

## European annual General Meeting 2011

### 26 & 27 November 2011

### Tallinn, Estonia

**Attendance List**

<b>Name</b>		<b>Position</b>	<b>Country Representing</b>
Calle Lindfors	CL	European Region Chairman	Finland
Laszlo Matyas	LM	European Region Vice Chairman	Hungary
Luc Dumonceau	LD	European Masters Co-ordinator	Belgium
Greet Cuyt	GC		Belgium
Janne Lemmetty	JL		Finland
Pilar Lopez Fernandez	PL		Spain
Dorothy Beadsworth	DB		UK
Ron Hutchieson	RH		Ireland
Christian Begby	CB		Norway
Piotr Wetmanski	PW		Poland
Pascal Fischer	PF		Switzerland
Heini Wellmann	HW		Switzerland
Marita Raderbauer	MR		Austria
Christian Schmid	CS		Austria
Jean-Luc Michon	JLM		France
Triin Sepp	TS		Estonia
Ants Väinsalu	AV		Estonia
Karel van Asselt	KA		Netherlands
Robert van Notten	RN		Netherlands
Zlatko Jakelic	ZJ		Croatia
Bernd Buchert	BB		Germany
Roberto Beltrame	RB		Italy
Macrino Macri	MM		Italy
<b>Visitors</b>			
Thomas Capitani Nielsen	TCN	Executive Director Sailing Aarhus	Denmark
<b>Observers &amp; Guests</b>			
Jeff Martin	JCM	ILCA Executive Secretary	ILCA
Zac Hillier	ZH	ILCA Operations Manager	ILCA
Emily Argall	EA	ILCA European Secretary	ILCA

The meeting started at 12:00 and was opened by the ILCA European Region Chairman, Calle Lindfors

## 1. Apologies for absence & count for Quorum

CL called the meeting to order at 12:00 and introduced Emily Argall as the new European Secretary.

CL welcomed everyone to Tallinn and thanked the Estonian hosts for arranging the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from Semih Utku from Turkey, Johan Lundqvist from Sweden, Zdenek Chlup from Czech Republic, Elena Papazoglou from Cyprus and Ron Barak from Israel.

CL hopes they will be able to attend the EAGM next year.

A count for the quorum was made and 16 votes were represented.

HW Notes that Poland has not reported membership by the deadline and therefore according to the European By-Law point 3.4, Poland should not have a vote at the meeting.

There was a discussion about the difference between Districts being able to vote if they have not *paid* for membership as per the European By-law point 3.3 and being able to vote if they have not *reported* membership as per point 3.4. In this case, Poland had not reported membership before the deadline.

ZH Notes that this issue has been going on for many years and that the office needs to change the way it operates by enforcing the deadline for reporting membership.

JLM Makes the point that if a district misses the deadline, it should be flagged up to them by the Executives before the meeting. The Executives could then decide if they should make a special exception for the district to vote at the meeting. The district would then know before making travel plans, if they will be able to vote.

RH Thinks that it is quite dangerous if we take the By-law and make changes moment by moment. In this case we've got an exception, and yes we should agree. If we want to change it, we should change it for next year's meeting, but we should not be changing it every time it doesn't suit us.

HW We should not change the by-law, but should make it clear that we will stick to the By-Law in the future.

***HW Proposed and RH seconded a proposal to make an exception to the By-Law for this meeting by allowing Poland to vote although Poland has not met the requirements of the By-law point 3.4 in reporting membership before the deadline. The meeting also asks the office to be stricter when enforcing the deadline. The proposal was approved 15 for, 0 against and 1 abstention.***

CL Notes that there have been written votes from countries not present

HW Flags up a conflict between the By-law point 1.5 and 3.6.1. Point 3.6.1 says that any District not represented at the meeting may vote on a specific item on the Agenda by notifying the Chairman in writing before the start of the meeting. Point 1.5 in the By-law gives applicants for any individual post the opportunity to address the Meeting in the absence of the other applicants before a vote is made. The conflict is that any District not present at the meeting would therefore not be present for the applicant's presentation to the Meeting.

