

IWSA AGM 2025 MINUTES

The Annual General Meeting of the International Wing Sports Association met from 1900-2200 CET+2 on Thursday 13 August 2026. The meeting was held at Fenerbahçe Sports Club, Istanbul, Turkey.

ATTENDANCE	
IWSA Executive Committee	
Mirco Babini (President) (MB)	
MNA/NCA (Voting)	
BEL : (by Proxy: Mirco Babini)	
FRA : François Bovis	
GER : Yannik Holste	
HKG : Man Ngo Hin	
ITA : Federica Piraino	
NZL : Sean Herbert	
POL : Tomek Janiak	
TUR : Ateş Çınar	
USA : (by Proxy: Kai Mirel)	

With 9 voting MNA/NCAs a quorum was achieved for the AGM.

1. Introduction by the President

- 1.1 The IWSA Class President, Mirco Babini opened the assembly following the agenda and introduced and welcomed the members around the table; also introduced Finn Mrugalla (GER) as the IWSA Competition Manager, tasked with planning and executing all events as well as leading the wordings of the new and amended Class Rules and Christiane Admiraal (NED) as Operations Manager, liaising with members, managing budgets and general back office support. He then explained the scope of the meeting, which was to be observed as the 2025 AGM since there was no such meeting in 2025 itself. With 9 voting members at the table, the quorum was met (Constitution rule 9.3), there were no objections against the call for the meeting.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from the Executive Committee members David Gunn (NZL) and Nils Stolzechner (PUR) who were not present in person and PUR member not represented.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

- 2.1 The minutes of the last meeting in 2024 have been available for the members to read: <https://www.wingfoilracing.com/home/governance/meetings-and-news>

3. Report of the President

- 3.1 Mirco Babini apologized that it took so much time during these last months to prepare everything for this meeting.
- 3.2 He explained that there was significant danger for the class during the transition period due to issues with the Swiss tax authorities and banks for which he would have been held responsible.
- 3.3 The audit by the Swiss Authorities was still not completed, the last few fines were paid recently.
- 3.4 A new governance scheme is being prepared and will be shown in the new website, including the Class Manager position which is still under recruitment.
- 3.5 The IWSA Core team will also be shown on the new website.
- 3.6 The Competition Manager is already acting and will be formally contracted after this AGM for 2027 as well; keeping consistency with other race officials being involved in the event.
- 3.7 Christiane will be tasked with operations management and liaising with Nils Palmieri from SUI and the Competition Manager and Core Team.
- 3.8 Lina Gvazdauskaite and Robert Hajduk, following the high demand on media/social jobs, will be contracted to work for the Class beside their normal work during events.
- 3.9 Media relations with Icarus Sports will be extended for next year. Icarus Sports *Chief Executive Jason Georgaris* was here and we strengthened the partnership and future projects.
- 3.10 In 2025 there were 11 events and in 2026 there were/will be 10 events: 6 World Cups, 4 FW Youth, Masters and Continentals.
- 3.11 MB emphasized the importance of the timeline on the list of tasks to follow up and to showcase the development of wingfoiling at the WS conference next November 2026 in China.

4. Financial Report

- 4.1 MB showed the actual financial, and bank account operation to fulfill the obligation by the tax office.
- 4.2 The Audit Certificate is expected on 12 September 2026 for 2025 full financial report.
- 4.3 The bank account is fully operational with a double signature system in place.

5. Submissions

- 5.1 A complaint was lodged by Tomek Janiak about the failure to publish any submission according to the timeline set in the Constitution. MB responded by saying that these submissions would be discussed to get the input of those around the table in order to be able to present amended and well-worded submissions to be voted on during an EGM which will be held later this year. Unfortunately the “website being full down in July” broke some links and pages which turned on missing files and info.
 - 5.1.1 Submission/ recommendation 1 was lodged by Chris Rashley (USA) and concerns the size and shape of the windows, mainly solving the “safety” part of winging.
 - 5.1.2 Submission 2 concerns: 1) Wing Size Restriction and Limitation to Two Wings per Competitor, 2) Limitation of Foil Equipment per Competitor, 3) Youth Equipment Limits (U19 and Younger) and 4) Window Specifications for Wings. *link to sub.papers.
 - 5.1.3 There was an important discussion not based on submission; a constructive chat around the table to create a document that could bring together the ideas for the new Class Rules and will serve to correctly word the rules to be proposed and voted on at the EGM. Wing size, Box rules

size and combined front and rear foil area and mast height, as well as window size and finally the race formats, mentioning the importance of the relay.

6. IWSA Elections

6.1 MB explained that because the conditions stated in the Constitution were not quite met, the Executive Committee, as stated in the IWSA Constitution Sect. 7.9, will confirm filling the vacant positions at the next General Assembly (which will be the EGM, to be held in early October 2026).

6.2 All ballot papers except one were filled out and handed back in.

6.3 The process for electing the Male Athletes' Representative with online vote cast has been announced for the next 24 hours, following Sect.11.7 of the IWSA Constitution.

7. Future Events & Calendar

7.1 There was some explanation about how the plan is made for 2027, how many World Cups, spreading locations over 6 continents, pros and cons for Brazil, considerations for Youth Worlds (family friendly, safety, predictable wind conditions etc). The outcome of this discussion suggests a maximum of 6 World Cup events, mainly spread over the continents. Youth Worlds was suggested to be held in Europe in order to ensure max participation. The possibility of the 2027 FW Worlds in Fortaleza in late January was discussed, depending on the World Sailing process.

7.2 A discussion was held about the very late registering of a large percentage of the competitors, which is making it very hard for any organizer to find sponsors. A heartfelt appeal was made to the competitors to improve on this.

8. Olympic Pathway

8.1 Considerations by World Sailing were explained which concern not just how appealing the Class looks but in the end how many medals IOC sets for Sailing, then WS has to decide which Events (Classes) these medals will go to and then within that Class which Equipment will be selected. 2027 Competition and testing different formats for IWSA were discussed, including slalom, reaching, speed, jump and relay.

9. Any other business

9.1 The new website design was presented, along with its media hub, store, and login area for members and athletes. It will be online on September 1st. The next two WC races, Sardinia and Brazil, were announced, and live streaming was confirmed for Cagliari/Quartu.

9.2 We welcome the members who will join the Executive Committee in accordance with IWSA Constitution Sect. 7.9 (see above): Man Ngo Hin from Hong Kong and Ateş Çınar from Turkey, and [Nils Stolzechner](#) who stayed confirmed for another cycle as vice president.

9.3 Mirco Babini thanked all those members present, the athletes and coaches who are very positive and helpful.