

Comité International du Vaurien

Winter Meeting

Cachan, December 11th 2016

MINUTES OF MEETING

The meeting opens at 10.15.

List of present and email addresses: see attached sheets.

Agenda: see attached sheets.

1. President's opening

The President welcomes the presents and the list of presents is circulated: all presents sign and check the e-mail addresses.

After checking the number of presents, the President communicates that the present delegations are above the minimum member number stated in the Statute and therefore the meeting is valid and able to deliberate.

2. Approval of Minutes of 2016 Summer Meeting in Viana do Castelo

The minutes are approved unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report is circulated. The Secretary reports that ASV NED paid the annual fee after the issue of the report therefore the fortune at 10th of december is €200 higher.

The report is approved unanimously.

4. Statute of CIV

The President presents the new Statute updated with the latest changes approved in the Summer meeting concerning member fees, member votes and the procedure to present the annual budget.

5. Budget for 2017

The President presents the budget for 2017.

Administrative expenses are expected to be about the same as 2016.

€600 - Help to non-European countries for participating in the World Championship 2017

The entry fee contribution for WC is aimed at increasing the participation of non-European countries to the WC. CIV shall pursue what accomplished in 2016 with the participation of Uruguay and Angola. Angola is working to restore the activity of the Vaurien and Uruguay is doing the same with also the idea of expanding to Argentina.

€800 - Contribution to build a 2-pieces carbon mast prototype

Concerning the carbon mast prototype, the President mentions the report of the 2013 CT meeting when the CT invited to develop the idea of a carbon mast in 2 pieces. A few months ago a preliminary design was done by F. Zampacavallo and ASV ITA is keen to make a prototype for testing purposes.

€500 - Contribution to improve Class external and internal communications

Regarding Communication, CIV has been discussing the matter for various year and now has a project worth to be supported presented by JJ Girard.

Regarding the revenues, two options are presented:

A) raising the basic fee at €150 to cover the proposed expenses.

B) leaving the basic fee at €100 and asking the smaller members to pay the fee only if participating at the World Championship (resulting probably in charging only the active sailors and not the national association)

ASV ITA points out how the server fee was paid in 2016 but is not expected to be paid in 2017. The President answers that .org website is hosted by a member of ASV GER that will let it for free as stated by P. Lakshmanan.

U.Zappi stresses the fact that it would be better to present a balanced budget and the proposal of letting smaller ASVs paying the fee when participating at the WC, would make discrimination between sailors (smaller ASV sailors paying a higher entry fee).

The President answers that lowering the basic fee and letting smaller countries paying in different way is aimed at helping them to develop the class in places where presence is scarce. The main point to be defined is asking the CIV fee to be paid by the ASVs or only by sailors participating at WC.

ASV ITA observes that charging the ASVs would assure a firm income, when charging the sailors at WC cannot be planned. Also it's questionable the choice of charging only the active sailors at WC or charging also the "non competitive" ones through the ASVs.

ASV FRA doesn't remember having discussed on the carbon mast proposal but only on a 2x pieces Alu mast therefore this is a new point and we need to discuss whether it is important for the class. CIV has to justify the proposed increase of the annual fee for a project not yet fully accepted. Since the fortune is sufficient and if the project is accepted, it shall be paid by the CIV without increasing the fee on ASVs. Having said that, ASV FRA is not in favour of this expense.

ASV NED reports how it is struggling to get new members the main reason being the boat too expensive compared to other national classes. ASV NED questions if the carbon mast will make the boat more expensive. Having said that, ASV NED is not in favour of this proposal.

U.Zappi questions if a carbon mast would be more performant even if split in 2x pieces.

The President explains the prototype is meant to clear out all of these doubts. In general, the 2x pieces proposal is for permitting to transport the boat without a trailer (boat on the roof, with mast inside the boat) saving therefore on trailer additional costs.

U. Zappi proposes to split the cost in two years. The President replied that it would not work.

Resuming the discussion, being the first time the annual budget is presented with the new procedure, the President asks to vote separately on the preferred income system and then on the entire proposed budget.

Vote on income system:

-option A) CIV fees paid by ASVs only: FRA, NED; ITA, BEL, CT President, CIV President.

