## Report of the secretary

The year 2023 was in regard to new boats very disappointing; both registered boat builders did not build any new Fireballs. The figures of this year are

- 15 National Class Associations (NCAs) have registered members and boats. We counted 3 NCAs being dormant or retired. In the previous year we counted 15 active NCAs and 3 dormant or retired NCAs
- 669 members were registered in our boat class, compared to 598 in the year before
- 395 boats were registered in our boat class, compared to 343 in the year before
- No new boats were built by professional boat builders
- No amateur builders started to build a Fireball International of plywood. One plywood Fireball was certified in the USA (sail number and plaque allocated in 2022).
- We distributed about 6 Fireball International building plans. We do not expect that any of the interested parties will start building a boat. One person started to renovate an old boat.
- The highest sail number issued is now 15170.

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