

SCIRA
Board of Governors Meeting
September 22, 2015
Talamone, Italy

The meeting was called to order by Gweneth Crook, Vice Commodore at 7:30pm. Those in attendance: VC Gweneth Crook, Secretary Pietro Fantoni, WH&O General Secretary Luis Soubie, European GS Zbigniew Rakocy, Rules Chairman Antonio Bari, CIO Don Bedford, Chief Measurer Antonio Espada and Executive Director Jerelyn Biehl. Commodore Ricardo Lobato was unable to attend due to injury.

- Ratification of all motions in the past. Motion passed
- The Minutes of the 2013 Board of Governors meeting: motion passed
- **National Secretaries Meeting:** A summary of the recent NS meeting was given:
 - A discussion was held of mixed world proposal & women's world championship status.
 - A petition was presented by Pietro Fantoni on behalf of Kathleen Tocke. The Board asked the petition signers to submit a proper proposal next March for consideration, per the Class process. All Championship bids must be approved by the Board.
 - Snipes are in new countries in South America; Pan Ams Games participation is the impetus.
 - a. Every country needs a champion to make it grow.
 - a. Mixed championship – majority in attendance were in favor

5. Officer Reports

-Commodore; a brief summary was read

-Vice Commodore

Promotions: mixed, junior & women's events - timing is the main issue for maximum participation. Participation on the committee was not as strong from junior committee members. Snipe Bulletin & website communication was discussed. Charter boats with fees and hindering participation discussed as well. Building participation begins at the fleet level. Discussion of boat lending (vs charter) and the Lightning boat grant program.

-European GS

Open European championship: very successful. Tracking/GPS from Pedro Pires de Lima: He is interested in a contract with SCIRA for larger events (w/o sim card): Europeans 3,000euro. Zbigniew should look into this. Sports Management employed to organize event.

Nordic Cup & European Masters - cancelled in Sweden. Spain took up at last minute in Santander, ESP.

Jibs - nordic countries want to use the lighter cloth in national championships.

Calendar - northern countries have a shorter summer and need major events earlier in the summer.

European Juniors: only 7 boats at the 2014 Jr Europeans was too expensive to organize. Euro NS will look to combine the 2 events and present title.

Wind limits - to be considered under proposals

Junior age limits for Junior European and Europeans (14 or 12 yrs) needs to be addressed and solved.

Spanish issue: Zbigniew commented on the constant problem that seems prevalent.

-Western Hemisphere

Attendance at Regattas - in SA, only ARG & BRA seem to be hosting major events. NA seems to remain steady. Japan: need better communication with the NS.

Payment of SCIRA dues from BRA: direct payment from sailors should be allowed.

Major regatta grid: finding common weeks for all to encourage more racing.

-Secretary

Boats and membership are dropping overall. Spain from 2013 through 2014, 144 members not registered. Suggest that individual members must pay directly to SCIRA.

Snipe Clinics have been very successful as well as "Serious Fun" events. Add "serious fun" to the bid form.

Executive Director

Database: must move our database from server and a chance to make changes. Add direct payment for all members as requested from the Board.

MDS: Antonio Espada commented that some information is incorrect on MDS'. Discussion of measurement of moulds and how the process will work.

Regatta Registration: discussion on using Snipe platform for regattas and how to archive for historical purposes.

Financial

Treasurer's report as distributed

2014 Financial Statements approved by Board

Technical Committee

Antonio Bari updated on the new rules for ISAF and plan to have the Rulebook ready in March with a January 2017 rulebook availability date. There are some details to be worked out.

New seals for certified moulds have been proposed by Antonio Espada. Moulds will be measured by an ISAF measurer and a national measurer not affiliated with the boat builder.

Proposal for serial numbers to be given to Technical Committee to review.

Nominating Committee - Ricardo Lobato to formulate in October.

Old Business

Regatta schedule: Discussion of bids not received from regions by the deadline.

Motion by L. Soubie to open the bids once no bids have been received by the original date. Inform all countries they can submit bids with 1 month deadline before Board meeting at World Championship. m/s/p

Motion that once open, bids must be received by November 1, 2015 for World Masters

Motion that Sr Worlds bids must be received by March 1, 2016, decision April 1. m/s/p

2016 WH&O Cabo Frio - m/s/p

New Business

Proposals:

Board Communication: Gweneth will be hosting more regular meetings via skype, or video conference.

to be considered via skype & chat to have a more conclusive discussion on each proposal.

Modify Bid Form: ask for more information. Gweneth would like to have a presentation. Motions of new proposals to be tabled until we can find a better time and schedule and when the Commodore can participate. CIO Don Bedford & ED Jerelyn Biehl will look into an online private forum where each individual proposal can be discussed before a final vote.

Meeting adjourned: 10:15pm

November 15, 2015

Meeting re-convened via skype

Participants: Ricardo Lobato, Gweneth Crook, Pietro Fantoni, Luis Soubie, Zbigniew Rakocy, Antonio Bari, Antonio Espada & Jerelyn Biehl. Unable to attend: Renee Bartell.

The meeting was called to order at 9:45am Brazilian time.

Proposals listed on the website and original agenda were considered:

15-07: Hull Thickness: Discussion was held on-line and all were in consensus. Motion passes unanimously.

15-10: Sail Markings: Discussion was held on-line and all were in consensus. Motion passes unanimously.

15-12: Advertising: Discussion was held on-line and all were in consensus. Motion passes unanimously.

15-13: Chief Measurer: Discussion was held on-line and all were in consensus. Motion passes unanimously.

15-06: Rules Chairman Term Limit: Discussion was held on-line and all were in consensus. Motion passes unanimously.

15-09: Professionals: Discussion was held and the proposal to delete from the SCIRA rules was approved unanimously.

15-05: Weather Limit_Wind reading: Discussion was held with agreement on the basic principles. The motion was tabled with a re-write to be sent for re-submission.

15-01: Dues Payment_World entries: Discussion was held and the proposal was withdrawn. Luis Soubie will lead a working party to re-submit by March of 2016 to include better worded sanctioning and the work with the SCIRA office on how to implement.

15-02: Course change: Discussion was held and the motion was tabled. Luis will re-write and submit at a later time.

15-03 & 15-03b: Mixed World Championship: Discussion was held and an update from the ISAF Conference was given. An ISAF sub-committee is currently working on a major overhaul of the regulations which will be considered in Nov. 2016. The 2 motions were tabled until then.

15-04: Charter Boats: Discussion was held and the motion was tabled for re-wording & re-submission at a later date.

15-08: Protest by Jury: Discussion was held with the motion tabled until the December skype call.

15-11: Addition of the “U” flag to the Rules of Conduct: After much discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm Italian time.