

International 29er Class Association
Minutes of the 10th Meeting of the World Council
July 26th, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:20pm by President Gerardo Seeliger at the Fraglia dela Riva, Riva del Garda, Italy.

Executive Committee members in attendance:

Gerardo Seeliger, President	Spain
Pepe Bettini, Member at Large	Argentina
Jen Morgan Glass, 29erXX Representative	USA
Barry Johnson, Chief Measurer	Australia
Julian Bethwaite, Builder's Representative	Australia
Eduard Rodes, Builder's Representative	Spain
Jerelyn Biehl, Executive Director	

Proxies held for Executive members not in attendance:

Hannah Natrass for Scott Babbage: VP Australasia
Willie McBride for Dave Bernal: VP North America

Representatives of the following National Associations;

John Hilton	Great Britain
Dave Hall	GBR-Ovington
Berndt Ojerborn	Sweden
Nathalie Keller	Switzerland
Jette Norgaard	Denmark
Hannah Natrass & Peter O'Connor	Australia
Eduardo Lopez Segura	Argentina
Henk Walraven & Miguel Karsters	Netherlands
Willie McBride	United States
Mei Han	Hong Kong
Amish Ved	India
Marie Klippengard	Norway
Fabrice Jaunet	France
Christian Kramer	Germany
Hal Ryan	United States

1. Apologies for Absence:

Scott Babbage, Vice President, Australasia	Australia
Dave Bernal, Vice President, North America	USA
Ian Bruce, Builder's Representative	Canada

Teresa Lara – Vice President of ISAF was also in attendance.

It was determined a proper quorum was established.

President Seeliger began the meeting by asking for a short report from each country:

a. Reports from Countries:

Great Britain: John Hilton reported that the Association is strong with 120 boats. There are 35 teams at the 29er Worlds. Dave Hall commented further that Ovington has provided 15 charter boats and they have built 1100 boats.

Sweden: Berndt Ojerborn reported that the fleet has a new start with 20 active boats racing.

Switzerland: Nathalie Keller reported they usually have 10 boats actively racing and 7-8 are here are the 2009 Worlds.

Denmark: Many of the Optimist sailors are now moving into the 29er and Denmark is represented through 16 teams in Garda.

Australia: Hannah Natrass and Peter O'Connor reported 150 boats strong in Australia.

Argentina: Eduardo Lopez Segura commented 62 boats are active in Argentina and the 2007 Worlds gave a big boost. There are many mixed teams competing. The South American

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Championships will be held November 6-8 in Uruguay. Brazil has 2 boats, Chile 14 and 2 in Uruguay.

Netherlands: Henk Walraven reported 67 active boats with 22 at the Worlds. There are 10 new boats in the country and they have a system where they loan a boat to a team for a year and reduce the price to sell it. They would like to see more ladies sailing.

United States: Willie McBride reported the class is stronger on the west coast but they are working on building up the east coast through clinics and regattas. Hal Ryan added that the fleets are expanding and 29ers are now added in major championship calendars with Yacht Clubs embracing the boat more.

Hong Kong: Mei Han reported that there are 10 29er in Hong Kong but only 2-3 are actively sailed. They are trying to persuade more clubs to move to the 29er. The Asian Games are held in the 420 and 470.

Spain: Edoard Rodes reported 18 boats at the Nationals and they have grown from 0- boats to 13 to 18. The Europeans in 2010 will be held in the north of Spain.

India: Amish Ved reported they have 20 boats on their way to India with additional boats in Qatar.

Norway: Marie Klippengard reported 20 active boats and active sailors. Youth sailors are going to the 29er. There are 7 teams at the worlds and 3 are all girl teams.

France: Fabrice Jaunet reported the Class is relatively new in France but they have 30 boats after 2 years.

Germany: Christian Kramer reported Germany has 200 registered sailors and 140 boats. The 420 is still a strong fleet but the 29er is growing rapidly.

2. Minutes from the 9th World Council: Barry Johnson made a motion to accept the 2008 Minutes as presented, seconded by Jen Morgan-Glass. Motion passed.

3. Old Business

- a. Class Rules Submission: Barry Johnson presented the Class Rules as distributed via e-mail and published on the www.29er.org website. Only 3 responses were received from the distribution. He explained that measurement is following along much like the 49er and it is simple and clean way to measure & weigh boats. The proposed weight is 74k. A question of sail numbers was raised as the 2009 Worlds is being run under the 2007 June Class rules. Barry explained the new proposed rules only allow the top 10 from the previous Worlds to use that number otherwise all boats will use the ISAF hull plaque number. A motion was made by Pepe Bettini to accept the Rules as proposed. Motion seconded by Julian Bethwaite. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Finance

- a. Financial statements were distributed for the year ending 12/31/08. Questions arose over if the books have been audited. Currently there is \$30,000 in the bank account. It was clarified that a Certified Public Accountant who is bonded does the day to day Class finances and prepares the financial statements. Peter O'Connor suggested a review of finances with 2 independent people from the Executive or World Council. It was also suggested that in the review of the Constitution a Treasurer position be added. A question was raised on the sponsorship line item: clarification – this is SEIKO sponsorship money that was granted to promote the 29erXX and a previous ballot circulated among the Executive has restricted its use solely for 29erXX events/use. A motion was presented by Julian Bethwaite to approve the 2008 financial statements as presented. Seconded by Peter O'Connor. Motion approved.
- b. The budget for 2009 was presented for consideration. Julian Bethwaite made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Motion was seconded by Jen Morgan-Glass. Motion passed.

