

MINUTES OF THE 1st MEETING OF THE WORLD COUNCIL OF THE 29^{er} INTERNATIONAL CLASS ASSOCIATION.

The meeting was held at the Fraglia della Vela di Riva del Garda, on Wednesday
19th July 2000, commencing at 1000 hrs.

Present:

The meeting was chaired by the Class President Gerardo Seeliger, supported by Executive Committee members, Julian Bethwaite, Takao Otani and John Reed, Executive Secretary.

Representatives from:

Argentina, Australia, China, Germany, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand,
Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom and USA/Canada.

The President welcomed all delegates to this first, historic meeting of the 29er Class. The most important task was to establish the membership of the World Council, which was done as follows:

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The Council noted that the Class had been administered since the inception by an interim Executive Committee, which had been appointed in May 1999 by the individual 29er owners, existing at that time. The Council approved that this Committee should continue until the next World Council meeting, when they should disband, the 29er Constitution be followed, and a fully elected Executive be voted into office.

In the meantime the Council approved that the Committee should be augmented by 3 new members, who were elected unanimously. The membership of the Executive Committee is as follows:

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John Reed. Executive Secretary	101445.1350@compuserve.com

On the subject of Class fees, it was agreed that, as this is now July, it was impracticable to introduce membership fees this year. Fees, based on £10 per boat, (based on the declared figures) and collected by the national class organisations, would be due to the 29er International Class on the 1st January 2001

World Championships.

The Executive Committee was asked to consider which venues should be chosen for the future World Championships. Possibilities were:

2001.	Kingston. North America.
2002.	Sydney. Australia.
2003.	Argentina.

There was also a view that these proposals meant a long period without a World Championship in Europe, where there were the majority of countries and a large number of owners.

The 29er Championship bid form, which gives useful information for intending organisers, would be sent out.

Accounts 1999/Budget 2000.

The draft accounts and budget, prepared by the Secretary, were circulated. At present, the only revenue enjoyed by the Class is from Hull and Sail plaques and stickers. This in turn is dependent on future sales of 29ers, which may be variable. This is a somewhat precarious situation and more regular funding is a high priority.

Class Rules.

2 proposals were agreed in principle for submitting to the ISAF, as follows:

- To outlaw the fairing, and thus modification, of foils
(Agreed unanimously)
- To reduce the forestay tolerances
(Agreed by a majority)

These submissions would be drafted and submitted in time for the ISAF November conference.

There being no further business, the meeting then ended. The next meeting of the World Council will be during the next World Championship at a date and time to be announced.