

MINUTES OF THE 16th MEETING OF THE WORLD COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL 49ER CLASS ASSOCIATION

HELD ON TUESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2012 AT FRAGLIA DELLA VELA RIVA, ITALY

The meeting was chaired by President Malav Shroff, with CEO Marcus Spillane calling the meeting to order at 1800hrs.

Those in attendance were: President Malav Shroff, Builder's Representatives Chris Turner and John Clinton, Chief Measurer Barry Johnson, CEO Marcus Spillane, 9er Inc. MD Ben Remocker and Class Secretary Jerelyn Biehl.

The following national representatives were in attendance: Denmark, Croatia, Australia, Ireland, United States, Poland, Canada, Germany, France, Italy, Belgium, Austria, Great Britain. A proper quorum was satisfied.

Guest: Christian Kramer, GER 29er Class representative

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Julian Bethwaite, Simon Hiscocks, Sumeet Patel and Kristen Lane.

2. Minutes of the 15th World Council Meeting

Minutes of the 15th World Council Meeting, held in Helsinki, Finland on Wednesday, July 6, 2011 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the CEO.

3. Verbal Reports of Executive Committee Meetings Held Since the Last World Council Meeting

ISAF Meeting: The last 1.5 years have been big years especially for the Olympic classes. Malav, Marcus and Jerelyn have been attending the ISAF meetings to represent the 49er Class. This November, many classes are lobbying to re-open the slate for the 10 Olympic classes. Lobbying to keep the 49er and assist to get the women's skiff in has been a long process, but well worth it.

Executive Meetings: Malav explained that the Executive meets at major events and ISAF meetings. The sailors meet at the General Forum and their issues are taken to the Council meetings.

4. Finance

- a. The finances for YE 2011 were presented: Discussion was held on the expenses for the 29erXX. Explanation was that the majority of expenses were prior to the FX being designed and 49er was supporting women's skiff sailing. In addition part of the deal when Gerardo Seeliger (Hon. President) introduced Seiko to the Class was that a portion of funds be used to support the 29er and 29erXX Class. The Builders also supported the women's skiff as well. Moved by Matt McGovern (IRL), seconded by Peter Hansen (DEN) to accept the 2011 finances as presented. The motion was put to the World Council and carried unanimously.

- b. The Budget for the remainder of 2012 was presented: a motion was made by Trevor Burd (USA), seconded by Nick Brownie (AUS) to accept the Budget as presented. The motion carried unanimously to accept as presented.
- c. The Budget 2013 was presented: a motion was made by Trevor Burd (USA), seconded by Nick Brownie (AUS). The motion carried unanimously to accept as presented.
- d. 9er Inc will hold all the commercial rights for the 9er classes. Ben Remocker started September 1, 2012 full time as Managing Director. 9er Inc will take on expenses for flags and sail royalty tags. Class promotion fees will be held by 9er Inc. Technical expenses will be paid by 9er Inc.

5. Ordinary Resolutions

1. Submission by the Danish Int. 49er Class Assn. by Jonathan Bay, President

To nominate Peter Kruger Andersen, DEN, to become a Vice President of the Class
Motion: Peter Kruger Andersen voted as Vice President
1 abstention; 3 against. Motion passed.

2. Submission by the Int. 49er Class Assn.

To nominate Dave Evans, GBR, to become a Vice President of the Class
Motion withdrawn

3. Submission by the Int. 49er Class Assn.

To nominate Marcus Spillane, IRL, to become President of the Class
For: Majority passed
Abstain: 1 abstention (Marcus Spillane)

6. Special Resolutions

a. Reinforced Vang and Boom Goosenecks

Submission by the Int. 49er Class Assn., by Ben Remocker

Purpose or Objective

To strengthen the boom and vang gooseneck fittings after evidence that the current parts in the Class Rules are not fit for purpose.

Submission

To authorize the Technical Committee to investigate and change the relevant Class Rules to allow for a change of the parts used for the vang and gooseneck fittings.

Reasons:

To improve durability of the vang and gooseneck system.

Point of order: Barry Johnson pointed out this is a specification change. The AGM votes to have the Technical Committee investigate.

Motion passed with a majority vote.

b. Adjustable Forestay Construction

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Submission by the Int. 49er Class Assn., by Ben Remocker

Purpose or Objective

To allow to have the forestay constructed with an adjustable end to improve the life of the forestay.

Submission

To authorize the Technical Committee to investigate and change the relevant Class Rules to all the forestay end have a turnbuckle fitting.

Reasons:

To ease the ability for teams to make their forestays the length that they would like them to be. Note, the forestay lengths will be secured for the duration of the regatta. This submission is only to change the construction rules, not to change the philosophy of the racing.

Executive suggests that the motion be defeated after the Sailors Forum.

Forestay with adjustable end to improve life of forestay:

World Council with the exception of 3 abstentions took on the recommendation of the Executive Committee to not approve the motion as presented.

c. Adjustable Jib Downhaul

Submission by the Portuguese Int. 49er Class Assn., by Francisco Andrade

Purpose or Objective

To adjust the 49er and 49erFX class rules so that the jib downhaul can be adjusted without moving to the bow.

Submission

To authorize the Technical Committee to investigate and change the relevant Class Rules to allow for the addition of a jib downhaul in the class rules

Reasons:

1. The Portuguese Class has suggested that this be done by add 1 (shackle plus block) to the inside jib tack plate. The jib tack can be lead through this block, 2:1 and back to the pin that holds the spinnaker tack line. It can be adjusted using a slipping splice so no cleats need be added.
2. To add to the safety of the boats so that crews do not need to advance to the bow of the boat in windy conditions.
3. To increase the ease of adjustment and reliability of the system.

Motion defeated but the WC requested that the Technical Committee investigate further.

d. Allow 4:1 on the Jib Sheet

Submission by the Int. 49er Class Assn.

Purpose or Objective

To change the class rules to ALLOW ~~require~~ jib sheets have 4:1 purchase instead of the existing 3:1

Submission

To authorize the Technical Committee to investigate and change the relevant Class Rules to allow for a block to be added to require jib sheet to be sheeted 4:1

Reasons:

To decrease the load on jib sheets and ease the ability of uncleating the sheet under pressure.

Motion to amend: Chris Turner, Nico Delle Karth;
Unanimous approval

e. Gennaker Cut in Restriction

Submission by the Int. 49er Class Assn

Purpose or Objective

To change the class rules to allow for increasing the size of sponsor 'cut ins' that are allowed so they can be any size within the spinnaker dimensions.

Submission

To authorize the Technical Committee to investigate and change the relevant Class Rules to allow unlimited sized 'cut ins' into the gennakers.

Reasons:

To increase the amount of exposure sponsors can get.

Motion withdrawn

f. Update the Constitution

Submission by the Int. 49er Class Assn

Purpose or Objective

To change the International 49er Class Association Constitution to reflect the addition of the 49erFX to the Class and to correct inconsistencies, typos and grammatical errors.

Submission

Replace the current Class Constitution as attached with the Proposed Class Constitution as attached

Reasons:

1. To include the FX class within the 49er Class Association
2. To remove typos and update wording

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3. To update the executive structure to reflect changes in the internal organization

Motion passed unanimously in favor

7. Date & Venue of 17th meeting of World Council

Marseille, FRA, dates to be confirmed shortly but end of September 2013

8. AOB:

Peter Hansen thanked outgoing President Malav Shroff for his years of service.

Chris Turner asked for action shots and any volunteers for Dublin in November to help with a skiff exhibition.