

International 29er Class Association

Minutes of the 14th Meeting of the World Council July 29, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 8:08pm by President Charles Glover at the Kaløvig Sailing Center, Aarhus, Denmark.

Executive Committee members in attendance:

Charles Glover	President	GBR
Christian Kramer	VP Europe	GER
David Price	VP Australasia	AUS
Amish Ved	Member at Large	IND
Barry Johnson	Chief Measurer	AUS
Chris Turner	Builders Rep	GBR
Eduard Rodes	Builders Rep	ESP
Jerelyn Biehl	Executive Director	

Apologies for absence: from Willie McBride - North American rep

Representatives of the following National Associations:

Caroline Warner	BEL & NED
Tom Cejnar	CZE
Kenneth Meier-Andersen	DEN
Eduard Rodes	ESP
Fabrice Jaunet	FRA
Adrian Peach	GBR
Christian Kramer	GER
Nick Hollis	HKG
Ajit Diaz	IND
Aiko Saito	JPN
KC Agerup & Anne Wichstrøm	NOR
Karl Martin	RSA
Susan Sommarlund	SWE
Joan Mollerus	USA & CAN

Minutes: A motion was made by David Price, seconded by KC Agerup to accept the minutes from the 2012 World Council meeting as previously *distributed*. The motion carried unanimously.

President's Report:

I step down this evening happy to see the class in a positive position and will always remain a friend of the class. The Class remains strong with events with over 200 boats and more than 23 nations. With the 49er and 49erFX as core events, our position as the core feeder boat leaves us with a very bright future. As well as maintaining growth in our larger and established fleets the development of emerging nations continues. Thanks to Jerelyn Biehl & Duncan Hepplewhite at Ovington on the development clinic organization & success. We need to work with ISAF and further enhance our presence at the ISAF conferences. 9er Inc was recently formed and on your behalf we decided to not join. So far it appears we made the right decision as 9er Inc struggles to remain on its feet. It will be left to all of you and the new Executive to maintain our own affairs and to consider any move to the future. We continue to work on enhancements to the MOU which binds us to our major events and our growth and desire to improve standards; it's important to help the delivery and ensure our sustained growth. However it will only be achievable through commitment of volunteers like yourselves to keep us strong. Thanks to the Danish 29er association for introducing us to this venue.

Old Business

Class Development Planning:

Amish Ved: A long term development plan needed for emerging nations. Charles Glover responded that long term plans should be led by the MNA and short term for the Class to assist. Long term financial commitments should not be through the Class. Chris Turner commented that recent clinics in EST, RUS, POR have been successful and included a coaching the coaches clinic as well as sailors. Leaving a legacy after ISAF Youth Worlds events is the goal and with the ISAF Youth Worlds in Portugal, that is the goal for 2014. Budgeting clinics 2 years in advance could be difficult.

Technical Committee Report:

Barry Johnson: Barry discussed the consideration an all out weight for the 29er to include mast, sails, rigging, but no personal equipment (water bottles, pfd, compass). It's a way of reducing measurement time at events. The responsibility lies with the competitor that their equipment is class compliant. The top 20 from the previous world championship would go through full compliance check.

Introduction of GRP foils: The Class decided to go forward provided cost would not be 10% above current cost of foils. We were also promised 10 sets which only 2 were produced (1 set in Scotland, the other privately owned). A proper evaluation could therefore not be performed. The margin of costs were also well above the 10% threshold. Affordability of the boats must be paramount. This would be a specification changed first approved by the Class and also ISAF. KC Agerup (NOR) commented that blades are consistently leaking and the weakest point of the boat. Chris Turner, Builders rep commented: Aluminum foils are now being produced with injection molded ends. The IP holder can reject any proposals. Refining the current foil may be the better option for longevity. Single moulded aluminum foils would be watertight. The World Council needs to ask the Technical Committee to investigate these new foils. Aluminum foils would not exceed current cost of foils and Chris could provide a foil and price to the Technical Committee for consideration. Motion was proposed to ask Chris Turner and the Technical Committee to investigate an aluminum foil section in 3 months and if not acceptable move forward with the GRP. Motion unanimously approved.