So there are two opinions: One opinion asks how can people vote if they have not heard the presentations? Another opinion says an absent district is allowed to vote based on point 3.6.1.

Just wants to clarify the two different opinions and that this should be decided by a vote for the health of the meeting.

JCM Defines a proxy vote and notes that they are not permitted by the By-law.

RH Points out that if you are running for a position and are also the sole representative of your District in the meeting then you are required to be out of the room during any other applicant's presentations as per point 1.5 in the By-law. In this case you would be voting without hearing other applicant's presentation.

LM We can vote on an interpretation of the By-law

MM Feels that to be able to make a vote for the election of officers, a person would need to be present for the applicant's address to the Meeting.

RH Theoretically there are approximately 14 countries who could have sent in written votes for any item on the agenda. Should these written votes not be counted in terms of the Chairman & Vice Chairman's elections. So the downside is to say that if you are present, you vote. If you are not present, you do not vote. Suggests that for this year a vote should not be counted in the election of officers. Should the other 14 countries be permitted to vote on any subject.

CS Districts should be allowed to vote on all other items on the agenda besides the election of officers and the Championships.

JCM The By-law governs the Meeting, it is set by us, for us, so you have the right to interpret the By-law. You will have time after the meeting to decide if the By-law should be changed.

***RH Proposed and HW seconded a proposal that because there is a conflict between point 1.5 and point 3.6.1 in the By-law, a district is not permitted to vote in an election for a member of the European Region Executive Committee at this meeting because they are not present. The proposal was approved 10 for, 3 against and 3 abstention.***

## 2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The 2010 EAGM minutes were circulated in EC449 and approved at the meeting subject to the corrections as discussed in the meeting.

***Action: Correct the attendance list of the EAGM 2010 minutes and write out full titles of the points mentioned in the minutes.***

There is a discussion about European Membership cards for 2012.

LM Explains that because of a lack of funding available due to complications with LPE, an effort has been made to find sponsorship for the cards. A proposal has been made to a potential sponsor and we are now awaiting a response.

ZH The cards will be free to the districts as was decided in the EAGM 2010. If we don't get the sponsorship by the end of November, we will produce the cards without sponsorship at European Region cost.

***Action: Membership cards will be made with or without sponsorship and sent out asap.***

MM Notes that he can have the cards made free of charge, but will have to check that he can still get the same offer and sponsorship.

JLM Asks if Sailing Instructions could be emailed to sailors. Some newcomers may not know where to go on the website to find the SI's.

***Action: For all Championships, email a link to the Sailing Instructions to all competing sailors.***

## 3. Executive Committee Report

### 3.1. Report from the European Chairman

The Chairman presents the Chairman's Executive Committee written report to the Meeting.

HW Thanks CL for all the work he has done this year and expresses his best wishes for the future in his personal, as well as professional life. The Meeting applauds to thank the Chairman.

### ***3.2. Report from the European Vice Chairman***

LM presents the Vice Chairman's report to the Meeting.

CL Thanks LM for his report and for putting so much effort into finding financial sponsorship options.

### ***3.3. Report from the European Master Co-ordinator***

LD Presents the Master's Co-ordinator report to the Meeting including the schedule for 2012.

LD and ZH explain a prize awarding situation that had occurred at the 2011 European Masters, where some sailors did not receive prizes because there were too few competitors in their category. The Honor Award By-law says that if there are less than 5 sailors, no cube awards from the ILCA office will be awarded. An agreement is made that cubes will be provided according the Honor Award By-law, and when there are not enough sailors, plaques will be awarded. So the winners of any category will always have a prize, either a cube or a plaque, depending on the number of participants.

CL thanks LD for his report.

### ***3.4. A verbal report on the position with Laser Performance Europe***

HW Gives a verbal report on the position with Laser Performance Europe.

