the big effort he is putting in the work.

Finally I will thank the rest of the board for the good collaboration that we have."

## 3. Annual balance sheet

Cashier Bjerne Clausen (DEN-53) went through the audited balance sheet for 2000. The balance sheet showed a small surplus. The association has now a little more than 12,000 DKK capital which will be useful for future expenditures in measuring templates and expenditures regarding the 25 years anniversary in 2003. There were no further comments to the balance sheet which then was accepted unanimously.

## 4. Stipulation of member fee

The board suggested unchanged member fees for 2002, which was unanimously approved by the general assembly.

## **5. Proposals from members**

Erik Kristensen (DEN-5) proposed to move the general assembly from winter to the day before the first race at the championship. The proposal was however withdrawn since there was an understanding that this would give too much extra workload on the board on an already busy day.

Due to the requirements of Dansk Sejlunion to use the SMG-measure (width at ½ height) in stead of the SMW-measure (largest width under ½ height) for the spinnakers a change of the class rules 4.4.05, 4.4.06 and 4.4.07 was proposed by the board. In addition it was proposed to add a maximum measure on the length of the max. spinnaker in order to avoid that the members start to build spinnakers with a very large "foot" which can only be used down hill. The board points out that the accurate measures will be decided when sail makers have approved that no spinnakers will get into problems with the changes of the rules.

The proposal was passed with 8 votes for, 1 against.

From the board there was also a proposal on allowing two spinnakers at the skippers own discretion, i.e. 2 max. spinnakers or 1 max. spinnaker and 1 small spinnaker (rule 4.5.01). It appears that it is an advantage since most races these days are up/down e.g. at the Danish Championships and this change will warrant that a destroyed spinnaker will not have fatal influence on a boats further performance.

The proposal was passed unanimously.

It has been found that 3 to 4 masts may not be within the class rules since Børresen/Nordic did not deliver them. Because of that and because the insurance companies have some resistance to pay for the very expensive original mast the board was asked by the members at the last assembly to investigate if mast of another manufacturer could be used. It appears that there are no other masts of different manufacturer which keep the minimum weight and also fits into the mast foot. The board anyhow put the proposal forward that it be allowed to mount a lighter mast of a different manufacturer as long as the total weight is kept by mounting compensation weights visible over the spreaders.

After a long discussion on the pros and cons and all the inconvenience with mounting and controlling compensation weights the proposal was subject to a vote.

The proposal was refused with 1 vote for and 8 against.

In order to legalize those masts which are not of Børresen/Nordic brand and maybe do not keep the class rules it was announced by the board that there will be given dispensation to those after a weighting and eventual mount of compensation weights.

The questionnaire showed a big interest in allowing furling systems in the class. The board proposed therefore that rule 3.5.10 be changed from "Forstagsprofil (headfoil) og rullefok er ikke tilladt" to "Forstagsprofil er ikke tilladt. Rullefok/genua er tilladt". The argumentation for the proposal is treated in detail in the minutes from last year's general assembly.

The proposal was passed with 6 votes in favor and 3 neither for nor against.

Bjarne (DEN-33) promised that in the next issue of the Newsletter there would be a description of his experience with the furling system. The President further said that Anders Børresen is about to finish a proposal and a description to mount a ready made furling system, which we can, bye from the boat yard.

The board announced that if the proposals were finally approved by an extraordinary general assembly there will be granted a general dispensation to use the new rules already this year.

## **6. Election of president**

The president is elected every year by the general assembly and Claus Jespersen (DEN-19) was re-elected with acclamation.

## **7. Election of board members and one substitute**

Jes Madsen (DEN-7) and Søren Koitsch (DEN-67) were re-elected. As substitute the assembly elected Jochen-Patrick Kunze (GER-3) since the present substitute Christian Andersen (DEN-8) has his boat for sale. The board sincerely hopes that Christian will continue in his very important and essential job as editor of the Newsletter.

## **8. Election of auditor and auditor substitute**

Peter Michelsen as auditor and Steen Messmann as auditor substitute were re-elected.

## **9. By-laws and class rules**

Nothing

## **10. Miscellaneous**

The webmaster briefed the assembly about the future plans for the home page for the association. Due to the fact that Sejl.net has discontinued its operation the board has decided to pay an annual amount such that we in

the future can use the URL-address <http://www.BB10m.dk> . This will give us an independence of the web hotel that we are using. We will also be able to use password protected sub libraries which means that we can put items (e.g. the class rules, member list, the Newsletter, the balance sheet, etc.) that only concerns the members on the web site. In the future we hope it will be possible to extend the facilities such that the member fee can be paid using a credit card via the web site.

Erik, DEN-5, gave a short summary of the DH2000-seminar in Dansk Sejlunion and mentioned his many discussions with members of Teknisk Udvalg in order to inform them that the rule is particular tough on certain boats. Erik emphasized that we cannot expect that the BB10m will be particularly favored but if we can point out that there are errors in some of the assumptions that the calculations are based upon, he think that DS is willing to make the necessary adjustments.

Finally, the President told about a fraud case involving a BB10m in Jutland. The case will be described in the next issue of the Bådmagasinet.

The meeting chairman ended the general assembly by thanking the participants for their peaceful attitude.