

# INTERNATIONAL 49ER CLASS ASSOCIATION

## 18<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE WORLD COUNCIL

The 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the World Council of the International 49er Class Association was held in the Valencia Room, Hotel Santemar, Joaquin Costa 28, 39005 Santander, Spain on Saturday September 13, 2014.

### Minutes of Meeting

#### 1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Executive Members: Harry Bethwaite, David Campbell James, Peter Kruger Andersen and Barry Johnson

#### 2. Approval of the Minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the World Council

The 17<sup>th</sup> AGM was held on Wednesday 17 September 2013 in Marseille, France. The Minutes, previously circulated were presented and approved. The President signed the minutes.

#### 3. Verbal Reports of ISAF and Executive Meetings held since the last World Council Meeting

The President gave a brief report of all ISAF and Executive Meetings held since the last World Council Meeting

- a. ISAF Meeting (Oman)
  - i. Submission on Theatre Style was deferred
  - ii. Continental Qualifier Submission Defeated
  - iii. Jib Advertising Submission Defeated
  - iv. Builders Meeting - Julian's Factory noted
- b. Olympic Classes Meeting in Southampton
  - i. U Flag
  - ii. Rio Test Event
  - iii. Cameras for Olympics
  - iv. Class Development Plans
- c. Mid - Year Meeting in May
  - i. Testing of Theatre Style in Rio approved
- d. Helsinki Executive Meeting
  - i. Issue around NZL Boat Weights
- e. Multiple Virtual Executive Meetings

#### 4. Finance

The President, in the absence of the CFO went through the financial statements. All in all the Class is in excellent financial health with over Euro100k in assets.

- a. To receive the financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2013  
The financial statements were approved. Proposer Trevor Burd (USA) -  
Seconder Peter Hansen (DEN)

- b. To receive and approve the budget for the year to end 31 December 2014  
The budget to the end of 2014 was approved – Proposer Peter Hansen (DEN), Seconded by Andrew Tarboton (RSA)
- c. To receive and approve the budget for the year to end 31 December 2015

Questions:

- 1. Peter Hansen (DEN) – The goal of the Class is to be a non profit but to always be break even or better. The President replied that he had committed to keeping net assets of the Class above Euro80k and that each year the budget was set to always breakeven or to have a small profit.
- 2. Emmett Lazich (AUS) – Asked whether the Class was prepared to spend money to get SAP Analytics at all our events. The President replied that the Class looks into partnerships as much as possible, but that in the SAP case there would also be considerable expenditures to activate the SAP opportunity.
- 3. A question on the Measurement expenditure was asked by Nicholas Huguet (FRA) Where does that get spent? Mostly on travel but also on other measurement related items.
- 4. A question on Sail Royalty Tags was asked. Where is that money going? 9er Inc. 9er Inc. then pays for all promotion activities.
- 5. What is the 49er Development Plan? Class supporting continental events, Seiko Development Plan, and starting fleets in new countries through expanded dealer network.

The 2015 budget was approved after being proposed by Trevor Burd (USA) and seconded by Arielle Morgan (CAN)

## 5. Ordinary Resolutions

From the National Class Associations and Executive Committee Members

### 1. Jib Advertising

Proposer Lauri Lehtinen (FIN),  
Secunder Andrew Tarboton (RSA)

Abstain: GER 4 votes  
Against: GBR 3 votes  
For: Balance

Result: Motion Passed

### 2. Country Code Removal

Proposer Mattieu Hansens (BEL)  
Secunder Nicolas Huguet (FRA)

Abstain: BRA 2 votes  
For: 8 Votes  
Against: Balance

Motion Defeated

- 3. Protest Flag Rule Change**  
Proposer Nicolas Huguet (FRA)  
Seconder Peter Hansen (DEN)  
Discussion - windsurfers already do not use flags, so we should be able to be like them. Class Executive to speak with ISAF to progress and try and get approved.

