

Wayfarer International Committee Meeting  
Thursday 25 July 2019, 9:30 am

Greystones SC, Ireland

*In attendance: Jim Heffernan, Kit Wallace, Rob Wierdsma, Monica Schaefer, Tim Townsend, John Cadman, Patty Kuntz, Izak Kielmovitch, Niels Alslev, Stewart Coltart  
Regrets: Ralph Roberts*

Jim Heffernan called the meeting to order at 9:40, and gave a brief statement about the history and status of WIC and the class;

**1. Minutes of the 2016 Meeting** (circulated prior to the meeting)

— Approval as presented: moved by Monica Schaefer, seconded Kit Wallace; carried;

**2. Financial Status of the WIC** (circulated prior to the meeting)

— There was approximately CA\$850 as of June 2019;

— Following a reimbursement of CA\$500 to Al Schonborn, the account now stands at CA\$350;

— There is still a substantial amount owing (primarily for internet and web hosting expenses), that may take some time to pay off based on the current dues assessment; this item led to some substantial discussion on the value of the website to the association, as well as future prospects including maintenance and succession planning; **[Action: Jim and Kit will meet with Al at the North American rally in August to discuss succession planning for the WIC website]**

*Stewart Coltart left the meeting at 10:15*

**3. Proposed Dues Increase**

— Jim suggested there might be no need for an increase if a one-time assessment could be made to cover Al Schonborn's outstanding expenses;

— the consensus was to leave the dues at the current rate of CA\$0.50 per paid member;

**4. One-time Assessment**

— There was a suggestion to work out a pro-rated assessment for each of the national associations;

— **[Action: Jim will calculate the value of the levy and circulate it to the national associations for approval in October once the membership numbers have been submitted]**

**5. International Rally Fund**

— Ralph Roberts circulated a proposal of creating a fund from contributions from rally attendees to cover advance deposits to make reservations for future rallies; the intention is to prevent the host/organizer from having to cover costs personally and wait for reimbursement; discussion revolved around holding a standing fund vs charging non-refundable deposits;

— the consensus was that the WIC is not able to manage such a fund, but that it could be left to the UKWA

## 6. International Rally Schedule

— Ralph Roberts circulated a proposed roster of future rallies:

2020 – Ireland

2021 – France (Brittany)

2022 – Florida

2023 – Netherlands

2024 – Sweden

2025 – Canada

2026 – UK

— there was some concern that running a rally in the same country in the year following an international regatta might be difficult, both from an organizational standpoint, and from reduced attendance based on participants' travel interests;

— **[Action: Monica will work with Ralph to come up with a revised plan for 2020 and subsequent years]**

## 6. Roster of Future International Championship Events

— Ralph Roberts circulated a list of future championship regattas:

2022 – USA

2025 – Denmark

2028 – UK

2031 – Canada

2034 – Netherlands

2037 – Ireland

— Patty Kuntz and John Cadman spoke to early planning for the 2022 championship at Lake Eustis, Florida; it is a popular sailing venue, with a good sailing area for the event;

— one of the challenges that will need to be worked out will be the logistics of shipping boats for the overseas participants.

— Monica suggested that the success of the event will be built on promotion that can be done starting at the closing night of the current event;

Meeting adjourned at 11:07 am.