

HALF TON CLASS EUROPE

AGM 2023

BRYC Brussels

19 NOV 2023

Minutes of Meeting

Present: see list

Present online: Phil Cook

1. Welcome word by HTCE President Philippe Pilate
Objectives of the Class Association:
 - Give 2nd life to old boats
 - Encourage racing and have fun, specially using a good rating system
 - Accept all types / class is a 3-stage rocket: heavily modified boats, reasonably modified boats, unmodified boats – many differences in ratings, ut in each division very close racing.
2. Approval of 2022 Meeting Minutes
No comments – minutes approved
3. Members admission/exit
No change – HTCE in 2022-2023 has 37 fully paid members
4. Financial overview
2022-2023 explained, can be consulted with treasurer Ward Desoete
Accounts approved by members present
Budget 2023-2024 is in balance
5. Board members
President: Philippe Pilate
Treasurer: Ward Desoete
Secretary: Bert Janssen
Advisor: David Cullen
No changes on board
6. Plans for 2024:
 - maintain website
 - more promotion on social media (Nicolas Van Schaftingen/FB)
 - Support local initiatives
 - Seek sponsorship
7. 2023 activities
Norway
 - Hankø HTCC – video viewing
 - HTCC will be back in Hankø in 2026 (to ensure continuity in Baltic fleet)
 - HTCE Norway organizes National Championship, also MK Bat Cup in September
France

- Spi Ouest in IRC 3
- Tour des Ports de la Manche
- Tourduf (Osiris groupe 2)

England

- 3 halftonnners in Cowes Week

Ireland

- Waiting for 2Farr
- Irish halftonnners dominate all major regattas in their class IRC 2

Belgium

- Farther Bruin wins Antwerp Race in IRC3
- Spip wins Ostend-Ramsgate Classic in IRC3
- A+ best HT in Nieuwpoort Summer H-Cup Series

8. HTCC in following years

2024 Nieuwpoort BEL 5-9 Aug

2025 TBD in summer 2024 (Brittany FRA/Cork IRL/...)

2026 Hankø NOR

2027 TBD

9. Q&A

Martin Kamperhaug: request for more info about Classics division in Nieuwpoort 2024, about cost of transport to Nieuwpoort, about lodging in order to convince more NOR halftonnners to come to Nieuwpoort. Also cost of new trailers is issue. Maybe 10 NOR halftonnners will come to HTCC

Dave Kelly (IRL): date issue between Cork Week & HTCC. For 2025 need to know dates ASAP. Proposal to organize HTCC 2025 in Cork (Royal Cork YC)

Martin Kamperhaug: proposes to have separate rankings for refittd and vintage/classic halftonnners.