Safety Committee: David Price discussed the formation of a Safety Committee to initially look at helmets which progressed to other areas of safety. The Committee felt the scope was too broad – and identified there were many types of injuries in the 29er, especially with regards to head injuries. Not only swinging booms but sudden stops seemed to be the majority of injuries. The Committee also felt that coordination with ISAF committee would be good. Many types of helmets are on the market and the Committee feels the need to refocus. The role needs to be established and make recommendations to the WC and discussion with the sailors on the best resources. Discussion of a survey to be distributed but nations would need to respond. Sailor responsibility and selectivity would be the final decision. Discussion was held to approach ISAF as a class and be part of the research for assistance and let the expertise lie with ISAF. The Committee suggests that we ask member nations to submit injury reports to collect and be more proactive, which will be reviewed at 2014 AGM. The results are to be presented from the President of the 29er Class to ISAF.

Finance

A motion was made by KC Agerup, seconded by Eduard Rodes to accept the financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2012, as previously distributed. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Ajit Diaz, seconded by Caroline Warnerdam to accept the presented Budget for 2013, to include the 6,900euro for Coaching Clinics. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Caroline Warnerdam, seconded by Christian Kramer to approve budgets in November of preceding year and the ability to approve electronically. The motion was unanimously approved.

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Ordinary Resolutions:

A motion to pass a regulation to allow voting at the table by World Council members was made by Adrian Peach, seconded by Nick Hollis. Motion unanimously approved.

President: Barry Johnson
VP Europe: Ben Cooper
VP North America: Blake MacDiarmid
VP Australasian: David Price
Treasurer: Joan Mollerus
Member at Large: Amish Ved

Chief Measurer appointment: Agnes Lill to be approached (subsequently accepted).
Motion approved. Barry Johnson abstained.

Special Resolutions

The International 29er Class World Council will submit a proposal to ISAF Youth World Championship Sub-Committee or other ISAF Committee as deemed appropriate, to introduce a Boys' and a Girl's Skiff Event to the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship

Australia proposed and unanimously approved

New Business

Reports from countries: as previously distributed and attached separately

Schedule for major events for next 5 years: as previously distributed and on the 29er.org website
Reminder when a Worlds will be held in a European country, no European championship will be held that year. 2015 bid from Italy not valid.

2014 Europeans: defer decision and look to other options including compressing to a 4 day event. Norway (KC Agerup to explore), Garda (Ben Cooper to explore), Spain (Eduard Rodes) and consider ISAF YW qualifiers for each nation. Dates are the most important to consider. Information to be returned by August 13. Decision to be made within 4 weeks of Aug 13. To be voted on by Executive. VPs to ask their countries for input.

2016 Worlds

Netherlands: unanimously approved

2017 Worlds: Exec to discuss proper timing plan for decision on 2017 event likely it will be held in January.

World Council Meeting: site and date to be determined based upon maximum participation.

Other Business

- **Qualification for events-** tabled
- **Spinnaker pole-** aluminum insert no longer provided and poles are crushing. Suggest composite ring added.
- **Melges charters for 2014 Worlds** - 10 charters, \$250/no sails, \$350 w/sails. Preference to Asian teams. Additional information to be posted on the 2014 Worlds and 29er websites.
- **2017:** if Japan is chosen to host the Olympics Japan may be interested in hosting a major event.
- **More World Council meetings** – Barry to hold via Skype.
- **Asia-Pacific championship-**to be discussed by VP Australasia
- **Long Term development plans-** product development from IP holder: 2 piece carbon mast with square top sail. 4-5 year development program with similar cost to existing equipment.

Turnbuckles: sailors would like and was initially vetoed in 2010. Note: Approved yesterday by IP holder. 89BPS each. A National Rep needs to submit a resolution by next AGM.

- **Transparency of Executive to sailors**-discuss on skype call
- **Training camps for Europe**-VP Europe to follow-up
- **Bid & MOU changes**- add memento or gift for competitors; increased emphasis on safety – The MOU and Bid form to be comprehensively reviewed in coming year.
- **Recognition of female sailors**- insist on female scoring. Ovington to organize top trophies for women only teams. Get ISAF approval for Women's Worlds.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30pm