5. Ordinary Resolutions

The slate of officers was presented and each position was voted on individually with approval of the following:

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Jen Morgan-Glass	President
Christian Kramer	Vice President – Europe
Willie McBride	Vice President – North America
Clyde Freeman	Vice President – Australasia
Amish Ved	Member at Large

Appointed: Barry Johnson, Measurer

It was also announced that Pepe Bettini has been appointed the position of Director of Development & Coaching by the Executive Committee.

The position of 29erXX Representative will be determined later.

6. Special Resolution

Submitted by the UK and German 29er Class Associations

1 Special Resolution. To create the position of Honorary President.

A motion was made to create this position and was unanimously approved. Gerardo Seeliger holds the position of Honorary President.

2.A Resolution to replace the existing position of President with Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

A discussion was held if the position of CEO was actually needed. Barry Johnson clarified that to amend the Constitution takes a special meeting, as per the current Constitution. It was suggested that the new Executive, once in office, create a sub-committee (and to include someone familiar with British law) to review the Constitution for updates. Henk Walraven suggests identifying different tasks and decisions to move into the future. It was suggested by Barry Johnson to use the 49er Constitution as a model as it has been approved by ISAF. The 49er Constitution will be circulated to all World Council members and the Executive with a time to respond with comments & suggestions at 21 days. This will be distributed after returning from the 2009 Worlds.

3 Proposal for Paul Perera to stand for election as CEO

President Seeliger reported that Mr. Perera had verbally withdrawn his name the evening prior from the position of CEO and asked for another position within the class. After some discussion the UK withdrew their attachment as a special resolution.

7. New Business

a. Reports from Countries were taken at the beginning of the meeting.

b. 29er XX Representative:

November 2008

ISAF meeting saw a lot of support for the 29erXX and women's skiff sailing. Many committees voted for the 29erXX over the 470. The ultimate Council Decision supported the 470 by only 2 votes over the 29erXX. While the close decision brought the 29erXX into the spotlight, uncertainty about the fleet's popularity has kept sailors from purchasing rigs.

Seiko extended their support of skiff sailing from the 49er to the 29erXX. Seiko will provide trophies and spinnakers for the 29erXX Gold Cup held in Italy in July, 2009. Seiko will also provide cash to support participation in the event. Thanks Seiko!

February 2009

The 29erXX Executive Board was created in February 2009 and consists of Silja Lehtinen (FIN), Belinda Stowell (AUS), Barry Johnson (AUS), Jerelyn Biehl (USA), Jen Glass (USA). The Executive Board had one conference call to discuss promotional options for the Gold Cup in Italy. Since the call the Board has emailed frequently to continue the promotional efforts.

Spring 2009

Julian has finalized the design of the 29erXX. The final version includes a square top main, rudder pod, larger spinnaker and jib, longer spinnaker pole, and pink trim on the sails.

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Summer 2009

The 29erXX Gold Cup will be hosted with the 49er Worlds and prior to the 29er Worlds on Lake Garda, Italy. Ovington Boats has put up charter 29erXX rigs for free to participants. Thank you Ovington! The event will also be free to participants. These two cost reductions came after the 29erXX Executive Board put in a lot of effort to get many sailors to the event, including a list of well-known women champions. Many sailors were not ready to commit the funds necessary to get to the event and were unsure of the expected participation level. The strong move to reduce costs has helped to get more teams out racing. The Gold Cup held last week was a tremendous success to the point where all the rigs have been sold. 15 teams competed at a high level and there were sailors on the dock waiting for a turn. The question was now one of availability of parts for the demand and the coordination of a calendar. It was pointed out that joint events are successful and to tie in with the 49er Olympic goals.

c. Schedule for the next 5 years

Christian Kramer and Pepe Bettini will create a global calendar to try to take into account the various holidays and school calendars that may effect championships. It was discussed to change the rotation so Europe will have the Worlds more often, but the current bids may not be able to move and we will work around as best as possible.

Presentations:

2011

Argentina; Pepe Bettini presented on behalf of Buenos Aires. They can only host in 2011
Australia: Peter O'Connor presented on Lake Macquarie/Belmont. He would have to check on a possible date change.

Vote on 2011

Argentina	12
Australia	8

2012

Denmark: Thomas Capitani Nielsen presented a bid to host the 29er Worlds for either 2011 or 2012

Germany: Christian Kramer presented Travermunde to host the 29er Worlds for either 2011 or 2012

Vote: 2012

Denmark	4
Germany	17

Both events must be approved by the Executive before finalized and it should be expected prior to September 1, 2009.

- 8. Date & Venue for 2010 World Council Meeting:** The next World Council meeting will be held at the Europeans in Spain. An Open Forum will be held in the Bahamas.

9. General Discussion

Membership Fees: President Seeliger asked that Christian Kramer and Jerelyn Biehl work together to clarify any questions as per the Constitution and Class rules.

Barry Johnson remarked that this has been a long and fruitful meeting and he was looking forward to the future.

Jen Morgan-Glass thanked Gerardo for his years of service to the Class and presented him with a Seiko watch in gratitude.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:20pm