## **4. Election of Officers**

### ***4.1 Election of the Chairman***

RB Addresses the Meeting to say that Macrino Macri [ITA] will withdraw his nomination for Chairman and will only run for the Vice Chairman position.

The remaining nominees for the Chairman, Laszlo Matyas [HUN] and Jean-Luc Michon [FRA] left the meeting so a 5 minutes presentation from each candidate could be made to the meeting.

Jean-Luc Michon was elected as the Chairman of the European Region and took the chair.

### ***4.2 Election of the Vice Chairman***

The nominees for the Vice Chairman, Laszlo Matyas [HUN] and Macrino Macri [ITA] left the meeting so a 5 minutes presentation from each candidate could be made to the meeting.

Macrino Macri was elected as the Vice Chairman for Europe.

CS Thanks LM for all his hard work this year.

### ***4.3 Election of the European Masters Coordinator***

Luc Dumonceau was re-elected as the European Masters Coordinator.

### ***4.4 Redefine European Co-ordinators***

CL Asks to first speak about point 4.5: Development Workgroup Report. Point 4.4 is then deferred until Sunday to wait for a report from the Workgroup that is organized in point 4.5.

### ***4.5 Development Workgroup Report***

CL Gives a report on the Development Workgroup to the Meeting. Concluding that the workload for the Chairman and Vice Chairman has increased in the last two years and that we need to have people to help in developing the class. These people should also have special projects assigned for the roles and should be able to fulfill the jobs they are given. Suggestion is to change the roles to be Development and Regatta co-ordinator.

JLM Proposes to defer the discussion until Sunday morning to let the organizers think about it and so the people can think about if they would like to fulfill one of the positions. Asks if the members of the Working Group could meet tonight to finalize the roles, as they have been thinking about this and have the most knowledge.

JCM Agrees with this idea and would ask that the group define the roles more clearly.

CL If we could find people who think that they would like to help and take charge of one issue, and who have time to help.

HW Thinks it is a good idea for the Working Group to meet tonight and give their opinion to the new Chairman. If they meet tonight and discuss this, maybe a few points will crystallize. The group will need to make it's mind up on the structure, either the co-ordinator roles are taken out or not. Believes that the Exec Committee should be as small as possible because it makes for a more productive group. Also notes that like RH, people don't necessarily have to be elected to contribute.

LM Clarifies that the task of the meeting is specifically to make suggestions about the organization of the Executive Co-ordinators roles.

It was then agreed that the Working Group would meet after the meeting (Saturday night) to discuss the organization of the Executive Co-ordinators roles and report back to the Meeting on Sunday.

## **5. Regional Financial Report & Budget**

### **5.1 & 5.2 Report on financial accounts**

CL presented the audited financial accounts to the meeting.

***Financial Accounts for 2011 are unanimously approved by the Meeting.***

### **5.3 Financial budget 2012 and forecast for 2013**

ZH presented the budget and forecast.

There is an in-depth discussion about increasing the figure representing the contribution from Laser Performance in the budget from zero as was presented in the budget, to 5,000 Euros in 2011-2012 and 10,000 in the 2012-2013 forecast. The idea being that the budget should be realistic, but also be a target.

LM Would like to note for the record, that the Executive's (CL & LM) who prepared the original budget had proposed zero as the amount forecast for Laser Performance's subsidy in 2011-12 and 2012-13.

***HW proposal is seconded to change Laser Performance's subsidy contribution amount in the budget from zero which was originally proposed, to 5,000 for the 2011-12 budget and 10,000 for the 2012-13 forecast. The proposal was approved, 12 for, 2 against and 2 abstentions.***

***Proposal that the 2012 budget and 2013 forecast be approved including the change to Laser Performance's subsidy contribution. The proposal was approved, 10 for, 3 against and 3 abstentions.***

## 6. Proposals from the European Office

### ***6.1. Proposal to replace point 6.11.1 of the European By-law with a new version which will clarify the age limits per rig in the Masters Championship.***

ZH Introduces the proposal and explains that the current By-law does not currently clarify age limits per rig in the master's category.

