

MINUTES OF THE 22nd WORLD COUNCIL MEETING 31st July 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6.30 pm by the Class President,
Joan Mollerus at WPNSA, GBR

Executive Committee Members Present:
Joan Mollerus – President
Csaba Csereb – Vice President
David Campbell James – Treasurer and Class PRO
Barry Johnson – Technical Chair
Pippa Kenton-Page – Executive Director
Paolo Portiglia (online) – Builders representative

Opening: The Class President gave a welcome & introductions

1. Apologies for absence:

Greg Gigliotti – Vice President

Countries represented at the meeting with voting rights:

AUS, CZE, DEN, FIN, GER, HKG, HUN, IRL, ITA, JPN,
NED, NOR, POL, SIN, SLO, SWE, GBR, USA

It was confirmed that a quorum was reached

2. Minutes of the 2022 meeting:

The minutes of the 2022 World Council Meeting were circulated after the meeting in 2022 and approved. No further action required.

3. President's remarks:

Joan confirmed it was the end of her final term and thanked the members of the executive committee and the class chairs for their efforts and support of the International Class.

4. Old Business

Old business: President's report, Technical report and Builders report were all circulated before the meeting via email. Opened the floor for questions – no questions raised.

5. Finances

David Campbell - James presented the year-end financial statement and 2024 budget and explained the goals for 2024 season - working with Paypal to reduce fees and working with venues to reduce entry fees.

David Campbell – James took questions from the floor.

6. Ordinary Resolutions

Thorough discussion took place on each submission presented by NOR and SLO including with those attending online. Votes were taken by paper ballot and calculated after the meeting. See results on final page.

Resolution 1 – Ratchet block - NOR

C.6.1 (e), last sentence:

Change from: Ratchet blocks may be used for the gennaker sheets and as the forward mainsheet block on the boom.

Change to: Ratchet blocks may be used for the gennaker sheets and as one mainsheet block in the mainsheet system.

The reason for the proposed change was to allow teams to move the ratchet block allowed in the mainsheet system aft to the back of the boom or mainsheet strop to allow for greater efficiency of the block and benefit to teams requiring more assistance.

Resolution 2 – Compass attachment - SLO

--- Rule C.7.1 (f) --- **addition of point (iv)**

No holes may be made in the hull or deck mouldings except: new **(iv) for the purpose of attaching the compass retaining lines**

The proposal for the new rule is to give athletes a better and more suitable option for attaching the compass to the boat which ensures greater visibility and less chance of damage.

Resolution 3 - Trapeze wire length - SLO

--- Rule C.9.6 (a) ---

modification (i) Trapeze lines shall include a minimum of 3050 mm of stainless steel wire.

The proposal is to add to athletes more adjusting possibilities without bigger changes in already existing class rules.

Resolution 4 - Under 19 Prize - SLO

--- **SI. Prizes** ---

new Under 19 World/European Champions 1st to 3rd male and 1st to 3rd female (must be born between U17 and U19)

The reasoning was to encourage older sailors to stay in the class longer

7. Special Resolutions

Class Rule update - Barry Johnson

Barry explained that World Sailing had confirmed that they had made omissions from the original 29er Class rules accidentally and therefore this resolution to update the Class rules to the previous version.

8. Officer Elections

- Peter Lubeck – Class President (DEN)
Peter was present and gave a short presentation.
- Greg Gigliotti – Vice President (USA)
Greg was not present

9. New Business – the floor was opened for new business which allows for open discussion of any topic, but no votes may be taken
GBR chair thanked the outgoing President.

Various WC members expressed concern about the cost of entry fees.
The class executive agreed and took these concerns under advisement.

10. Date for next council meeting: 2024 Worlds or Europeans was suggested once dates confirmed.

RESULTS OF BALLOTS

Total number of available votes in the room: 53

Resolution 1: Approved (Ratchet block)

Resolution 2: Approved (Compass attachment)

Resolution 3: Approved (Trapeze Wire Length – *with friendly amendment to remove the word 'shall' and replace with 'may' *subject to review by copyright holder*)

Submission 4: Rejected (Prize age U19)

Special Resolution 1: Approved (Class rules update)

Officer Elections

Class President – Peter Lubeck - approved

Class Vice President – Greg Gigliotti - approved