Abstain – Nil  
Against – Nil  
For: All

Motion approved

- 4. To Nominate Peter Kruger Anderson (DEN) as Vice President**  
Proposer: Peter Hansen (DEN)  
Seconder: Paweł Kacprowski (POL)

Motion approved with all voting for

- 5. To Nominate Nathan Outteridge (AUS) as Vice President**  
Proposer Trevor Burd (USA)  
Seconder Andrew Tarboton (RSA)

Motion approved with all voting for

- 6. To Nominate Genny Tulloch (USA) as Vice President**  
Proposer Trevor Burd (USA)  
Seconder Arielle Morgan (CAN)

Motion approved with all voting for

- 7. Supplied Boats at 2016 Olympics**  
The President first outlined the procedure within ISAF and that, as was confirmed by Alastair Fox on the morning of the AGM, there was no mechanism to now get 49ers as supplied equipment at the Olympics. There was no submission in to ISAF about this topic prior to 1 August, which was the deadline for submissions. The decision was made at the 2013 ISAF Annual Conference that the only supplied equipment in Rio will be the RS:X and the Laser. Finally, the only people that can put in a submission after the August 1 date are the ISAF's Executive, but their final meeting happened 1 week ago, and therefore they will not put in a submission.

The President then called on Dave Mackay (NZL) to read the Builders Group response to Submissions 7 and 8.

Nico Delle Karth (AUT) – outlined that the submission was due to frustrations about differences found in the boats and the experience of the Technical Committee.

Nicolas Huguet (FRA) - would support daggerboard, rudder, hull, wings as supplied. Sailors to bring own rig and sails.

Peter Hansen (DEN) - supports the submission, important for the Class to tell ISAF what the Class thinks about this topic

Simon Hiscocks (GBR) – Asked whether we should defer since there is no chance of boats actually getting selected for 2016 and that perhaps it should be looked at again in for the 2020 games.

Matthiew Janenns (BEL) - Is Abu Dhabi a good test run for supplied boats? Probably too late with the timing i.e. late November and after the ISAF Annual Conference

Dave Mackay (FX Copywrite Holder - NZL) – Would it perhaps be better to look at the underlying issues behind the submission. Noting that there were some issues and improvements required he pointed out how one design the boats already are, how the one design nature has actually improved over the years and how they are always looking to tighten tolerances and improve the product. They want the sailors to be confident of boats from any builder.

The President then read out the Executives 7 point plan initiated by the 49er Executive Committee in 2013 to ensure the one design nature and ethos of the Class.

1. Only boats built after number 1465 can be used at Rio 2016 – Implemented
2. Any Olympic competitor must be able to acquire any builders boat before the Olympics. If he cannot then that builders boat cannot be used at the Olympic Games.
3. Extra measurement by inspectors to builders manual - partially implemented via class rule 3.1 and further discussions ongoing
4. Rob Taylor (GBR) and ISAF Technical staff member to be added as an additional class measurer. RT should become and International Class measurer in November.
5. Mandatory Spot Checks of a random sample of boats during racing
6. The Class to acquire calibrated hanging scales for measurement
7. Continuous improvement for standardizing builders tolerances by way of a formal annual meeting between the builders group to review tolerances and the builders manual

Nicolas Huguet (FRA) – requested the Class to formalize point 2 (above)

Nathan Outteridge (AUS) - Must ensure factory capacity in point 2 above

Simon Hiscocks (GBR) - Country Qualification should be enough to move date early enough to ensure production capacity.

Genny Tulloch (USA) - Dates also have to be late enough for selectees to put in orders

Lauri Lehtinen (FIN) - Worried about rule 2, commercially troubling for small nations.

Simon Hiscocks (GBR) - Supplied boats will result in significant extra campaigning costs

Nathan Outteridge (AUS) - Boats built by humans, there will always be tolerances.

Nico Delle Karth (AUT) - This is somewhat to control 3rd builder, there are quality issues.

