

International 49er Class Association 21st Meeting of the World Council

The 21st meeting of the World Council of the International 49er Class Association was held in Porto, Portugal on Saturday August 16, 2017. The meeting commenced at 1830 hours.

Notes of Meeting

1. The President called the meeting to order and confirmed that a quorum was present. (39 MNA + 5 Executives) 19 MNA's present.

Apologies for Absence:

Joe Morris – 49er VP

Sofi Tedin, VP – 49er FX

Camilla Cedercreutz VP – 49erFX

Harry Bethwaite – IP Holder Rep.

John Clinton – Builders Rep.

Note of thanks for the service of outgoing 49er VP Joe Morris and 49erFX VP Sofi Tedin.

2. Minutes of the 20th Meeting of the World Council Meeting previously circulated were approved.
3. The President reported on various meetings that had been held since the previous World Council meeting. The President gave an overview of matters impacting the Class and in particular how World Sailing, has many initiatives regarding the Sailing World Cup, Continental Qualification for 2020, and 2018 World Championships. The new Olympic Contract between the Class and World Sailing for 2020 was signed but it is being rewritten to cover the proposed anti-trust and anti monopoly legislation that WS is looking to adopt in November 2018. Marcus Spillane and Ben Remocker were elected to WS Council and Events Committee respectively. At various Executive meetings the move of the World Championships to another club in Porto, approval of the top mast spinnaker fitting and approval of sponsor contracts was discussed.
4. The Class finances (previously circulated) were reviewed and discussed, led by CFO, David Campbell James
 - a. Accounts to the end of 2016 – presented and approved. Discussion around trying to lobby WS to get entry fees for Sailing World Cup and World Sailing Championships in Aarhus reduced. Additionally Thomas Low-Beer discussed whether we should reduce the demands on future event venues (financially) to ensure we get the best “venue” but with the challenge then of how to generate revenue to support broader class goals.

- b. 2017 Year to Date and forecast to the end of 2017 – presented and discussed
- c. 2018 Budget – presented and discussed

All finances presented, discussed and approved unanimously. The Class still aims to have reserves of 90k euros by the end of 2019. Proposer – Joel Turner, seconded by Dylan Fletcher

Ordinary Resolutions

- 5. Election of David Campbell-James (GBR) as CFO for a further 2-year term ending at the 2019 AGM. Proposed by Joel Turner and seconded by Dylan Fletcher. Passed unanimously
- 6. Vote for new 49er Vice-President, Joel Turner (AUS) for a 2-year term ending at the 2019 AGM. Proposed by Ben Bildstein and seconded by Dylan Fletcher. Passed unanimously
- 7. Vote for new 49er Vice-President, Dylan Fletcher (GBR) for a 2-year term ending at the AGM in 2019. Proposed by Joel Turner and seconded by Peter Hansen. Passed unanimously
- 8. Vote for new 49erFX Vice-President, Griselda Khng (SGN) for a 2-year term ending in 2019. Proposed by Joel Turner, seconded by Alex Maloney. Passed unanimously

Special Resolutions Submissions

No special resolutions were presented to the meeting

Next Annual General Meeting

The 22nd Annual General Meeting of the International 49er Class Association to be held during the 2018 during the Aarhus World Sailing Championship.

Any Other Business

Trevor Burd (USA) asked for more visibility of future event dates. Class will aim to do so. It was a difficult year with the World Championship venue pulling out with 3 months to go. Thomas Low Beer (BRA) asked for more information about the Anti-Trust and Anti-Monopoly situation at WS. Discussion about Notice of Race and awards at European Championships, and specifically the process to get a change in Class policy over how the podium awards and communication is performed

Meeting adjourned

In attendance: 19 members of World Council

Executives Present:

Marcus Spillane (President, IRL)
Joel Turner (acting VP 49er, AUS)



David Campbell James (CFO)
David MacDiarmid (Mackay) FX Rep
Lester Noble (Ovington) Builders Rep
Barry Johnson (Chair of TC)

Benjamin Bonneau (FRA)
Peter Hansen (DEN)
Trevor Burd (USA)
Christoffer Silen (FIN)
Odile van Aaholt (ARU)
Anna Maria Sept (EST)
Lorena Abrict (AUT)
Alex Heinsman (CAN)
Przemek Filipowicz (POL)
Mihovil (CRO)
Lisa Erichsen (SWE)
Alex Maloney (NZL)
Thomas Lowbeer (BRA)
Dylan Fletcher (GBR)
Griselda Khng (SGP)
Yannick Lefebvre (BEL)
Japanese Coach (JPN)