

**Comité International du Vaurien**  
**2012 CIV Winter Meeting**  
**Paris, Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> of December 2012**  
**Minutes of Meeting**

The Meeting opens at 10:00.

List of presents and e- mail addresses: see attached sheets.

Agenda: see appended sheet

**1 Opening, Interim President's Address**

Maurizio Raffaelli, as Interim President, welcomes the presents. The List of presents is circulated: all presents sign and check the e-mail addresses.

Maurizio says a few words about the passing away of our President Giampiero Saggini.

Florence Herbulot joined the group in remembering Giampiero.

**2 Minutes of Douarnenez Summer Meeting**

The minutes are approved unanimously.

**3 World Championships 2013**

Jaime Leiros gave all presents the preliminary Notice of Race. Confirmed venue is Sanxenxo organized by Real Club Nautico Sanxenxo. Dates are 13 - 20 July 2013. Event website [www.vaurienworld2013.com](http://www.vaurienworld2013.com) is already active.

Accommodation is available in hotel or in a campsite. Campsite is in Portonovo about 3km, 10min by car. The Club will try to make a single booking for all the participants. Due to the camping layout, all participants cannot be located in one single area.

Peter Lakshmanan asks to have an area as isolated as possible from other campers since most of them will likely be partying late at night. All nations to send Jaime Leiros bookings for the campsite early on 1<sup>st</sup> of March in order to arrange with the campsite.

Discussion followed on world titles recognized by ISAF and whether or not Junior and/or Women should race in separate fleets. Decision is to race in single fleet and to state on the NoR the following titles:

Vaurien Class World Champion 2013

Vaurien Class Junior World Champion 2013

Vaurien Class Woman Champion 2013

Vaurien Class Master Champion 2013

Maurizio Raffaelli remarked the importance of having 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Continent participation and possible invitations to East Europe and other continent sailors. For these invitations to concretize, charter boats are necessary. Looking at the help of current active builders, X-Nautica is close but has no boats to charter. Faccenda has the possibility of boats to charter but shipping costs are not negligible and everything shall be planned well in advance to keep them affordable. Jaime Leiros said some boats are available on place but they are not top-level racing type. Decision is to find at least 3 boats to charter. Jaime asked for an updated contact list to send NoR and other informations. Peter Lakshmanan and Jean Jacques Girard to send their latest ones.

Discussion followed on possible team racing contest as proposed by Marco Crecchi ASV ITA. Marco in his letter described how they tried to organize some events and, despite not racing due to bad weather, lots of interest was shown by many sailors also from other classes like 420 and 470. Team racing can be a side-event for the World Championship. Johan Pragt

confirms the "Dutch Happy Hour" as side event and suggests other countries to do their own "happy hour" to promote socialization.

#### **4 Easter Regatta**

Marco Crecchi sent a letter apologizing for not being present and describing Easter regatta 2013 in Italy. Regatta will be held in San Vincenzo on 30-31/3 and 1/4 2013. San Vincenzo is located 65km south of Livorno. The regatta will be normal fleet racing. Team racing will also be done after fleet racing. Sailors can choose to participate in fleet racing, team racing or both. Charter boats will be available. NoR for the fleet race is attached. A separated NoR for the team race will be prepared as soon as possible.

#### **5 Future World Championships**

2014 Italy Marina di Grosseto confirmed  
2015 Nederlands. ASV NED has 3 options for the venue.  
2016 options from Portugal and Tunisia  
2017  
2018-2019 Germany maybe North Sea

#### **6 New builders in Germany**

Peter Lakshmanan confirm builder Seedorff is currently building a wooden boat. His goal is to have a hull maximum price of 2000€. In order to reach this goal he is using plywood that is esthetically low quality and therefore cheap but needs to be color-painted outside. Builder Hein may try other constructions only if epoxy is allowed. Maurizio Raffaelli informs that Faccenda sold 7 boats to a sailing school in Switzerland.

#### **7 Europa Cup**

Provisional results have been sent to all Nationals Associations. Johan Pragt spotted some mistakes and will send the missing results as soon as possible.  
2014 Europa Cup List of events is circulated and venues and dates have been added by the presents. Peter Lakshmanan to publish the Calendar on the vaurien.org website.  
Nacho Campos is in possession of the two Europa Cup Trophies "Philippe Roulet" and "Ruy Moreira". The list of winners of the last 10 years needs to be updated and no space is available on the cup themselves. A basement with metallic plate for engraving would be ideal.  
List of winners to update the engraving is attached.  
Rosa Foruria is in possession of the Mike Pannevis Cup.