-option B) CIV fees paid by ASVs and sailors at WC: TUN, POL.

option A is approved.

The President reports that ASV AUT asked its member fee to be reduced to 50€

ASV BEL asks its member fee to be reduced to 100€.

All presents approves unanimously

Vote on the budget:

in favour: ITA, NED, TUN, CT President, CIV President

against: BEL, FRA

abstention: POL.

The annual budget 2017 is approved.

Resuming, the main incomes from National Associations are as shown below:

Austria €50

Belgium €100

Czech Republic €150

France €300

Germany €300

Italy €300

Poland €150

Portugal €300

Slovakia € 150

Spain €300

The Netherlands €300

Tunisia € 150

6. Elections

ASV FRA points out that elections of important charges like the President should be notified well in advance.

The President answers that meeting notifications and Agenda have been sent in line with the timing as stated by the Statute, nonetheless, he agrees that an early announcement is helpful and it can be done at the meeting preceding the elections.

The Following charges are to be renewed:

CIV President

Delegué Administratif

Treasurer

3x CT members (Pablo Cabello, Peter Lakshmanan, Francesco Zampacavallo)

Vote for CIV President:

Candidature: Maurizio Raffaelli.

Maurizio is unanimously confirmed as President.

Vote for Delegué Administratif:

Candidature: Jean-Jacques Girard.

Jean-Jacques is unanimously confirmed as Delegué Administratif.

Vote for Treasurer:

Candidature: Franz Onder.

Franz is unanimously confirmed as Treasurer.

CT member Pablo Cabello is confirmed (Pablo accepted the confirmation by email)

CT member Peter Lakshmanan is confirmed (Peter accepted the confirmation by email)

CT member Francesco Zampacavallo is confirmed.

7. Communication

JJ Girard exposes his project for improving external and internal communications. (see attached document). JJ Girard resumes that mainly the .org website has to be updated and a Facebook page be set up.

U.Zappi remarks that to be present among young generations Vaurien has to rely more on Whatsapp, Twitter and Facebook with live and dynamic contents.

ASV NED points out that on Facebook there is an International Vaurien “group” but not a “page” therefore it is not accessible to the vast public without an invitation.

JJ Girard observes that National Facebook pages are more important for the day to day communications and they have to be linked to the CIV Facebook page.

ASV ITA points out the difference between “animation” and “marketing” and how they need different tools. Therefore Twitter/Facebook are more fit for animation while a website is more for institutional information. ASV ITA is planning to “animate” its website with technical papers written by Vaurien “experts” like CIV and CT members and with interviews to notable Vaurien sailors or other classes sailors as well . The aim is to give young sailors a champion model to look at and follow. These contents can be translated into english and made available to the .org website.

The President welcomes the idea of JJ Girard website and see that JJ Girard and P. Lakshmanan are keen to work together. For the Facebook page a younger responsible is preferable. The President proposes Femke and Tim Spek to collaborate with JJ Girard to develop this project (they agree).

8. Report of CT meeting

The CT President reports on the outcome of the CT meeting (see attached minutes of meeting for details).

U. Zappi points out that the Certification Authority has to be defined and approved by the CIV. a proposal shall be prepared to be discussed at next meeting.

ASV POL briefs on the Polish builder. Resuming, there are two interested builders but the first prototypes are not competitive and the prospected first customers are now more keen to buy other already proven performant boats taking off the perspective of an immediate amortization of the new moulds for the new builders.

The President is worried that this stop on the set up of a new production in Poland may jeopardize the participation and organization of the World Championship.

A. Appert updates on the Amateur drawings. The first stage of analyzing the plans and the rules is finished. The second stage is to redraw the drawings with modern techniques. This involves checking the building procedure step by step. At the moment the task is on standby pending some expert advice.

The President briefs on the new German builder and on the Uruguay builder.

Among the points discussed in the CT meeting, the following proposals need an approval and a vote by the CIV.

How to fix the misunderstanding of the way of measuring the centerboard shape:

The proposal is unanimously approved.

Permit the past World Champions to race with a gold "V" emblem on the mainsail.

