

**Meeting Minutes
2025 Swiss Optimist
Members' Meeting
& General Assembly**



**Date: Saturday March 15th 2025,
Place: Lugano (Club-house CVLL, 1^{er} étage)**

I. Meeting Minutes MEMBERS' MEETING

Meeting starts 18h00

1. Vote on the 2026 Swiss Championship by the members (Optimist Sailors)
34 votes for Lugano+ Ascona
33 votes for Nyon
(3 times re-counted to avoid mistakes)

The president thanked both applicants for the high quality and asked the Société Nautique de Nyon to consider an application for 2027.

I. Meeting Minutes GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Meeting starts approx. 18h40

1. Welcome

David Benczur, the president welcomes the Assembly. The Assembly is valid, the Agenda has been previously sent out on time. All members received communications via e-mail (Opti news), and the new Website is up-to-date.

Voting rights have been verified:

- 29 members were represented by the parents present (list available)
- 0 members represented by other parents with written proxy
- 7 Swiss Optimist Committee members:
 - o Tanja, Frédérique, Edoardo, Jean-Pierre, Kari, Tom, David

2. Election of vote counters

Umberto Magnetti and Sergio Palomba volunteered for the task, this has been accepted by the Assembly.

3. Meeting minutes GA 2024

Link sent out in the invitation, and available on the website:

<https://swissoptimist.ch/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/2024-General-Assembly-Meeting-Minutes.pdf>

No remarks regarding the 2024 Meeting Minutes from the Assembly, the meeting minutes are accepted.

4. Activity Reports

Report of the president (David)

- Activities
 - 4 PM in 2024: Lugano, Thun, Flüelen, Kreuzlingen
 - SC+TR SC 2024: Versoix
 - World Championship – Mar del Plata
 - Edward: 29th
 - Eivinn, Tenma Golf Fleet
 - Lewinn, Lena Silver FleetWe are very proud of them!
 - European Championship – Carrara
 - Alina: 25th, Cyril: 53th
 - Mey, Elsa
 - Loïc, Andrea, Yann
 - Team-Race European Championship
 - Alina, Mey/Melissa,
 - Giovanni, Maxime
 - Talent Camp: Adrian, Vera, Tommaso, Elia (2012)
Tim, Aston, Eric, Maria Luce (2013)
- Committee activities
 - Website complete, in 4 languages, documents updated
 - Structure and decisions show stability
 - Committee meeting every 2 months
 - PM Calendar (2025-26 is about set)
 - Selection regattas for 2025 set, 2026 to be confirmed still
 - International events:
Wolrds, Europeans, Team-Race Europeans and Talent Camp
 - Strategy
 - No Talent Pool,
Reason: not to overlap finances and calendar with regions and clubs
 - National Team after Selection
 - National Coach external
- Finishing my second term as president, representing for a last term
Ideally new president elected in 2026 already.
- Sponsors wanted!
- Volunteers always wanted! (Parents)
- Kids wanted!!!
- Thanks to the Committee members,
to the parents, the coaches... feel free to reach out to us anytime!

Regatta Officer (Jean-Pierre)

- Nouvelles règles de course 2025
Prêtez attention aux **règles 14 et 18**
- Nouveaux documents de classe
 - Format standardisé dans les trois langues nationales
 - Détail des événements dans les annexes
- Merci aux responsables des régions de faire le relais

Technical Officer (Marcelo)

- Period Feb 2024 to March 2025, 21 new sail numbers registered in the class.
- Current last number is SUI 2033.
- Remember to check the measurement certificates for foils and masts (Sails, masts and foils certificates are not registered in the class and Swiss sailing but are part of the boat's measurement book).

Regions 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 presented 2024 Activity reports

- Regional responsables are available
- Most regional regattas are open

5. Financial report 2025

P&L			
EU Championship, incl TR	41'973.14	8'637.00	Membership Fees
World Championship	61'474.66	5'250.00	Selection Fees
Talent Camp	10'440.36	2'580.00	Life-vest/hat
Life-vest/Lycra/misc	5'281.10		
Event charges	336.10		
Admin.charges	1'527.05	42'152.00	EU incom, incl. TR
Financial expenses	657.58	37'850.00	World incom
Loss on receivables		7'800.00	Talent Camp
		1'260.00	Misc. income
		4'881.00	Subvention
	121'689.99	110'410.00	
Loss		11'279.99	
	121'689.99	121'689.99	
Balance Sheet			
Post Finance CHF	45'002.45	5'762.56	Creditors
Post Finance / carte	-3'309.95		
Post Finance EUR	1'155.57	0.00	Transitory liabilities
Receivables	18'921.98	67'287.48	Capital
	61'770.05	73'050.04	
		-11'279.99	Loss
	61'770.05	61'770.05	

Monika Andrey, 09.03.2025

Deficit ist 11'279 CHF. Note : a budget with deficit and lump sum costs for the worlds team have been voted in Oberhofen (Budget 2024).

Account have been verified Björn Ambos and Umberto Magnetti, and conclusions have been presented by Umerto Magnetti:

- Accounts and activities have been verified
- Questions have been asked and answered, especially on the receivables (One participant did not yet pay the 2024 EC participation, and the legal procedure on the unjustified use of the VISA credit card in 2022-2023 is still on-going.)
- The account verifiers propose to the assembly to accept the report and discharge the committee

6. Discharge of the committee and verifiers for 2024

2024 reports and discharge have been voted unanimously, 1 person abstained from vote.

The president thanks the committee and the account verifiers for their work and the assembly for their trust.

