

2018 WH&O National Secretaries Meeting

21 October

Club Nautico Olivos, Argentina

ARG National Secretary Diego Lipszyc and Vice Commodore Luis Soubie welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 1700.

Those in attendance: Art Rousmaniere (USA), Christopher Hains (CAN), Diego Lipszyc (ARG), Diego Figueroa (PER), Edgar Diminich (ECU), Darian Martinez Pimentel (CUB), Ricky Fabini (URU), Rafael Gagliotti (BRA), Micah Ortuzar (CHI), Commodore Pietro Fantoni, Vice Commodore Luis Soubie and Jerelyn Biehl, SCIRA Executive Director

Minutes of the 2014 NS meeting held in Cabo Frio, BRA. were accepted as presented.

Report of officers:

WH&O General Secretary - Raul Rios was unable to attend for health reasons.

Commodore Pietro Fantoni spoke and said it is important to keep your energy towards the Snipe class. Pietro encourages people to attend the Open Forum on Wednesday to discuss items.

National Secretaries Reports:

USA: Art Rousmaniere- membership is down slightly in the US with 4 areas of strength: NorthEast (Boston, RI), Mid-Atlantic (Annapolis) SouthEast (Miami), West (San Diego). The Nationals were held in the middle of the country which was the largest US Nationals 40 years ago, but a much smaller attendance in 2018. The US is trying to include all in our Nationals, and we need to have a balance. US Nationals bid from Boston, but working on Jr, Women's & Masters. Women's Worlds were very successful and strong. A Women's circuit was created and culminated at the Worlds. Many just out of college sailed the Women's Worlds. USA will host 3 clinics pre-Nationals: Peter Commette, Doug Hart & Augie Diaz.

CANADA: Chris Hains - Canada has one strong fleet at a small inland, artificial lake with 15 active boats. One crew attended the Women's Worlds and returned enthusiastic. Junior participation has been eliminated by economic need, although there are 4 juniors who own boats. Canada is interested in hosting a 2020 & 2022 major Snipe event championship. Active international participation is good. The midwest economy is difficult and discussion ensued of various venues where Canada can host events.

ARGENTINA: Diego Lipszyc. Some sailors have difficulty attending events as they need to work. But they are working to sail at different areas of the country. Discussion of the success of the GPN. Discussion of joining smaller circuit of events with closer areas. The group then discussed how to bring junior sailors into the Class.

ECUADOR: Edgar Diminich - The Pan Am Games help keep the SA countries strong. Edgar discussed that each country offer to provide boats & housing to encourage people to travel to different countries and help grow the fleet. Discussion of having an incentive & motivation to sail the Snipe, which could come through travel, funding or clinics. Transfer of knowledge of high level sailing to the newer members is key. Edgar invites people to Ecuador to come sail with provided boats, accommodation, food, coach boats.

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PERU: Diego Figueroa stated that all the regional games are very important to keep the Snipe strong as evidenced at the South American Games recently held in Bolivia. Possibly some growth is possible there. There is good participation of the Peruvian sailors. The main problem is that the Pan Ams are now mixed and it is hard to find female sailors. Peru does not have many sailors in the country. There are 3 clubs in Peru, one owned by the Navy. There are 10 boats with 4 assigned to the Navy and they are not participating. If the events are held outside Lima, lots of logistics need to be made. Peru is also very isolated and any trip is very long. The motivation is to travel to various events.

URUGUAY: Ricky Fabini discussed encouraging growth through the junior sailors in the Optimist. Try some marketing to encourage more sailing. Uruguay is coming back and the Snipe is not as popular with the coaches as the boat is not as easy to coach. Many boats went to Argentina, but URU is growing. Support for juniors and young adults. In URU, the mixed has brought out more females to sail. Discussion of adding a mixed team in the Open Worlds would be a good motivation as well as WH&O. Suggestion to add a Mixed World trophy named the Bibi Juetz Trophy.

CHILE: Micah Ortuzar - Class is growing with 30 boats in the country and 14 paid with more increasing. Nationals will be held Nov 23-26 and people are welcome to attend. The Class owns a boat they loan for a year to a new sailor. 3 clinics have been held with Luis Soubie and Barbara Brotons for crews and also would like to hold a Snipe Day. 3 boats are at the WH&O which is good for the Class.

CUBA: Darien Martinez Pimentel - Cuba has the possibility to sail, but the boats are older. They sail in 2 areas - Havana & Varadero and a new sailing school has been created. They have 5 boats but only 3 are competitive. It's difficult to get boats to Cuba. They would like to present Cuba as a host for a new event to bring some events to Cuba so new boats could be brought to Cuba through the government. Discussion of the Class to support an event in Cuba.

BRAZIL: Rafael Gagliotti - there are many states with large distances between the fleets. There is the Nationals where all are together and then there are 3 championships in the regions of the country that attract many sailors. There are 60-70 boats at these events and some with 100 boats, but most don't travel. The 2019 Nationals will be in Sao Paulo on Guarapiranga with 100+ boats expected. The Snipe is well recognized in the country as most Olympians are Snipe sailors. Lemao has provided much success by building local boats, as the importation cost is very high. Brazil will hold a junior nationals following the seniors with boats to be used.

Fleet owned boats: Most countries seem to have some boats that they loan for a season to younger sailors.

Marketing to new Snipe sailors

Italy organizes some Snipe Open Days in different venues (Trieste, Caldonazzo, Riccione, Talamone, Bracciano and Pescara. These events are for newcomers of the Class or young sailors. We show photos from Matias Capizzano of sailing and of social events. The message for the newcomers is that the Snipe is a competitive Class on the water and you can have fun at the parties: a good way to spend a weekend with friends. The Commodore also strongly invited countries to hold a World Snipe Day.

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Chile: Chile has held 3 clinics this year including one just for crews. The crew clinic was targeted toward Opti sailors and now they have more crews.

- Discussion of the Star loaner boat program and trying to make the boats more accessible to younger sailors.
- Discussion of a promotional video would be great for countries to use.

Note: Peru, Ecuador and Colombia - boats are mostly owned by the government.

Elections:

General Secretary: Raul Rios, Sr - Puerto Rico (*Raul has politely declined due to health reasons*): *subsequent email vote:* **Gweneth Crook - CAN**

Vice Secretary: Matias Seguel - Chile

Championships:

2019 North Americans: awaiting a bid from Florida

2019 South Americans: Algarobo, Chile approved

2020 Women's Worlds: Sao Paulo, BRA

2020 World Masters: St Petersburg, FL, early May. To be forwarded to the SCIRA Board

2020 WH&O: possibly New England, USA

2020 North Americans: Canada will submit a bid, Toronto.

2020 South Americans: Montevideo, Uruguay rotation

2021 Jr Worlds: possibly North America

2021 Sr Worlds: Enoshima, Japan - bid coming

2022 WH&O: South American rotation

2022 Master Worlds:

2022 Women's Worlds: Canada interested to bid

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm