

Minutes from the General Assembly 2004

January 24, Holbæk Sejlklub

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1. Election of meeting chairman

The board suggested Erik Kristensen (DEN-5), who was unanimously elected. He stated that the general assembly was called according to the bylaws. 6 participants were present, representing 5 boats: DEN-5, DEN-33, DEN-53, DEN-63, and SWE-4. 1 power of attorney from DEN-37 was presented.

Reporter: Bjerne S. Clausen, DEN-53

2. The chairman's report

Since the chairman could not be present at the assembly, the chairman's report was read by the board member, Ulrik Larsen, DEN-63:

"Dear members, dear participants at the general assembly.

Let me start by apologizing for not being present at this general assembly, but Ane and myself took the decision to take a whole ski season in Ischgl/Austria where we enjoy life!

This, my first season as chairman has as many other sail seasons given a lot of very nice experiences.

Starting with the general assembly in Juelsminde, where I (again I could not be present due to ski vacation) was elected as chairman and Ulrik from DEN-63 was elected as new board member.

Next, Fyn Rundt from Kerteminde with 5 participating BB10's – a report can be read at the home page. The regatta was unfortunately at the same time as Frühjahrswoche in Flensburg, which is also an attractive regatta for the region.

Later long voyage in the summer – at least for us. At such long voyages it is always nice to meet other with the same interests (read BB10 sailors). In our second summer vacation in DEN-7 we were lucky to meet such. Then you can drink a beer and such and perhaps sail together the next day. This is one of the biggest joys in our class - that we have a special boat type which both create attention despite its small size and also that we can get together when we meet. I hope that you also has had the same feeling.

In the end of the "normal" summer vacation some of us gathered in Juelsminde for the Danish Championship. An absolutely well-arranged regatta with many, very tight races. The winner of the whole thing became DEN-67, Hancock, which again should have a congratulation.

In the fall a tradition for sailing Tuco Cup in Fåborg is being created. A nice regatta in very nice environments where you start on respite. In addition a lot of nice prizes and a great party in the evening! In 2003 5 BB10's were participating and the class was the largest (The Folk Boat does of course not count).

In 2003 we had a bad experience for the BB10m. Børresens Bådebyggeri got into financial difficulties and had to stop producing! Fortunately, Anders and Ole have been able to construct a new company which has taken over the templates and thus the future production of the BB10m. If anyone has ideas to improvements or rationalizations of the production - with the hope to make the boat more attractive and thus more competitive (= more new constructions) - the members are encouraged to let Anders and Ole know that.

Thanks for the past season. Thanks for the participation at the different regattas - there is room for more!

Finally a thank to Bjerne, who after (I believe) 16 years as cashier has chosen to leave the board. Can we find a replacement with the same engagement we are very lucky!

With my best regards

Michael Kjær

Chairman"

The chairman's report was approved with a single comment that there are also regattas in the eastern part of Denmark.

3. Annual balance sheet

The cashier Bjerne S. Clausen, DEN-53, went through the audited balance sheet for 2003. The accounts showed a small deficit (kr. -2.432,20), which was due to extraordinary expenses in connection with the 25 year anniversary of the club. For some reason it was not possible to sell the anniversary logos and therefore the cashier had decided to distribute the stock to the members. The capital in the club was kr. 16.613,45 ultimo 2003.

The assembly had no comments to the accounts which were then approved unanimously.

4. Stipulation of member fee

The board suggested unchanged member fees for 2005 which was unanimously passed by the assembly. The cashier noted that there were no immediate plans for a raise since the transition to electronic contact to the members has resulted in a considerable saving for the club.

5. Proposals from members

The board put forward revised [bylaws and class rules](#), made according to the new demands from Dansk Sejlunion. The board mentioned that in the new class rules there were no changes or restrictions compared to the existing which would mean that existing sails or boats became illegal. At least, this has not been the intention! Several new measures on the sails have been included which have been necessary to fulfill the demands in the equipment rules and the measures have been checked with several sail makers. With respect to the bylaws it is now possible to arrange general assemblies e.g. in connection with DM, it is possible to exempt the board from member fee, and it is possible to call assemblies electronically.

The new bylaws and class rules were unanimously accepted by the assembly.