The proposal is unanimously approved.

9. World Championship Rules

The President explained that last year was discussed the need to update the World Championship Rules and that ASV FRA and ASV ESP were showing the most different opinions. For this reason ASV FRA and ASV ESP were invited to work on a common proposal to be discussed at the following summer meeting in Viana do Castelo. Since any proposal was presented, the President worked out himself a proposal to update the World Championship Rules just to kick off the discussion at this winter meeting.

ASV FRA observes that their main aim was to reduce sailing time and increase the time for social events. The proposal is maximum 4 racing day, 3 races/day, maximum 12 races.

U. Zappi observes that at the Olympic games, there are 2 races/day. In other classes and other events there are 4 races/day with the target time of 50 minute/race.

ASV NED reports that young sailors are not happy with only 2 races/day. Currently they like 4 races/day and not shorter than 50'. They like large fleets and lots of racing. Young sailors like to sail as much as possible.

JJ Girard opinion is that the proposed text can be accepted but an option to "waive" these requirements should be added.

ASV POL questions if there is a minimum requirement on the World Championship format set by World Sailing. The President answers that there isn't any.

ASV ITA points out that one matter is the minimum requirement for a championship to be valid and another is the requirement for planning the ideal sailing week. Ideally we should plan for 5 racing days and max 3 races/day. In case of split fleet racing, we have to grant fair racing for all sailors as long as the championship lasts (i.e. even after gold/silver fleet split).

The President proposes to vote on the duration:

max 4 racing days:

in favour: FRA, BEL, POL

against: ITA, NED, CT President, CIV President

the proposal is rejected.

max 6 racing days:

in favour: none

against: ITA, BEL, POL, FRA, NED, CT President, CIV President

the proposal is rejected.

The approved duration is: The Championship shall be raced on a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 5 racing days.

The President proposes to vote on the daily schedule and duration:

max 2 races/day with target time 60':

in favour: none
against: ITA, BEL, POL, FRA, NED, CT President, CIV President
the proposal is rejected.
max 3 races/day with target time 50':
in favour: ITA, BEL, POL, FRA, NED, CT President, CIV President
against: none
The proposal is approved.

The President proposes to vote on the “emergency” schedule”:
allow 4 races in one day if the championship is at risk:
The proposal is unanimously approved.

The President proposes to vote on the maximum amount of races:
max 12 races:
in favour: POL, FRA
against: ITA, NED, CT President, CIV President
abstention: BEL
The proposal is rejected.

The case of split fleet racing is debated. The point is very important and an informed conclusion can't be reached in the limited time available. The Assembly decides then to continue the debate and vote on the proposals online.

Organic proposals on split fleet racing format are to be submitted to the President by the 31st of January 2017.

10. Junior and other categories

The President reports that there are two opposite proposals regarding the age of Juniors. One proposal is to lower the age limit and the other is to raise the age limit. ASV POL clarifies that the proposal of lowering the age limit is due to a misunderstanding.

The President proposes to raise the age limit of Juniors to 21 years. “All people that have their 21st (or minor) birthday on the year of the Championship are considered Juniors”.
The proposal is unanimously approved.

About the reform of other categories the assembly decided to continue the debate and vote on the proposals online.

Organic proposals shall be submitted to the President by the 31st of January.

11. 2017 world Championship in Poland

ASV POL presents the Pre Notice of Race.

The assembly examines the text and asks for the following amendments to be done:

Dates: 22-29 July

Discards : 1-5 races: zero; 6-11 races: one; more than 12 races: two.

The final Notice of Race shall be submitted to the CIV for approval by the 31st of January 2017.

The draft Sailing Instructions shall be submitted to the CIV by the 31st of March 2017.

12. Future VWC

The following location were treated :

2018 ASV Deutschland : at Travemunde

2019 ASV Italia: confirmed either in Tuscany or on Como Lake

2020 ASV France : to be confirmed

2021 ASV Slovakia : to be confirmed

2022 ASV España : to be confirmed

2023 ASV Italia : to be confirmed

2024 ASV Uruguay: to be confirmed

2025 ASV Tunisia: to be confirmed

13. News from Angola, Uruguay and China

The President informs on the situation in Angola. The class is trying to develop a racing circuit together with other classes and Angolan teams are willing to participate to next Poland worlds.