***European Executives proposed PL seconded to replace point 6.11.1 of the European By-law with a new version which will clarify the age limits per rig in the Masters Championship. The proposal was not approved by the Meeting, 6 for, 6 against and 4 abstentions.***

## 7. Proposals from the European Districts

### ***7.1. GBR: Addressing replica equipment, particularly sails.***

DB Notes that this is not a proposal to vote on, but to make everyone aware that there is a big problem in the UK with replica equipment, particularly sails. Within our 500 clubs there are a lot of cases where the NOR's allow replica sails. These clubs have been written to. Trouble is you can buy two replica sails for the price of one real one and sailors are complaining.

LM It is the same manufacturer making the replica sails and the real sails.

The meeting discusses the problem and other districts agree that the replica equipment issue is not limited to the UK.

HW The one design must be protected. We have been working with developers on a new sail which has been approved by the World Council. The new sail is much more durable than the current sail but there is no competitive advantage – this has been tested by the top Olympic Champions. The idea being that the current sail would be sold at a much lower price, a competitive price with the replica sails. The new sail would be more expensive but also would last much longer. That is the business idea approved by the World Council. The problem is that the technical officer has put this forward to LPE & PSA and they have not yet agreed to sign. Perhaps the idea of a regional European Measurer as part of the Executive committee should be discussed in the Workgroup tonight.

### ***7.2. ESP: Women's Laser Radial Youth European Under 21 Championship***

PL Introduces the proposal for a new Championship called the European Women's Laser Radial Youth Under 21 Championship.

The Meeting enters into a discussion where they clarify that the proposal is for a new championship and not just a new age category in an existing Championship.

ZH In Spain the national authorities offer funding to their sailors to match the Championship titles. In the Radials they still get funding Under 19. When they go over 19 they don't get funding because they are outside the bracket, and they are too young to compete with the serious Olympic contenders. So the reason for the proposal is to try and make Under 21 a viable Championship title for women sailors. The decision is to make the Under 21 category in the Women's radials a Championship title. The problem is that it doesn't get enough publicity. So the proposal from PL is to take Standard Youth in its present form and call it Under 21 Championship which would be Women's Radial and Men's Standards. That way it would be high profile and

women sailors would still get national support.

The Meeting then had a discussion on the importance of improving the presence of women's racing in the European Region. This leads to a discussion on what the age bracket for this Championship should be and how it will fit in with the existing Radial Youth Championship. The consensus is that the Radial Women's Senior Championship would remain as it is but the title of U21 Champion will be removed.

JCM An amendment needs to be added to PL's proposal for the lower age limit of the Championship.

The Meeting decides to vote on the new championship first and then add an amendment with the age categories if the proposal is accepted.

***PL proposal is seconded for a separate, new Championship for the Radial Women Under 21 called the European Laser Radial Women's U21 Championship to be held at the same time as the Standard U21 Championship. The proposal was approved, 13 for, 0 against and 3 abstentions.***

The Meeting prepared to adjourn for the day and to reconvene Sunday morning with a discussion on age categories for this Championship.

***JLM Closed the meeting for Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 18:30***

***JLM Opened the meeting on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 08:00***

JLM Thanks AV and the Estonian hosts for organizing a very nice evening meal.

Agenda item 9 is scheduled for 8:00 Sunday morning, so the meeting moves temporarily to this point in the Agenda, to resume with 7.2 after the scheduled presentation from Denmark.

## **9 2015 European Senior Championship – presentation from Danish Yachting Federation: 08:00 Sunday 27th November**

CL Introduces TCN from Denmark who addresses the Meeting and gives a 15 minute presentation on behalf of the Danish Yachting Federation for Denmark to host the 2015 European Senior Championship in Aarhus.

The Meeting then raises questions to TCN and discusses the details of running the 2015 Europeans in Denmark as a combined event. The conclusion of an in-depth discussion is that the next step is to review the completed bid form before a decision can be made. It is agreed that the office will send a European Championship bid form to TCN to complete and return.