Except the **suggestion from the board** regarding revised by-laws and class rules, the following suggestions have been brought forward from the members:

From Bjerne S. Clausen, DEN-53:

*Rule 5.2.08 in the **old** class rules (rule C3.1 in the **new** class rules) is suggested to be changed to:
"Approved electric 3-split light mounted on the mast head. Requirements related to time of functioning should be in accordance with the regatta descriptions, however, minimum 12 hours."*

Argumentation: The suggestion is put forward due to safety reasons (light in the mast head can be seen better and is less subjected to damage compared to a light in the stern. But it will also give more equal terms during the regattas since the wire and light in/on the mast weight about 1,5 kg. If the light is not mounted on the mast head this equals an extra stability of about 10 kg in the keel (at 30 degrees leaning). The proposal passed with the votes 5 for, 1 indifferent.

From Bjarne V. Petersen, DEN-33:

I suggest that it will be allowed to use Kevlar to produce foresail.

Change of rule 4.3.01

Present wording: Foresails must be made from white woven cloth or from Mylar.

To be changed to: "Foresails must be made from white cloth, Mylar or Kevlar."

Argumentation: Kevlar is more form stable and about 30% stronger than Mylar and a Kevlar Genoa is only about kr. 500 more expensive than Mylar.

The proposal passed unanimously with 6 votes for.

Since less than 1/3 of the members of the club were present at the assembly §8 in the bylaws demand that in order for the proposals to be valid, an extraordinary assembly should be called within 14 days. At this assembly the proposals can then be finally accepted.

6. Election of president

The chairman is elected every year by the general assembly and since Bjarne Venø Pedersen, DEN-33, announced that he wanted to run for the chairmanship against the present chairman, Michael Kjær, DEN-7, the rather unusually (at least it is the first time in the history of the club!) happened that a election took place. At the election 4 voted for Bjarne, 0 voted for Michael, and 1 did not vote.

7. Election of board members and one substitute

Bjerne S. Clausen, DEN-53, announced that he after having consulted the new chairman accepted to take yet another period in the board and thus he withdraw his decision to leave the board and was willing to be elected again. Since also Jochen-Patrick Kunze, GER-5, was up for election and since Peter Monrad Hansen, DEN-37, ran for board member there were 3 candidates for 2 board posts. At the following election Bjerne and Peter were elected with viz. 5 votes and 6 votes (incl. the vote in the power of attorney). Everyone did agree to encourage Jochen to continue in the board as an observer since he does a great job in servicing the German members. Finally, Benn Kjær, DEN-37, was unanimously elected as substitute in the board.

8. Election of auditor and auditor substitute

Peter Michelsen was reelected as auditor and Steen Messmann as auditor substitute.

9. By-laws and class rules

Nothing under this item.

10. Miscellaneous

Under this item the word was free:

- Bjarne (DEN-33) mentioned that he had been in contact with Anders and Ole Børresen regarding the measures on both the keel and the rudder which may not have the correct measures in the class rules. Bjarne promised as soon as possible to take action such that templates will be manufactured and keels and rudders measured on a number of boats in order to get the correct measures.
- Bjarne had also agreed with Anders that in connection with an eventual production in the far East or in Eastern Europe it is necessary to go through the laminate description. The board will together with Anders try to find a technical skilled person who can help us to go through these. Members are welcome to join if they think that they are capable to help.
- Finally, Bjarne suggested that we establish a PR committee which will have the task to find sponsors to help financing new activities and he mentioned the purchase of e.g. a trailer (about kr 30.000) which members in the club could rent for a small payment (for maintenance, etc.). It was clearly stated that the capital in the club must not be touched for this purpose which exclusively had to be financed via sponsor payments.

- On the forum pages on the home page there have been some debate regarding the safety equipment for DM. There was general agreement that it was inexcusable not to sail with the safety equipment but that it had no relevance at a DM. If nothing in the sea laws or DS makes it impossible the board will consider a trial at the next DM where there will be no requirements regarding distress signals (rockets), light buoy, lifebuoy, and fire extinguisher.
- Erik, DEN-5, who is a member of the Technical Committee in Dansk Sejlunion, mentioned at the end that DH2004 will be published in a few weeks. Unfortunately, the BB10m will get a worse measure than in DH200 and will get even more difficulties to beat e.g. X99 and Scancap99. On the other hand the Folk Boat has gotten a relative worse measure. Erik mentioned that it is still our keel profile which makes the measure so unfavorable for us. Perhaps this will be changed in later revisions of the handicap rule.

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

Bjerne (DEN-53) 24/1/2004

DM 2004

DM 2004 will be arranged by Holbæk Sejlklub in week 31 from **July 28 to 31, 2004**. The head of the regatta, Jørgen Mose from the sail club informed about the regatta. [Read the minutes here](#).