#### **8 Finance**

The Treasurer Franz Onder reported on the financial situation of CIV.  
About the CIV cup and Master Cup prizes, their costs are at CIV charge. Franz Onder remarks the importance for the prize costs not to exceed the nation's annual fee.  
Report was approved unanimously.

#### **9 Elections**

Mandates of President, Treasurer and Vice President Africa expired and then elections followed.  
Statutorily, votes are distributed as follows:  
ESP, FRA, GER, ITA and NED have 2 votes each;  
AUT, BEL, Florence H., president of CT, Treasurer, Vice President Europe and Vice President 3<sup>rd</sup> Continent have 1 vote each.  
For President, Nacho Campos and Maurizio Raffaelli were proposed as candidates, both accepting.

On 17 votes, Maurizio Raffaelli received 10 and Nacho Campos 7. Maurizio Raffaelli is the new President.

For Treasurer, all presents ask Franz Onder to continue his excellent work done so far. Franz accepts. Franz Onder is elected Treasurer by acclamation.

Vice President Africa was to be elected. No candidatures were received. Nobody was appointed as Vice President for Africa.

Maurizio Raffaelli was Vice President 3<sup>rd</sup> Continent so far. Therefore, vice president for 3<sup>rd</sup> Continent was to be re-appointed. No candidatures were received. Nobody was appointed as Vice President for 3<sup>rd</sup> Continent.

For the CT members their mandate ended for :

Peter Lakshmanan - confirmed and re-elected.

Pablo Cabello - confirmed and re-elected.

Francesco Zampacavallo - confirmed and re-elected.

Johan Vissia was absent - Johan Pragt will talk to him and confirm either J. Vissia or J. Pragt himself as CT member.

### **10 report on Mylar Sails**

Peter Lakshmanan reported on the Mylar sail tests at Douarnenez VWC 2012 and the questionnaire conducted through the website.

The introduction of Mylar sails is supposed to bring attractiveness to the Class. A parallel to Dacron sails was done. Dacron cloth is a little cheaper than Mylar up to day. Mylar is stiffer than Dacron cloth therefore when sailing, Mylar sails keep their initial shape better than Dacron sails. Dacron sails steadily loose their shape and performance. A Dacron sail is supposed to be not competitive after 1-2 year. After that performances continue to worsen but Dacron sails are good for cruising for many years afterwards. Mylar sails are supposed to be good for racing for 4-5 years. Afterwards, their performances have a sudden breakdown and often they are not good even for cruising.

Alex Appert stressed the importance of price and suggests investigating among different countries and different sailmakers.

Peter Lakshmanan proposal is to prepare a set of rules for Mylar sails, approve them at summer meeting 2013, announce it at sailors and allow Mylar sails to be used in 2014.

Decision was to vote for Peter's proposal. Proposal was approved with 11 votes in favor and 4 votes against.

Mylar sails report is attached.

### **11 Technical items, CT Meeting**

Ugo Zappi reported on the CT meeting held on Saturday 8-12. Proposal of change or rectification were submitted from France, Germany and Spain. Most points were of minor importance like text formatting or article re-arrangement. Most important points were clarification on hull weight and allowing epoxy resin. All presents agreed on hull weight clarification.

Discussion was on allowing epoxy resin only for appendages, only for wooden hulls or for any construction type. Decision was to vote for leaving the rules as they are now or to make a change. Leave the Rules as they are was approved with 8 votes in favor, 6 votes against and 1 abstention.

Discussion followed on spinnaker panels' gluing. In 2012 many spinnaker failed and broke where panels were glued. All of them were Faccenda made and when asked were replaced under warranty. A proposal was presented to impose panel stitching as mandatory. The presents voted on it. Panel stitching as mandatory was rejected with 10 votes against, 2 votes in favor and 3 abstentions.

CT Meeting Report is attached.

### **12 Vaurien Class Promotion**

Giampiero Saggini had a number of ideas on promoting and developing the Class in the future but unfortunately never exposed them completely. Communication to media is very important and we should look for and appoint somebody to deal with media. Franz Onder stressed the importance of the website since it is our window and portal to the world of sailors. Peter Lakshmanan is currently maintaining it but he needs "contents" to publish. Collecting information to publish is very difficult and cannot be done by him alone. All National Associations are invited to send him all information relative to events and activities in their country. Decision was develop the subject at next Summer Meeting.

### **13 Amendments to Statute**

After G. Saggini death it seemed that an amendment was needed in case of vacancy of the Presidency. Jean Jacques Girard reads again article 5(4) of the Statute. Decision was that no amendment is needed.

Jean Jacques Girard is invited to prepare a Statute issue including all the changes voted since 2010.

### **14 Any Other Business**

No other subjects being submitted, the meeting closed at 17.15