



Minutes of the 2025 General Meeting of Members

Date: 22 November 2025

Place: Antwerp (BEL), Zeescoutsbasis Thonetlaan 165, 2050 Antwerpen / Linkeroever

Start of the AGM at 10h30

Members Present :

- Philippe Pilate (Général Tapioca)
- Bert Janssen (Tom Pouce)
- Ward Desoete (Farther Bruin)
- Thibaut Martin (Sip)
- An Callens & Albert Pierrard (A+)
- Espen Kamperhaug (King One)
- Bernard Coppens (Halfajet)
- Vincent Lebrun (Big Picture + Sea You 3)
- Patrick Boardman (2 Farr)
- Martin Kamperhaug (Late Bloomers)
- Ellen Sundby (Midnight X)
- Bruno Tavlet (Morning Breeze)
- Stian Tonnesen (Cantippa)
- Espen Bakkerud (Comeback Kid)

Non-members present

- Charles-Edouard Poncelet

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- Aline Pierrard
- Nicolas Meeús
- David Kelly
- Fabienne Tavlet

Members not present but excused:

- Peter Rutter – Quokka
- Jeremy Florizoone – Concorde
- Dave Cullen (member of the Board)
- Richard Hollis & Ursula Bagnall – Crakajax

1. Welcome by HTCE vice-president, Philippe Pilate

Objectives of the Class associatio:

- Give a second life to the existing fleet
- Encourage racing, particularly through an effective scoring system
- Accept all types of boats / the class is a three-stage rocket: heavily modified boats, moderately modified boats, unmodified boats – many differences in scoring, but very close racing in each division.

2. Approval of the 2024 Meeting Minutes

No comments – Minutes approved by all members present

3. Admission/Resignation of members

No changes

The HTCE counts 30 paying members in 2024-2025

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4. Finances

Explanation of the 2024-2025 fiscal year, available from Treasurer Ward Desoete

Accounts unanimously approved by the members present

2025-2026 budget balanced – budget unanimously approved

Discharge of the directors unanimously approved by the members present

5. Members of the Board

Philippe Pilate

Bert Janssen

Ward Desoete

Philippe Pilate

David Cullen

Ward Desoete's term ends

->Ward Desoete is unanimously re-elected for a new 3-year term.

Candidates for one term: Peter Rutter, Stian Tonnesen

Peter Rutter and Stian Tonnesen are unanimously elected for a 3-year term.

6. Renewal of the HTCE Statutes (conforming tot he new Belgian law on associations)

Presentation of the modified text

Modified text accepted unanimously by the members present.

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7. Projects for 2026 :

- Maintenance of the website, creation of a blog
- Increased promotion on social media (Nicolas Van Schaftingen/FB)
- Support of local initiatives
- Organisation of technical webinars

8. Activities 2025

Belgium: Nieuwpoort fleet dominates the H-Cup, 3 half tonners at the Antwerp Race

France: 8 half tonners at the Spi Ouest + 4 Vents Cup

England: limited activity

Ireland: Swuzzebubble voted boat of the year

Norway: strong half-tonner participation in the South Norway regattas

9. Presentation HTCC 2026

By the Norwegian organizers

Already 34 half tonners have registered

10. Future HTCC dates

2026 Hankø (NOR)

2027 Southern Brittany

2028 open

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11. Class Rules

Proposed text with modifications

- Professionals/amateurs: text remains unchanged, but with clarification
- Age of 'junior team member': 18 to 21 years old
- The governing body may deviate from the rules if there is a majority within the board

Modified text accepted after discussion by all members present, one vote against.

12. Questions-Answers

No questions

Meeting ends at 12.30hrs

Philippe Pilate

Vice-President

Bert Janssen

President/secretary

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