***Action: ILCA office is to send the European bid form to TCN.***

JLM Thanks TCN for his presentation to the Meeting returns to the Agenda.

The Meeting returns to point 7.2 of the Agenda, where discussions regarding the age limits for the new European Radial Women's U21 Championship had ended on Saturday.

HW Summarizes the conclusion of the discussion: The new European Radial Women's U21 Championship will accept Laser Sailors who are 17, 18, 19 and 20 years old in the year of the Championship. There will be only one title and no separate ranking for Under 19.

JLM Clarifies that if the decision is taken then the title of Under 21 should be removed from the existing European Laser Senior Championships.

LM When do we want to enact this? If Belgium is happy to host this event at the same time as the Standard U21 then we can start this in 2012. It is up to LD and the Belgium host club because the 2012 calendar is full otherwise.

***CL proposal is seconded for an amendment to the new European Laser Radial Women's U21 Championship of a four year age category: Eligible sailors must be 17, 18, 19 and 20 in the year of the Championship. The proposal was approved, 14 for, 0 against and 2 abstentions.***

***PL proposal is seconded by The Netherlands to begin the new European Laser Radial Women Under 21 Championship in 2012. The proposal was approved, 12 for, 1 against and 3 abstentions.***

LM Notes that the using the words "Youth" and "Junior" in Championship titles can cause confusion and that this must be made clear.

ZH Suggests that this should be addressed in the By-law by removing the words "Youth" or "Junior" from the Championship titles. In particular it would be good to, at this point in time, remove the word "Youth" from the title: Laser Standard Youth Championship. The Championship would instead be called: Laser Standard Men's U21 Championship. This title should be consistent with the new Championship: Laser Radial Women's U21 Championship. The By-law just needs to be consistent all the way through.

CL Proposes that the championships are called Laser Standard Men's U21 and Laser Radial Women's U21 instead of using the word "youth".

***CL proposes and SC seconds to change the existing European Laser Standard Youths Championship to be called: European Laser Standard Men's Under 21 Championship to be consistent with the European Laser Women's Under 21 Championship. The proposal was approved, 12 for, 3 against and 1 abstention.***

Following on from this proposal the Meeting agrees that an Under 21 title and prize awarded at the European Laser Standard Senior and European Laser Radial Women's Championships would be now be redundant after the approval of the new combined European Under 21 Championships.

***JLM's proposal is seconded to remove the category of Under 21 from the European Laser Standard Senior Championship and from the European Laser Radial Women's Championship. The proposal was approved unanimously.***

### ***7.3. FIN: Lower age limit for the Senior Laser Standard European Championships to be removed.***

CL Introduces the proposal to remove the lower age limit of 17 from the European Laser Standard Senior Championships.

JLM Makes the point that having no lower age limit is very dangerous for sports, we need to be very careful because it used to be that the criticism of the Laser is that it could be bad for the health of the young athlete.

LM Adds that it doesn't matter what size the sailor is, when they are age 16, they are still under development and should not put unnecessary pressure on joints.

***Finland's proposal is seconded to remove the lower age limit from the European Laser Standard Senior Championship. The proposal was not approved, 4 for, 11 against and 1 abstention.***

### ***7.4. SUI/NED: Change to the European By-law: Point 6.3 Propose to add a second paragraph to point 6.3 which states: The allocations for the Laser 4.7 Youth, Laser Radial Youth, Laser Radial Men and Laser Standard Youth European Championships/Trophies shall be determined in such a way***



***that all European sailors considered competent to participate at a European Championship/European Trophy by their Districts have the possibility to participate.***

ZH Presents a data table of European Championship applications and entries from 2009 onwards. The table shows the number of applications, allocations and final entries. The percentages show how many people entered compared to how many people applied. The average is between 70–80%, including people who choose not to go and who let the application time out. So the data tells us that we have about 20-25% attrition from applications to entry.

CS If you increase the number of sailors more and more, then it is possible the smaller nations will not be able to host the Championships.