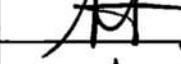




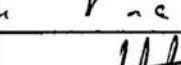
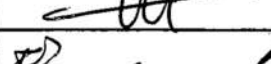
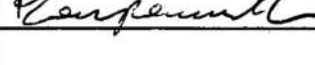
The President informs on the development going on in Uruguay. Uruguay is bringing forward the construction of the mould. There is a prospective to expand to Argentina. Some Uruguayan teams are willing to participate to next Poland worlds.

F. Zampacavallo informs on the perspective of bringing the Class to China: There is an interest of a local sailing school but the European price is too high for their business. This price suits more a private sailor market but this market has yet to be grown.

So far the likelihood of bringing the Vaurien to China is very low.

No other items being on the Agenda, the meeting closed at 18:00.

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Comité International du Vaurien**Winter Meeting****Cachan, Saturday December 10th 2016****MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

The meeting opened at 10:30 with the presents as shown on the List and followed the AGENDA as follows.

1. List of presents
2. Chairman address
3. Certification Authority
4. Polish Builder (information from Secretary)
5. Amateur building (information from JJG)
6. New German builder (information from Peter)
7. Mould for Uruguay (information from Secretary)
8. Centreboard dimensions (Obradoiro case follow-up)
9. World Sailing new rules on headsail measurement
10. Mainsail top square to luff
11. Secondary Buoyancy
12. Any other item (from Roberto & Peter)

The Chairman welcomed all the presents and wished a good work for submitting serious proposals to the general assembly to-morrow.

Certification Authority – This point was skipped as of competence of the assembly.

Polish Builder – The Secretary gave some information about the failed tentative exchanges of mails with the Polish, but the most recent news should be known from Roger to-morrow.

Amateur building – Jean-Jacques explained that the matter of updating the drawings of the amateur building documents is in the hands of Alexandre and therefore it will be addressed to-morrow. Thybault confirmed that the difficulty in finding professionals acquainted with boat building.

New German builder – Peter being absent, the presents focussed their attention on the most discussed point : the rounding of the mast thwart. A long debate followed ending in the proposal of introducing in the Measuring guidelines that the “forward edge of the mast thwart must be forward of Section 2”. The fact that the boat builder remains entirely responsible for the strength of the hull to the applied stresses is underlined.

Mould for Uruguay – The Secretary informed that after a number of failed projects (X-Nautica, Gavazzi, Peter) the idea of self-building a mould is going on. Pablo is helping in advising and encouraging the promoters.

The need of softening the Rule requiring an International Class Measurer for checking the mould is stressed.

Centreboard dimensions – The case of Obradoiro centreboard which was accepted by the Jury in Portugal shall be solved by adopting the same wording used for defining the rudder : “The maximum dimensions of the centreboard must not exceed the maximum profile as defined by diagram E.3.3.1.”

World Sailing new rules on headsail measurement – After a thorough discussion, the fact that the Vaurien headsail does not fall under the new ERS H.5.4 is evidenced.

Mainsail top square to luff – Reference shall be done to ERS G.4.2 which is clear.

Secondary Buoyancy – The problem of buoyancy is extended to primary and secondary as the consequences, particularly within Napoleon law, may be very serious. If it is clear from the Rules that the boat must float under clear conditions, the checking of the intrinsic floatability is practically impossible and therefore the responsibility of the measurer questionable. The Rules may however be declared faulty ; the point deserves thus attention by the Class.

Any other item – From Roberto : a request of authorizing the World Champions to display a gold V on their mainsail ; the request does not rise any objection by the TC and shall be submitted directly to the assembly.

From Peter : a query if a loose footed mainsail is allowed ; after discussion the TC agrees that under the present rules it may be accepted. A proposal of referring to ERS F.2.3 j in the definition of 3.e(9). Changes of F 3.c(7) and F 3.c(8) are found useless. Change of G.3.4.1 is not considered justifiable.

Having treated all the items, the meeting closed at 16:00.

