

MINUTES OF THE 6TH MEETING OF THE WORLD COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL 29er CLASS ASSOCIATION

The Meeting was held at the St Francis Yacht Club, San Francisco on Saturday,
9th July 2005, starting at 1800 hrs.

The President of the Class, Gerardo Seeliger, supported by the following
Executive Committee members, chaired the meeting:

Scott Babbage	Australia
David Bernal	USA
Martin Billoch.	Argentina
Ian Bruce	Builders' representative
Barry Johnson	Class Chief Measurere
John Reed.	Executive Secretary.

Representatives of the following National Class Associations:

Argentina	Pepe Bettini
Australia	Scott Babbage
Canada	Trevor Parekh
Denmark	Klaus Sogaard
Finland	Kosimir Johansson
Switzerland	Caspar Buettner
Sweden	Niels Flohr
USA	David Bernal
South Africa	Rob Tarboton

Apologies:

Magnus Gravare

Introduction.

At the start of the meeting the Council recorded their great sadness on the death of David Ovington. David had been central to the development of the 29er and his sudden death was a great loss to the Class. He would be remembered with great affection.

On behalf of the Class Gerardo Seeliger asked to record what an incredible regatta the 2005 Worlds was proving to be. The efficiency and hospitality of the St Francis Yacht Club, combined with the stunning venue was making a memorable event.

It was noted that the individual members of the World Council were, in accordance with the Class Constitution, the official contact between the NCAs and the International Class Association. Members were urged to pass on important national

contact names to John Reed – there was no problem in increasing the circulation list and communication was in need of improvement.

1. MINUTES OF THE 5th WORLD COUNCIL MEETING.

Minutes of the 5th World Council Meeting, held on the 22nd August 2004 in St Moritz, were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman

2. MATTERS ARISING.

There were no matters arising that were not covered by the agenda.

4. FINANCE.

a. To receive the accounts for the financial year ending 31st December 2004.

The profit and loss account showed a small excess of income over expenditure, which was considered satisfactory.

The balance sheet included an amount for unpaid management fees. It was announced to the Council that the present Executive Director would not be renewing his contract at the end of 2005 because of increasing commitments in other areas, and would write off the amount outstanding in favour of the Class.

The accounts were approved unanimously.

b. To receive the budget for the financial year ending 31st December 2005.

The budget indicated a satisfactory excess of income over expenditure and was approved.

The budget for 2006 would be prepared by the President and Executive Director when the future management plans had been agreed.

5. SUBMISSIONS FROM THE NATIONAL CLASS ASSOCIATIONS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

a. Submission on centerboard and rudder case packing from Executive Committee member Scott Babbage.

The total submission as presented was not adopted. However the Council was in favour of an amendment to the existing Class Rule as follows:

Rule C.2.3 Modifications

(e) Centreboard and Rudder Trunks may only be packed with a soft carpet or felt material. Such packing shall not extend less than 20mm or more than 100mm from the top and the bottom of the trunk and may

be fixed in place with glue or tape. Such packing shall not be faired at the intersection of the hull and the centreboard trunk exit.

b. Proposal from Argentina concerning spinnaker halyards.

It was agreed that spinnaker halyards might be lead either inside or outside the mast. Ian Bruce would arrange for this to be a specification change

6. NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS STANDING FOR ELECTION.

No nomination received.

In accordance with the constitution therefore the present Executive would remain in office until the World Council 2006

Gerardo Seeliger ESP	President
Magnus Gravare SWE	Vice President. Europe
Scott Babbage AUS	Australasia
David Bernall USA	North America
Martin Billoch ARG	South America
Ian Bruce	Manufacturer's representative
Julian Bethwaite.	Manufacturer's representative

7. TO AGREE THE DATE AND VENUE FOR THE 2006 WORLD COUNCIL MEETING.

29er World Championships 2006.

This would be held in Weymouth from the 24th to the 30th July 2006 and would be a joint event with the 49er Europeans. The World Council meeting would be held at a convenient time during the Championships, hopefully during the measurement and inspection period.

It was hoped that a major event could be held just prior to these Worlds – perhaps the UK Nationals – which would be open to all competitors.

29er European Championships 2006.

Gerardo Seeliger would endeavour to arrange for this event to be held in Santander, Spain, probably in August

29er Worlds 2007.

Argentina was showing interest in holding this championship in January 2007. The standard “bid form” would be sent to them.. Although there was a builder in Argentina, there would be a problem about supplying a sufficient number of charter boats if he was constrained by his contract to have to sell them on in South America

only. However as the ex-charter boats would be considered as second-hand, it would seem that they could be legally exported to Europe.

29er Europeans 2007.

France, Germany, Netherlands or Poland were all suggested as venues. Gerardo Seeliger agreed to discuss this with the various representatives

29er Worlds 2008.

There was a very good and comprehensive bid from Sydney, Australia to hold the Worlds in January 2008 in conjunction with the 49er Worlds. This met with enthusiasm from the delegates who would certainly be in favour. The final decision would have to be taken by the Executive, in conjunction with the 49er Class

7. GENERAL DISCUSSION.

1. Gerardo Seeliger and Ian Bruce were arranging to interview Jerelyn Biehl as a possible successor to John Reed. Mrs Biehl was an experienced administrator and was currently the Secretary of the International Snipe Class. She had excellent credentials for the position.
(Secretary's note: Subsequently Mrs Biehl had been offered the job and had accepted.)
2. The current situation with the 29er web site was most unsatisfactory and the Class wished to regain control of the administration of the site. Ian Bruce would oversee this in conjunction with Scott Babbage and Gerardo Seeliger.
3. The new 29er XX, an up rated 29er with twin trapeze, was of particular interest as a potential "High Performance Womens' Skiff" for the Olympics, and this would be progressed by our delegates at the ISAF.

There being no further business, the meeting then ended.

John Reed
29er International Class Association
Executive Director

18th July 2005.