LM Agrees. If you increase number of participants, then the level of knowledge between the top and bottom of sailors will increase dramatically. There may be less races if there are too many sailors, and smaller countries may not be able to have championships.

RH If Championships are open to all, the quality will be lowered. Especially in the 4.7's, people will come for a holiday rather than a competitive sailing regatta.

JCM The higher we set the number of competitors, the more likely we will have the problem that the venue will not have the facilities to host the event. The allocation system should be very clear.

The Meeting comes back to the proposal noting that the figures show that most sailors who want to go to the championships do get to go.

***NED proposal is seconded by SUI to change the By-law by adding a second paragraph to point 6.3 which states: The allocations for the Laser 4.7 Youth, Laser Radial Youth, Laser Radial Men and Laser Standard Youth European Championships/Trophies shall be determined in such a way that all European sailors considered competent to participate at a European Championship/European Trophy by their Districts have the possibility to participate. The proposal was not approved, 3 for, 12 against and 1 abstention.***

***7.5. NED: Appoint a committee to screen and revise the ILCA requirements for the Organisation of a European Laser 4.7 Youth Championship and draft proposals for changes to be decided on during the 2012 EAGM or for the organisation of the EC in 2012.***

RN Introduces the proposal and explains why The Netherlands have put it forward.

***NED's proposal is seconded to appoint a committee to screen and revise the ILCA requirements for the organization of a European Laser 4.7 Youth Championship and draft proposals for changes to be decided on during the 2012 EAGM. The proposal was approved, 13 for, 0 against and 3 abstentions. The 3 person committee will be comprised of MM chairing the group, KA and ZJ to review and make recommendations for the 2012 EAGM.***

Following the approval of this proposal there is an in-depth discussion about how it is very difficult to get sponsorship to host events without contracts, and to have a good Championship, the host must have sponsorship. It is agreed that contracts need to be received by the host and signed early on.

The meeting takes a break and JLM calls the meeting back to order asking to hear the report from the Working Group who met after Saturday's meeting to discuss the organization of the Executive Co-ordinators roles.

CL Reports to the Meeting about what was discussed at the Saturday night Workgroup's meeting.

The meeting discusses the importance of defining tasks and clarifying what needs to be achieved. Then give the specific tasks to people with the abilities to complete them. The point is made that smaller committees tend to be more efficient at making decisions. However, there are tasks that may need to be done which will have to be delegated to others. Following on from this discussion CL puts forward the proposal which is a result of the Working Group and the Meeting's feedback.

DB Leaves the meeting due to a flight change. For the remainder of the meeting there are 15 voting countries instead of 16.

***CL's proposal is seconded to reduce the European Executive from 5 members to 3 members. The 3 members would be the Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Master's Co-ordinator. The 3 European Executives are able to nominate persons to do specific tasks. The proposal was approved, 12 for, 0 against and 3 abstentions.***

## **8. European Championships**

JLM Moves the Meeting back to the Agenda 8.2.

### **8.2. Report on 2012 European Championships**

PF Proposes a timeline for the 2012 and 2013 Championship contracts. Contracts for 2012 to be sent out as soon as possible and 2013 Championships agreed during this meeting sent out by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2012.

***Action: Contracts for the 2013 European Championships agreed at the 2011 EAGM to be sent out by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2012. Contracts for the 2012 European Championships to be sent before Christmas 2011.***

### **8.3. Final selection of 2013 European Championships**

The Meeting analyzes the list in the supporting document H3, keeping in mind that the World Council may ask the hosts of the European Laser 4.7 Youth & European Laser Standard U21 Championships to make these also World Championships.

