



# INTERNATIONAL 49ER CLASS ASSOCIATION 19TH MEETING OF THE WORLD COUNCIL

The 19th meeting of the World Council of the International 49er Class Association was held in the Club Nautico San Isidro, San Isidro, Argentina at 19:00 hours on Saturday November 14, 2015.

1. President called the meeting to order and confirmed that a quorum was present. Apologies for Absence – 49erVP Nathan Outteridge

## General Business

2. Approve minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting
  - Passed Unanimously
3. President's remarks about ISAF Meetings and discussion of the year
  - Some questions about formats for 2020 and 2024. Most of the discussion was speculation about the future shape of the World Cup
4. Finances, led by CFO, David Campbell James
  - a. 2014
    - i. included 20,000 euros payment for ISAF worlds, larger than normal event revenue
  - b. 2015 – Year To Date
    - i. budget forecast to be break even
    - ii. outline of 9er Inc management of class and role in finances, which is manager of media projects, manager of sponsorships, backstop to class finances, and general class management. 9erInc will show the income received from the Class and a breakdown of 9er Inc expenditures on the Class in future years
  - c. 2016 Budget – expecting to have lower revenue than previous years. Budget will balance, with 9er Inc covering any shortfall to ensure balanced budget
  - d. Balance sheet – Commitment to always have greater than 80,000 euros in net assets plus cash in the bank, holding steady, which is the class strategy. Aim is to hold reserves at this level to secure issues the class may face have but not to grow the reserve at this point as seen to be sufficient
  - e. Vote to accept finances for 2014, 2015 Year to date, and 2016 Budget – passed unanimously

## Ordinary Submissions

5. Vote for Nathan Outteridge as 49er VP – passed unanimously
6. Vote for Sofi Tedin as 49erFX VP – passed unanimously



7. Vote for Barry Johnson as Head of Technical Committee – Passed unanimously
8. Vote for David Campbell James as CFO – Passed unanimously
9. Vote to reduce the age of future Junior World Championships to U23 from U24
  - a. Some discussion on pros and cons of change.
    - i. Arguments for were to help start standardizing among Olympic classes at U23 and also to ensure it is a pinnacle event within the class, and all teams eligible want to attend. There was concern that some of the older teams have moved on in their careers to fully focus on senior level sailing.
    - ii. Arguments against were that it may result in smaller fleet sizes due to tighter restrictions and question whether there was sufficient reason to change
  - b. Change to U23 – passed unanimously and will be enforced for 2016
10. Next meeting to be held April 2016 during the European Championship window in Barcelona

#### **Any Other Business**

- Nico Delle Karth (AUT) – worries that actions arising from Open Forum votes can be dangerous and more formal process should be used. Articulated that while it is great to get feedback at open forums, decisions should be made by world council.
  - o MS – Agree and also suggest that we are looking for formal tools like survey monkey to do continuous voting. We can do more SGM's also.
    - Commits to taking votes of World Councils from matters arising from Open Forums
- Nico Delle Karth (AUT) – talking about centerboards. Some different messages about boards being the same all the time.
  - o Olympic boards between May and October, 2015 need to be recertified by respective factories
  - o All boards since October 2015 can be used at the games
  - o General discussion about why the builders and class management are satisfied that all boards are sufficiently similar to be used at all other competitions

#### **Meeting adjourned**

In attendance:

17 country representatives

IRL, ARG, NZL, GBR, AUS, CAN, FRA, JPN, FIN, USA, BRA, ESP, GER, AUT, ISV, IND, DEN

Executive Members

President (Marcus Spillane), VP 49erFX (Sofi Tedin), CFO (David Campbell James), Chair of Technical Committee (Barry Johnson – Non Voting), Copy write holder FX (John Clinton), Builders Representative (Duncan Hepplewhite)