

Comité International du Vaurien
2013 CIV Winter Meeting
Paris, Sunday the 8th of December 2013

Minutes of Meeting

The Meeting opens at 10:30.

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

Agenda: see appended sheet

1 Opening, President's communication

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

2 Minutes from Sanxenxo 2013 Summer Meeting

The minutes are approved unanimously.

3 Search for a new place for winter meetings

JJ Girard expressed how difficult is to find a suitable meeting place in Paris at an affordable price. Furthermore finding a place for a sunday is even more difficult. Options discussed are:

- have a combined CT/CIV meeting in one day
- have the CT meeting in summer only and CIV winter meeting on saturday
- have the CT meeting on the web only
- have CT meeting on friday and CIV meeting on saturday

The President stressed the fact of having the CT meeting close before CIV meeting grants a more fluent communication between the two. Having a full day meeting in summer could be done only before or after the racing week.

A. Fokkema stressed the fact that having meetings twice a year is a plus because usually in summer there is less time and CIV members' mind is focused more on racing while in winter a laid back state of mind helps focusing on other subjects.

The President suggested to keep searching for possible places in Paris available on Saturday and Sunday, if not we can have CT meeting on friday **afternoon** and CIV meeting on saturday. Meanwhile all ASV that are not present today are invited to give their opinion.

The proposal was approved. ASV France will look for other alternatives by the end of march.

4 Amendments to the Statute.

After the passing away of F.Herbulot some changes in our Statute are required. More specifically, the address of the Association and whether the heirs are interested to be member of the CIV board. JJ Girard explained the new address has to be on territory of France and that these changes requires only a simple communication to the administration. He is in touch with the heirs and will find out their wishes on the matter.

All presents approved to **provisionally move the legal address to Jean-Jacques Girard's.**

5 Royalties to the designer.

Discussion was about the implication of F. Herbulot passing away on the Royalties payments. Nothing legally is changed and CIV shall keep paying royalties to the heirs as done so far. About the amount due, the presents are unaware of any written agreement. It was a verbal gentleman's agreement with Florence Herbulot. Royalties amount shall stay the same as it is today (12,20€).

All presents approved.

6 Treasurer's report

Report from the treasurer was circulated.

International website host costs are missing. ASV Germany is actually paying these expenses. Host expenses (133,25€) can be compensated with ASV Germany annual membership fee.

About winter meeting organization expenses, the President proposed to pay JJ Girard the same amount that we used to pay F.Herbulot (362€).

A discussion arised on boats built and sold without paying the required ISAF plaque. The President will send a warning to all builders to comply with this important requirement.

The financial report was approved unanimously.

(ref. attachment)

7 ISAF Learn to Sail programme

ASV Italy proposed to apply for being listed in the "ISAF Learn to Sail Boats" list. At first glance, Vaurien has the characteristics to apply for it. Application shall be followed by payment of 500GBP and if approved, each boat built can be affixed a "Learn to Sail " ISAF label at the cost of 1,25GBP. An obstacle could be the requirement of the CE marking that is more relevant to the builders. Unknow also is the benefit fo the class being enlisted in that list and the type of agreement that will follow.

The President suggested to take time to acquire more information on the programme from ISAF and from National Authorities to see whether this programme could have a positive impact on the class.

(ref. http://www.sailing.org/training/newtosailing/buying_a_boat.php)

8 ASV Czech application for funding to promote the class

ASV Czech expressed its intention to promote the Vaurien in 2014 also by being present on local TV by collaborating with them to shot some video of races and participating to TV sport talk shows. ASV Czech is expecting to be free of charge collaborations but it may be required to participate in expenses not exceeding 600€. Discussions around the financial situation of the class suggested to reject the request.

9 New builders

A new builder, Naufferba S.L. (www.barcosderemo.com), located in Vigo, Spain has applied to become licensed builder. The builder is popular for his rowing boats and is keen to build vaurien hulls in epoxi. Following the procedure for Licensed Builders, ASV Spain has supported the application and the builder has already paid for the plans and rules. CIV secretary will send the updated plans. Following, the builder has to present his Building Specification Plan including all details of his construction and a prototype.

R. Kulpinsky reported interests in becoming licensed builder **from** a polish yard located 60km from Gdansk. The builder (Robert Kreslo), popular in the micro class, is working with modern techniques (sandwich, epoxi, vacuum) and is looking for an order of 10 boats to begin with construction to lessen the mould costs impact on boat final price. He extimates a final price for the complete boat with Harken fittings of 9000€ including vat.

