

MINUTES OF THE 4TH MEETING OF THE WORLD COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL *29er* CLASS ASSOCIATION

The meeting was held in the clubhouse of the Real Club de Laredo on Saturday
12th July 2003, commencing at 1900 hrs.

Present:

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

Martin Billoch
Ian Bruce
Magnus Gravare.
Barry Johnson
David Ovington
John Reed

Representatives of the following National Class Associations:

Germany	Benjamin Friedhoff
Italy.	Michele Giorgini
Netherlands	Miguel Karstairs
UK	David Hall

In attendance:

Arthur Allen Class Measurer.

1. Apologies:

There were no apologies received.

2. Minutes of the 3rd World Council Meeting.

These minutes, having been previously circulated, were agreed as a true record
and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising not covered by the agenda.

4. Finance.

Copies of the accounts for the year ending 30th September 2002 and the budget
for the year ending 30th September 2003 were circulated and approved
unanimously.

In view of the juxtaposition of the World Council meetings and the financial
year-end, it was inevitable that the budget was presented near the end of the

year to which it referred. It was agreed that the 2003/2004 budget should be circulated by e-mail at an early date and prior to the next World Council.

5. Submissions.

1. UK Submission.

That removable packing in the form of spacers or shims are allowed to be placed between the mast heel and the mast step.

Decision.

By 4 votes in favour, 10 votes against and 1 abstention, the submission was rejected.

It was decided that this proposal introduced an element of individual tuning which was undesirable in the 29er.

It was acknowledged however that stiffening the mast would be advantageous. This the builders could achieve by modifying the mast step. This would involve a simple and cheap new part that could be legalised by a specification change at ISAF and would not require the complications of a Class Rule change.

2. Denmark submission.

The Executive Committee decision that there would be no European Championship in 2004 be overturned. A separate 29er European Championship should be organised for 2004.

Decision.

The decision was rejected nem con.

At the present size of the Class, 2 major events in the same continent in the same year caused families to make a choice (as few families could afford the time or money to attend both) and resulted in reduced entries for both events.

This decision would not set a precedent for the future.

3. Sail bidding process.

The Council received information that the builders were putting the sail-manufacturing contract out to tender, for a possible change of manufacturers in 2004.

Comment.

The decision to do this was up to the builders and the Class was happy that this was being undertaken, as there may be economies from which sailors might benefit. They asked however that there be no change in sail shape neither would there be any conditions of use attached.

6. Nominations for office.

No new nominations were received.

Decision.

The existing Executive Committee was re-elected for a further term of 2 years.

7. 2004 World Council meeting.

Decision.

To be held on the evening before the Practice Race at the 2004 World Championship in Switzerland.

8. Any other business.

1. The future growth of the Class is largely dependent on whether the 29er is chosen for the ISAF World Youth Championship. Everyone's efforts, at both national and international level, must be directed to that end.
2. The 29er Worlds should include Championship titles for youth, girls, mixed crews as well as the overall title.
3. In general, coaches had little experience of skiff sailing. Coaching programmes for skiff coaches should be encouraged.
4. The success of the Laredo combined championship should encourage us to repeat this on a regular basis. Ian Bruce said he would organise the North American 49er Championship to coincide with the 2005 Worlds.
5. There was a problem in the Netherlands over official recognition of the 29ers. Gerardo Seeliger would have a discussion with the Dutch Federation.

There being no further business, the meeting then ended.