

Minutes of the 2022 HTCE Annual General Meeting

November 19th 2022 / from 11:15 am to 13:00 am Brussels time

The meeting was held both physical as by video conference (which is legal).

Attendance list

Physically present members:

Philippe Pilate (Board – Général Tapioca)
Laurent Vancutsem (Board – Général Tapioca)
Bert Janssen (Board)
David Cullen (Board – Checkmate XV)
Charles-Edouard Poncelet
Thomas Janquart (The Big Picture)
Manon Vatlet (M'Half'Raz)
Jan-Jakob Muyls (Farther Bruin)
Nicolas Van Schaftinghen (Alfonce)
John Swan (Harmony)
David Kelly (King One)
Cian Hickey (King One)
Jessica Florizoone (Red Cloud + Spip)
Bernard Coppens (North Sea 3)
Winnie Berteloot (North Sea 3)
Nicolas Meeús (Général Tapioca)
Marc Van Hoogten (Général Tapioca)
Claude Charbonnier (Sibeliu + YCF/UNCL)

Physically present Guest:

Lionel Triest (KYCN)

Virtually present:

Espen Bakkerud (HTC Norway)
Malcolm Andrew (UK)

➔ Introduction

Class' President Philippe Pilate welcomes everybody

He reminds the Class' main goals and objectives which are to federate boat owners, to encourage dynamism and to raise the level of the fleet by organizing the HTCC. He thanks the members for their participation in the 2022 events.

➔ Presence taken, incl. online

- 2021 minutes are approved
- Class' secretary Bert Janssen starts the meeting presentation by displaying a power point
 - * Legally the HTCE is an 'asbl' or association without profit motives, as per Belgian's regulations, and has its legal and financial address in Belgium
 - It has a board formed by Philippe /President, Bert/Secretary, and Laurent Vancutsem/Treasurer.

Financial report (2022)

* In :	9.526,95 €
* Out :	11.952,98 €
* Cash flow (18/11/22) :	- 2.426,03 €

Financial loss (mainly due to the HTCC Cowes) approved by AGM.

- 2023 budget

* In :	Class membership	2.000,- €
	Sponsoring	2.000,- €
* Out :	website	1.000,- €
	Class activity/prices	3.000,- €

Budget for 2023 approved by AGM

- 2022 financial report approval :
 - * Since there is no one objection on the financial report, the assembly officially discharges administrators for the year 2022.
- Change in Constitution of Board, following resignation of Laurent Vancutsem. The board thanks Laurent for his dedication since 2004.
New Treasurer is presented: Ward Desoete (crew member on Farther Bruin). Approved by the AGM.
- Class address to be changed as well. New address as follows:

Half Ton Class Europe ASBL
Domien Liekenslaan 17A
3140 Keerbergen

- Class' plans for 2023:
 - website improvements
 - increasing FB activities – confusion with other FB pages (HTCC 2013) – Nicolas Van Schaftingen to contact them.
 - issues regarding sharing and posting news on FB: details to be provided later + proposal that each country representative is to have access to FB page, but that idea is not withheld. FB and website administration best kept centralized.



- Patrick Boardman (King One) to become Irish country representative.

➔ Modification of Class' Rules

- Delete Rule C3.4. regarding bowsprit: approved by the AGM
- Modification of rule B3 (max. IRC rating) to become 0.964: agreed by AGM
- Discussion about rule C2.2 and C2.3 reg. max. length of W-L races & Long distance: agreed to remove existing text and insert 'length of course at discretion of the Race Officer'.
- Dave Cullen suggests to delete following rules: B6.3 (agreed), C1.2 (agreed), C1.3 (agreed).
- Endorsed IRC rating certificates are a prerequisite for participation at HTCC: agreed by majority.

Modified Class' Rules texts as follows:

B.3 It has a maximum IRC rating of 0.964.

C.1.2 In order to take part in a Half Ton Classics Cup, all prototypes and one-off halftonners are required to have a valid endorsed IRC certificate. A copy of the endorsed IRC certificate must be presented during registration.

C.2.2 A scoring coefficient of 1.5 for « long » offshore can only should be applied when the schedule course length is at least 15 nautical miles.

Deleted Class' Rules:

B6.3 – C1.2 – C2.3

- ➔ 2022 HTCC review: Cowes was a fine event, without the required minimal number of teams, and not all prototype halftonners with an endorsed certificate. Better check next year. Despite last minute sponsorship by Fast Lines Belgium, break-even cost was not reached (hence the financial loss for the past financial year). HTCE does no longer want to run a HTCC as we did in 2022: the HTCC accounts must be kept separate from the Class' accounts. For future events the HTCE will require a fee from the event organizers.
- ➔ 2022 International results France, UK, Ireland, Italy, Norway, Belgium: brief overview.
- ➔ 2023 perspectives France, UK, Ireland, Italy, Norway, Belgium: to follow at a later stage via newsletters.
- ➔ HTCC in Hankø (NOR) : 13-19 AUG / KNS - HYC / – short presentation by Bert Janssen based upon info received via Mr. Espen Bakkerud (member organizing committee). Possible transport headaches for foreign teams:
- By ferry DFDS from Ghent to Gotheborg (+/- 2000 EUR) for Belgian & French boats;
 - By ferry from Immingham to Frederikstad (for the UK & Irish boats);
 - By trailer: quite difficult as several countries to be crossed with each own rules (where is Europe when you need her...?);
 - Some local halftonners will be made available for foreign teams.

➔ Question Time:



1. John Swan: crew numbers/weight during HTCC: to be continued? Yes, Class will instruct Race Officer to allow 8 on board as long as this crewmember is a m/f under 18.
2. Agreement on new tariff for membership fee: now at 100 EUR.
3. KYCN Nieuwpoort = willing to accept the fleet end August 2023 for a weekend's event, and in 2024 for a new HTCC – eventually also in 2025 but that is already announcing itself as a very busy year for the club.

➔ Bert closes the meeting at 12:45 by thanking the participants and wishing the best for 2023.

Nicolas Meeús
Meeting secretary

2023 Membership Fee of 100€ must be paid to the Class' account :

Half Ton Class Europe asbl

IBAN: BE78 0018 1280 2886

BIC: GEBABEBB

Communication:

➔ Owners: membership + boat name + sail number + boat owner's name

➔ Crew members: membership + boat name(s) + crew's name