

Minutes of the HTCE Annual General Meeting

January 23rd / from 11:00am to 12:12am Paris time

Due to the Covid19 situation, the meeting was held by video conference (which is legal).

34 persons had indicated their intention to attend the meeting.

→ Attendance list (15) :

Bernard Coppens / boat owner / meeting admin.
Charles-Edouard Poncelet / crew
David Evans / boat owner
Philippe Pilate / boat owner / HTCE Président
Chris Agar / boat owner
Manon Vatlet / boat owner
Paul Browning / boat owner
Bert Janssen / crew / HTCE Secretary
David Cullen / boat owner / HTCE senior advisor
Thibaut Martin / boat owner
Thomas Janquart / boat owner / HTCE webmaster
An Callens & Albert Pierrard / Boat owners
Jeremy Florizoone / boat owner
Jan-Jakob Muyls / boat owner

→ Introduction

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.

→ Bert 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. Up until today's meeting the association has no members (in its legal form) but this changes with the present meeting.

* The assembly approves the 2019 meeting minutes (no remarks).

→ Mission statement

* Managing Class' website and general Class' life

* Managing Facebook contacts/enquiries

* Co-organizing HTCC events

* Lobbying and representing the Class at National & International levels

➔ Financial report (2020)

* In :	5,08 €
* Out :	2.277,25 € (Note 1)
* Cash flow (31/12/20) :	3.895,66 €

(Note1 : it includes bank cost, website hosting, stickers, 1210,- for website graphism, class' video at Belgian HT championship, ...)

➔ 2021 budget

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

➔ 2020 financial report approval :

* Since there is no one objection on the financial report, the assembly officially discharges administrators for the year 2020.

➔ 2020 International results :

Not much racing happened unfortunately. Belgium had a nice little championship in Ostend Everybody hopes that in 2021 sailing and racing will be back to normal...

➔ 2020 positive overview :

- * HT owners in La Rochelle (FRA) getting organized and preparing sailing together in 2021.
- * HT Class in Norway: >10 halftonners in Grimsøy, nice winter sailing and preparing for the 2023 anniversary of the 1983 Half Ton Cup in Hankø – follow them on Facebook!
- * Many new boat re-building projects, a.o. ALFonce in Nieuwpoort, Alpha Jet in France, ...
- * New active boats in France with a.o. Domino's Pizza (Paul Meilhat) and Diabliesse (Nicolas Lunven)

➔ 2021 International calendar (to be confirmed)

- 1-5 APR: Spi Ouest France
- 22-25 APR: Campeonato ½ Ton Italia
- 8-9 MAY: Half Ton Nationals Howth (IRL)
- 22-24 MAY: ½ Ton regatta La Rochelle
- 5 JUN: Howth Regatta (IRL)
- 18-20 JUN: IRC Nationals Cowes
- 3 JUL: Round the Island Race
- 8-12 JUL: Cowes-Dinard-St.Malo
- 19-23 JUL: Half Ton Classics Cup
- 31 JUL - 7 AUG: Cowes Week
- 20-22 AUG : Irish HT championship
- 8 AUG: Fastnet Race (! not kidding since General Tapioca did it years ago !)

- ➔ 2021 Belgium calendar (to be confirmed)
 - 1-2 MAY: Nieuwpoort Challenges Jonnart & VdVelde
 - 13 MAY: Dover Strait Race Oostende – Ramsgate/Dunkerque
 - 15 MAY: Dover Strait Race Ramsgate/Dunkerque - Oostende
 - 3 JUL: Lightvessel Race Zeebrugge
 - 21 AUG: Nieuwpoort-Oostende-Nieuwpoort
 - 27-29 AUG: Breskens Sailing Weekend
 - 25-26 SEP: Oostende Sailing Weekend + ½ Ton Nationals
 - 9 OCT: Antwerp Race

- ➔ 2022 perspectives: For next year (= the 2022 general assembly) the class hopes to be able to present more dates of local ½ ton regattas (Italy – France – Norway – Holland – Ireland – UK - ...)

- ➔ HTCC in Cowes :
 - 19-23 JUL 2021 / RORC – Cowes / Isle of Wight
 - Due to Covid19 there are major uncertainties about the smooth running of the HTCC. On the one hand the RORC can still cancel (decision at the end of March) and on the other hand, if the HTCC is maintained, it is likely that social events will be restricted. In that case the Class will decide to postpone the race for an extra year (final decision end of April 2020), considering a HTCC without social life is not a HTCC...

- ➔ The meeting agrees that next HTCC should remain in Cowes, even if it has to be in 2022 or 2023.

- ➔ President Philippe proposes that the HTCC is to be organised annually again, in order to give the growing fleet more racing perspectives. The proposal is discussed by the assembly and the trend goes in the same direction.

- ➔ Since the HTC of Norway is willing to organize an HTCC (2023) a member asked if any Norwegian boat will attend the Cowes HTCC. Reply is « YES, they have promised to come »

- ➔ HTCE Actions in 2021 :
 - * Try to sail a bit more than last year...
 - * Managing/evolutions of Class' website
 - * Co-organize the 2021 HTCC in Cowes
 - * Find sponsors
 - * IRC measurer training (to be continued...)

- ➔ HTCE Membership fees:
 - * As discussed during the budget presentation the time has come to structure the Class memberships : this is essential for the survival and good management of the Class. Membership fees will be used to cover website costs, media and P/R function during HTCC (big amount), and other costs of HTCE promotion, video's etc...



In short: every action esteemed necessary to maintain the attractiveness and reputation of the class as well as its international visibility.

Also :

Membership fees will enhance class' feeling

All paid members will have certain advantages, like:

- better presentation of their boat on the website
- more Class' newsletters
- a voice/vote in the annual AGM's, and hence in the Class' life & future (for full members – 1 per boat)

The Class' board proposes:

50,- €/year membership fee for boat owners as «full members» (note 2)

10,- €/ year membership fee for active crews as « supporting members » (note 3)

(Note 2 : Only full members can vote at general assemblies.)

(Note 3 : Crew members on official HTCE regatta must be members)

➔ HTCE board of Directors :

HTCE board is now composed as follows:

Philippe Pilate – president

Laurent Vancutsem – treasurer

Bert Janssen – secretary

Dave Cullen – senior advisor

The current board proposes to renew the mandate of the first 3, the 4th one being 'for life'...

The assembly approves!

Since it is important to have one Class leader in every country having HT activities, Paul Browning applies to represent the Class in the U.K., which is evidently approved.

The Class will be governed by the board for the daily management (Note 4), a larger commission including the board members and country representatives will discuss the board's proposals before these are made public.

(Note 4 : President, Secretary, Treasurer, senior advisor).

➔ Bert closes the meeting at 12:12 by thanking the participants and wishing the best for 2021. As conclusion Philippe adds: "the diversity in the fleet is great but we are close (same goes for our boat speeds 😊) Collective intelligence can make the Class stronger and the Class is yours."

Charles-Edouard Poncelet
Meeting secretary



Membership fees 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