

MINUTES OF THE 20th WORLD COUNCIL MEETING
29th July 2019

The meeting was called to order at 20:06pm by the Class President,
Joan Mollerus at Marina Gdynia, Poland

Executive Committee Members Present:
Joan Mollerus – President
David Campbell James – Treasurer and Class PRO
Stephanie Banham – Executive Director
Greg Gigliotti – VP
Thomas Moss – outgoing VP

Opening: The Class President gave a welcome & introductions

1 Apologies for absence:

There were no apologies for absence.

Countries represented at the meeting with voting rights:

BRA CAN CZE DEN FIN FRA GER HUN
MLT NED NZL NOR SWE ESP GBR USA

2 Minutes of the 2018 meeting:

The minutes of the 2018 World Council Meeting were circulated after the meeting in 2018 and approved already. No further action required.

3 President's remarks:

Joan thanked the following:

Members of the executive, the class chairs for their efforts and support of the International Class. Also Polish Yachting for hosting the 2019 Worlds and Zhik and Ovington for their continued support of the class.

Joan encouraged the National Classes to identify volunteers for the Int Class.

There is one vacant VP spot – currently appointed by the class.
JM is in her 3rd term as Class Chair and at the end of this 2 year term will not stand for re-election.

4 Old Business

Old business: President's report was circulated before the meeting.

5 Finances

David Campbell James reviewed the finances. He explained the bank accounts & highlighted the differences between admin service costs and how the class has split the administration and accounting function. The Paypal currency split was explained.

Championship support – events now more closely managed and running at near to zero cost to the class.

2017 Costs were US\$21,000

2018 ran at a profit, largely due to the failure of the Finnish organisers and the class withholding a large portion of the entry fees.

DCJ ran through the balance sheet, which is very healthy. The revenue stream from builders plaques was explained.

The budget: Development and the website are key areas for investment this year.

2018 legal fees for GDPR was explained along with the class costs for liability insurance.

Rep from NOR commented on how the healthy the finances are and perhaps some monies should be used to promote the class via slicker media coverage, video and photography. The class is exciting and we should be using this to greater effect.

On the back of the finance topic. It was suggested we need to identify a Media expert, perhaps from within the class.

6. Submissions

Votes were taken by paper ballot and calculated after the meeting. See results on final page.

Submission 1 – Class Rule Change. DCJ

To delete Class Rule C1.1 (b) and replace with RRS 42 shall apply as amended:

RRS 42.3 is changed as follows

(j) A boat may be sculled if the sculling does not propel the boat in any direction. (Therefore removing the O flag).

The reason for the submission was DCJ believes the rule is not necessary and the new resolution puts the class in line with the 49er Class rule.

Submission 2 - Staggered officer terms

The proposal was to change 8.2 of the constitution which sets the terms for the office of the President, two VP's, Treasurer, to create staggered terms of office. This would allow for continuity and consistency in leadership and efficient passage of knowledge. There were no objections to the proposal and no further discussion.

Submission 3 – Officer terms

If the Proposal for staggered officer terms were accepted, adjusting the terms for 2 officers on a one-term basis would allow the staggered terms of office to be in sync. No further discussion.

Submission 4 – Class PRO This submission was to amend section 8.1,8.2 & 8.4 of the constitution to establish the position of Class PRO as part of the executive. No further discussion.

Submission 5 – Sail royalites/hull plaques

This submission was to define the Class's authority to set hull plaque fees and sail royalties and to clarify the mandate for each. This requires an amendment to 12.1 of the constitution and there were no objections or discussion surrounding the topic.

Submission 6 – Materials used in hull repairs

Reviewed by the rep from BRA. This was to include in the class rules the materials that could NOT be used in a hull repair.

There was some debate around the class rules being closed and therefore a full description of materials was not necessary. There was a proposed revision to the submission to request that the Technical Committee issue a rule clarification regarding materials permitted in a hull repair.

Submission 7 – Sail numbers

The SWE submission regarding moving toward smaller sail numbers and or country flags much like the 49er class.

This was debated with several differing views.

NOR rep suggested that country flags could be used on the sails like other classes (specifically the Waszp). GBR would like to keep costs down and make the flag on the sail optional. NZL not adverse to a small country flag perhaps A3 in size. There was a general feeling that flags were attractive to young people.

We proposed to mandate an investigation into flag costs and a supplier for each continent perhaps rather than rely on one supplier.

NZL noted that the flag should not impact performance of the sail.
HUN noted that Grapefruit Graphics were expensive.

Flag submission from SWE should be a yes/no vote.

New Business – None

Date for next council meeting: 2020 Worlds in WPNSA would be the next WC meeting venue.

Any other business – None

**Last items for general discussion:
No decisions could be made during this time:**

JM mentioned Open forum not well attended. Class needs to decide if it is useful. NED proposed meeting on measurement days for WC and forum would be better.

JM – Online forum – we need to think about how useful an online forum is but perhaps that is not a platform for the sailors.

NZL asked if new trophies were engraved with all previous winners, they are. Not the female trophy, we have not been able to award a female world title due to the restrictions in the World Sailing regulations.

Question of mixed teams came up, it was pointed out that while we now have Male and Female titles, mixed are included in the Overall.

RESULTS OF BALLOTS

Total number of available votes in the room: 32

Submission 1: Passed (Class rule change rule 42)

Submission 2: Passed (Officer staggered terms)

Submission 3: Passed (Officer terms)

Submission 4: Passed (Appointment of Class PRO)

Submission 5: Passed (Sail royalties)

Submission 6: Passed with proposed change to submission (Material use in hull repair, referral to technical committee for rules clarification)

Submission 7: Failed (Sail number change)