#### **2013 European Laser Radial Youth Championship:**

Mornar Split, Croatia

#### **2013 European Laser Senior Championships (Radial Men & Women & Standard Seniors):**

Dun Laoghaire, Ireland

#### **2013 European Laser Radial Women's Under 21, 2013 European Laser Standard Men's Under 21 & 2013 European Laser 4.7 Youth Championships:**

Balatonfured, Hungary

#### **2013 European Laser Masters**

Royal Swedish Yacht Club, Sweden

***The previous European Executive proposed and IRL seconded the Final Selection of 2013 European Championships. The proposal was approved, 14, 0 against and 1 abstention.***

### **8.4. Review, short list and prioritise bids for 2014 European Championships.**

The 2014 Bids are reviewed and the new Laser Women's Radial Under 21 Championship is added. As no clubs have been able to bid to host the new Laser Radial Women's U21 Championship in 2014, the Meeting agrees that a shortened bid window should be opened for the new Championship pairing in 2014.

**2014 European Laser Radial Youth Championship**

Split, Croatia  
Moss, Norway  
Gdynia, Poland

**2014 European Laser Senior Championships (Radial Men & Women & Standard Seniors)**

Split, Croatia  
Gdynia, Poland

**2014 European Laser 4.7 Youth Championship**

Gdynia, Poland

**2014 European Laser Standard Men's Under 21 and Laser Radial Women's Under 21 Championships**

*This is a new championship & will be opened for bids shortly.*

**2014 European Laser Masters Championship**

Knokke – Heist, Belgium  
Balatonfüred, Hungary  
Calella, Spain

## **9. 2015 European Senior Championship – presentation from Danish Yachting Federation: 08:00 Sunday 27th November**

Agenda point 9, the presentation from Denmark had already occurred earlier in the meeting, as scheduled, so JLM moves the meeting on to Agenda item 10.

## **10. European Masters Series (EMS)**

There are no comments on this point and LD has already presented a report earlier in the meeting in Agenda point 3.3.

## **11. Europa Cup & Laser Youth Grand Prix**

LM presents the Europa Cup Report to the Meeting.

The Meeting noted the Europa Cup Report.

JLM thanks LM for attending quite a few Europa Cups and for doing such a nice report for the Agenda. Expresses that the Region needs his expertise and thanks LM for all his hard work.

The Meeting noted the Europa Cup Calendar for 2012 including the French Europa Cup which will be in Martigues, France from the 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> April 2012.

## **12. European Youth Ranking Ladder**

LM presents the Youth Ranking Ladder Report to the meeting.

The meeting noted the European Youth Ranking Ladder report.

## **13. 2011 Membership Analysis**

The meeting noted the membership report.

## 14. Date & Venue of the next EAGM

The bid received from Cyprus was reviewed by the meeting.

ZH Notes that Spain will be making a bid for the EAGM 2012.

RH Suggests that the decision is deferred for a month to be left in the hands of the new Executive.

***RH proposal was seconded to defer the decision on the 2012 EAGM venue for one month. The proposal was approved, 13, 0 against and 2 abstention.***

## 15. Any other business

The ILCA President, HW, informs the meeting that the ILCA World Council at its meeting of November 5th and 6th in London made the following decision:

1. With immediate effect the European secretary reports to the European Executives, represented by the new chairman, Jean-Luc Michon. She only depends administratively on the international office. The job description is revised to reflect the new reporting without changing the essential content. It is attached.
2. In the medium term the World Council favours that the European Secretary / European office moves out of the premises of the ILCA international office and be also administratively independent. However, this is a European Region decision.

The reasons for that decision were:

- The disadvantages of a "combined" office operation for Europe and International are greater than the advantages; in particular:
- The reporting relationships were not sufficiently clear, too many bosses.
- The amalgamation of European and International affairs lead to priority issues.
- The non-European Regions felt that Europe got a too good deal.
- The management attention of Jeff and Zac was divided between Europe and International.

JCM Gives a report from the recent ISAF meeting which is received by the Meeting.

JLM Thanks JCM for the report and closes the meeting.

JLM Thanks again to AV and the Estonian Laser Association for organizing a successful EAGM, it is very difficult to find a place and a good restaurant and everyone had a good time. Wishes everyone a good trip home and asks that people not hesitate to send the Executive an email.

END