7. Program 2025

<https://swissoptimist.ch/program/>

Main Dates

- February 13-16 Selection 1 Palamos, ESP
- 15-16 March PM Lugano
- 5-6 April PM Spiez
- 17-20 April Selection 2 Portoroz, SLO
- 2-3 May PM Pully -> Scouting Nacra 15

- 10-11 May Team-race training Lausanne (Selection + 3 clubs)

- 21 May-4 June European Championship Cesme, TUR
- 24 May- 1 June Training Portoroz (Worlds team), SLO

- 21 June-6 July World Championship, Portoroz, SLO

- 30 Aug-1 Sept Team-Race CS/SM Silvaplana
- 3-7 Sept Fleet-Race CS/SM Silvaplana
- 20-21 Sept PM Romanshorn

- 18-25 October Talent Camp (tbc)

7.b 2025 budget

Swiss Optimist 2025 Budget (15.03.2025)

	2025	Remarks		
Income				
Membership fees	6'000	60	100	(135)
Donations various	0			
WM, participation of the parents	32'000	6400	5	
EM participation of the parents	35'000	5000	7	
EM-TR participation of the parents	7'200	1800	4	
Talent Camp	9'600	1200	8	
Subsid Swiss Sailing (Breitensport)	3'100			
Selection inscription fees sailors	4'625	125	37	(125x40)
Selection life jacket new sailors	2'275	175	13	(175x20)
	0			
Total income	99'800			
Expenses				
WM Training and Championship expenses	34'704	2700 Offered (membership fees)		
EM Training and Championship expenses	34'000			
EM-TR Training and Championship expenses	9'747	2800 Coaching offered (Selection hoody)		
Talent Camp	11'600	2450 Coaching offered (Swiss Sailing)		
Selection "souvenir"	2'405	65	37	
Life jackets purchasing, minimum order quantity	2'658			
Membership fees paid by Swiss Optimist (ex:IODA)	600			
Prix (PM), cadeaux (remerciements), frais	2'000			
Website & IT	500			
Bank account and credit cards fees	600			
Coaching Camp, clinics, etc	1'000	Swiss Sailing		
Total expenses	99'814			
Balance/ income/expenses	-14			

Program and budget voted unanimously with 2 abstentions.

8. Elections-reelections

2 persons leaving the committee:

- **Marcelo Saguier** (Technical Officer)
- **Damir Nakrst** (Region 4)

The president thanked these 2 persons for their long participation to the committee and to the Optimist class and emphasized that their experience will be missed very much.

Björn Ambos also leaves the Optimist class as account revisor. Big thanks to him as well!

Up for reelection according to statues (2025 is an "odd year"):

- President: David Benczur (proposed for reelection)
- Vice-president: Tanja Müller (proposed for reelection)
- **Technical officer: Nicola Monti (proposed for election)**
- R1: Frédérique Radü (proposed for reelection)
- R3: Kari Eisenhut (proposed for reelection)
- R5: Tom Hofer (proposed for reelection)

Up for election after the resignation of Damir Nakrst

- **R4: Enver Adakan (proposed for election)**

The Proposed elections and reelections were unanimously accepted by the Assembly, 3 members of the committee have abstained from voting.

Warm welcome to Nicola and Enver.

9. Direct Umpiring on water during the Fleet-Race Swiss Championship.

Swiss Championships are regulated by the Rules of World Sailing and Swiss Sailing. A direct umpiring on water was neither forbidden nor required. Discussions and a preliminary survey showed that the topic has supporters and opponents, and most of them would like to see a vote at the AGM.

The main arguments have been collected from both sides and sent out previously.

Status actuel: L'arbitrage sur l'eau n'est ni exigé, ni interdit, les organisateurs peuvent décider librement.

Aktueller Status: Direktes Schiedsgericht (Umpiring) ist weder gefordert, noch verboten. Regatta Organisatoren können frei entscheiden.

Pourquoi interdire?

Warum verbieten?

- Considéré comme expérimental par World Sailing
Il faut un nombre suffisant de juges
Wird von World Sailing als experimentell angesehen.
Es benötigt genügend Umpires.
- Pas utilisé aux régates internationales ou par IODA
Wird nicht bei internationalen Regatten oder von IODA angewendet.
- Apprentissage du processus protêt perdu
Verlust des Lernens der Segler bei Protestverfahren.
- Pas de recours possible après décision sur l'eau
Nach einer Entscheidung auf dem Wasser kein Einspruch möglich

Proposition: modification de la PM règlement:

5. Dispositions finales

5.1 L'arbitrage direct sur l'eau (Umpiring) n'est pas autorisé pour le Championnat Suisse individuel

Vorschlag: Änderung des PM-Reglements:

5. Schlussbestimmungen

5.1 Direktes Schiedsgericht auf dem Wasser (Umpiring) ist für die Flottenschweizermeisterschaft nicht zulässig

Pourquoi autoriser

Warum erlauben?

- Plus de discipline, plus de protection surtout pour les plus jeunes.
Mehr Disziplin, mehr Schutz vor allem für jüngere Segler.
- Diminution du nombre de protêt à terre
Kleinere Anzahl an Protesten am Land
- Risque d'un mauvais arbitrage pas plus élevé que lors d'un protêt ou "Special procedure R42".
Risiko einer schlechten Entscheidung ist nicht höher als bei Protest, oder "Special procedure R42".
- La consequence est normalement un/deux 720 au pire (vs DSQ, DNE)
Führt normalerweise höchstens zu einem/zwei 720er (vs DSQ, DNE)

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The vote lead to a clear decision: 20 votes to forbid direct umpiring, 13 votes in favor.

The PM-regulations of Swiss Optimist will be modified accordingly.

It shall apply starting from the season 2025-26.

10. Other topics

None proposed.

Meeting ends 20h00, the president thanks the assembly and the committee for the active participation.

Next Annual Meeting:

- 2026 General Assembly at the PM in Lugano March 14th (date to be confirmed.)

Lugano, 16.03.2025

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