Simon Hiscocks (GBR) - we will get to inspect UpMarine boats in Abu Dhabi and make actions after that point

Nicolas Huguet (FRA) - Abu Dhabi an opportunity for neutral party to look at the specs on all the boats.

President - We will do something in Abu Dhabi to review all 3 builders boats and how they compare.

Peter Hansen (DEN) - Active boat builders have better opportunities to provide reproducible boats. Would also want assurances that boats after bulk order to Abu Dhabi the boats continue at the same quality.

Emmett Lazich (AUS) - The ultimate pressure is to have additional inspection at the games along with class rules 3.1

President - It is the intention of the class executive to promote initiative 3 (above) to provide further inspection options at the games.

Nicolas Huguet (FRA) - The class has the money to implement measurement solutions.

Peter Hansen (DEN) - Suggests that the boys should use the Upmarine 49er in Abu Dhabi as they have more experience.

Arielle Morgan (CAN) - The boats should be available to both 49er and 49erFX sailors for inspection.

Emmett Lazich (AUS) - The boys should use the Upmarine boats in Abu Dhabi as they have more righting moment and therefore will put through more abuse.

Charlie McKee (USA) - Since this is likely to be defeated by ISAF, then we should amend the submission to be more generic and about having the best possible equipment and remove the equipment variance aspect of the sport.

Friendly Amendment - Delete point 3 in the submission about rigs and sails and have those provided by the sailors.

The Submission was then put to a vote:  
Proposer: Peter Hansen (DEN)  
Seconder Lauri Lehtinen (FIN)

Abstain:  
For: 20 votes  
Against: 28 votes

Submission Defeated

## **8. Submission 8 - Equipment Data**

Thomas Low-Beer (BRA) - Submission started as a way to provide more customer service and better understand with regard to what equipment he is buys.

Proposer: Nico Delle Karth (AUT)  
Seconder Andrew Tarboton (RSA)

Mattieu Jansenns (BEL) - What are the cost implications?

Dave Mackay (FX Copywrite Holder) – read out the builders group response on this submission

A friendly amendment was proposed by the President - For Executive to Work with Technical Committee, builders, suppliers to review, discuss, implement, and support certain items in this submission 8. The issue is that some of the items that the submission speaks to are highly confidential and won't be allowed to be released.

Dave Mackay (FX Copywrite) - there is not a lot that is publishable but the technical committee will be able to identify some items that are suitable. Danger of publishing equipment data will lead to sailors chasing equipment in certain areas of the tolerances.

Nico Delle Karth (AUT) - Only release data later so it does not affect quantity of purchases.

The President suggest (and agreed by Thomas Low Beer (BRA) that all the example items below the "proposal" line should not be considered part of the submission. Only the "purpose" is to be considered.

Abstain: 3  
For: 18  
Against: 27

Motion Defeated

Note that the President Marcus Spillane (IRL) abstained from all votes above and his 2 votes were not counted in the Abstain

**6. Special Resolutions from the National Class Associations and Executive Committee Members**

None

**7. To Agree the Date and Venue for the 19th meeting of the International 49er Class World Council**

During the measurement days of the Buenos Aires Worlds in November 2015

**8. General Discussion and Any Other Business (no decisions can be made under this heading)**

Bids for Events - Should the Executive or the World Council decide venues? The President pointed out that it was not feasible to have the World Council vote given that it meets only once a year. This really was the remit of the Executive. However the bid process was reviewed with Council.

World Cup Fleet Size - Should it be 25 boats in 1 fleet, 40 boats in 1 fleet, something in between or two fleets of 20 with qualifying. No consensus reached. Class to send a survey out to fleets for opinion on 25 boats or 40 boats after Santander 2014.

Marcus Spillane  
President  
International 49er Class Association  
August 15, 2014

Attachments:

- i) 2013 World Council Minutes
- ii) Financial Statements: 2013, 2014 and Budget 2015
- iii) Ordinary Resolutions
- iv) Special Resolutions