10 Vaurien pricing

ASV France investigated on Vaurien price position among comparable boats. The study was completed obtaining prices available on the web. A comparison table was circulated. At first glance Vaurien is badly positioned among the more expensive boats. The study showed also that is difficult to get a price from the internet **and that** contacting directly the builder **is needed**.

ASV France proposed to investigate on any way to lower vaurien final price. The President reminded the presents an analogue study done in 2006 by G. Saggini directed to analyse

construction costs and possible actions to lower them (ref. Attachment) and asked ASV France to realize a new one.

Suggested also was to ask builders to provide a complete boat price and publish it on the vaurien.org website. It has to be updated yearly.

12 Sails styling

ASV France presented a work by A. Jacquinot on sail decoration. (ref. attachment). The main concept is to decorate the mainsail with national flag colors to make the class esthetically more attractive. A fleet racing at the world championship showing sails with national flags would be very interesting. Material used are proven and durable since the same are used in Vendée Globe and Americas' cup boats. Some tests have been already done. T.Vandrot was sporting one of them in Sanxenxo 2013. Discussion aroused on costs, whether the decoration is mandatory, implication on second hand sails sold across countries, the possibility to paint mylar sails and the possibility for the decoration to be removable.

ASV France expressed the hope for its national team to race with decorated sails in WC2014.

The President asked A. Jacquinot to investigate further into the project and how it could be implemented in our rules.

11 CIV and CT relationship

ASV France complained about the current way of working of CT. ASV France proposed CIV to approve CT winter meeting agenda at previous summer meeting. Discussion was **about** the freedom of CT to investigate possible technical evolutions of the class and **about** compliance of CT to the statute. The President stressed the fact that CT should be free to investigate in any possible direction and that, from statute, the final decision is taken by CIV. Any change to this procedure implies a change to the statute.

ASV France declared it will soon submit to CIV a changment to the statute in order to manage CT/CIV relationship in a different way.

13 Technical items / CT meeting report

Last summer meeting in Sanxenxo was closed with the intention to discuss again in this winter meeting about epoxy construction after Faccenda and Paulino expressions of concern. No new relevant facts are known to discuss on, and the fact of having two new builders (one already proceeding with prototype construction and the other just expressing interest) is an opportunity the class can't miss.

The CT chairman reported on saturday meeting, while the minutes of the meeting were circulated (ref. attachment). Some important points required approval by vote:

2-waiving the fiber content requirement from mylar sails rules and keeping the minimum weight while looking for a list of approved cloth. Point approved (6 in favor 1 against)

3-having more than 1 window on the main. Point approved unanimously

4-moment of inertia measurement. Point approved unanimously

5-dagger rudder. Point approved unanimously

7-clarification on rudder blade measurement. Point approved unanimously

14 World Championship 2014

ASV Italy presented a preliminary Notice of Race for WC 2014 that will be held in Marina di Grosseto from july the 26th to august the 2nd. A website will be prepared soon (www.vaurienworld2014.it) containing all relevant information and a facebook group (www.facebook.com/groups/VaurienWorld2014/) has already been set up. Questions were raised regarding accomodations, if appartments are available and whether early booking is recommended and when. The Secretary will inquiry and report to all Asvs. All ASV are

requested to have a look at the preliminary Notice of Race and report as soon as possible any possible error (ref. attachment).

15 World championship in the following years

The following countries has asked to held the world championship:

2015 - The Netherlands – venue: Stavoren – date: 11-18 july

2016 – Portugal – venue: **Viana do Castelo**

2017 – possibly Poland – venue: in a lake

2018 – Germany – venue: baltic sea

..... - possibly France

As anticipated in summer, the President reported contacts in Slovenia and / or Croatia **which did not end into positive reply up to now-**.

16 Europa Cup

Final Europa Cup ranking was issued. 2013 winner is Yves Prince. The presents congratulated Yves.

A preliminary list of race for next Europa Cup 2014 was circulated. All National Associations are kindly asked to communicate their events valid for Europa cup as soon as possible to the Secretary and to the Webmaster.

17 Easter regatta 2014

Easter Regatta / Trofeo V. Bruni is going to be on 19-20-21 of april 2014. ASV Fra expressed their concern about Vaurien participation. In the latest edition participation was not high. Optimal would be to have 25 vauriens but from latest contacts figure is around 15. A. Appert will communicate his decision within one month.

18 AoB

None

No other subjects being submitted, the meeting closed at 17.20