

SCIRA Board of Governors Meeting

Ilhabela, Brazil
Friday, October 11
Minutes

Commodore Pietro Fantoni called the meeting to order at 1819. Those in attendance: Commodore Pietro Fantoni, Secretary Zbigniew Rakocy, Treasurer Sue Roberts, European GS Martin Bermudez, WH&O GS Gweneth Crook and Executive Director Jerelyn Biehl. VC Luis Soubie joined after his protest. Antonio Bari was unable to attend.

The Board voted to ratify all motions made since the 2017 Board of Governors meeting. The Minutes of the previous Board meeting in 2017 were approved as distributed.

Summary of National Secretaries meeting. All Board members were in attendance, so no recap however Manu Hens missed the NS meeting and had a clarification of the Ladies Europeans and an approval to have smaller courses (due to lake size) and additional laps to make better races.

Officer Reports:

Commodore: Pietro Fantoni discussed the need for more stability on Rules changes. Deeds of Gift were looked at in detail; Rule 42 to be explained better and Ricardo Lobato will help prepare. Question on the Deed of Gift: all agreed to allow Jr Worlds to be open to mixed skipper/crew from different nations, to have all DoG the same. Discussion of 9 races total for Juniors and discussion of more social events for juniors. Membership: increased # of boats & members in 2018 and we expect by the end of 2019, we should be further ahead. MDS: status of builder MDS' has been solved and Antonio Bari went to Japan and met with the local measurers and builders. The Board recognizes that we must rotate around the world to allow championships in various venues but know that attendance may be less than when held in other areas. Charter boats: Discussion of having a Board member take care of the charter boats for major championships. Promotion: World Snipe Day, family days, etc. have been used in many countries. Minimum boats in fleets: discussion of remaining 3 to start, 5 to maintain. Snipe Clinics: Croatia held a clinic. The budget needs to be looked at and keep priorities. SSL Ranking: Snipe was the first class to add outside the Stars. Pietro is trying to have the Snipe included in the finals for the women. Discussion of not having the ranking on the back - only the regatta logo. Discussion of professional sailors in the Snipe and SSL. Major trophies: Midwinters in FL: US has moved to a circuit. Campionato Adriatico - do not want to organize anymore. Discussion of the number of minimum boats to start a fleet referencing the Bylaw passed 2 years ago.

Vice Commodore: Priorities: Getting new people into the Class. Promotional clinics were done well. World Snipe Day should be revived and possibly put clinics & Snipe Day together. Luis outlined a proposal for clinics to bring new people to the Snipe. Discussion of re-organizing bylaws and officer responsibilities by skill rather than office.

Secretary Report: membership report: numbers should go up in 2019. Trends of asking NS to encourage more registration. Discussion of database and it is successful.

New system may have complicated relationship between National Secretary and member. Discussion of templates for race documents to require class membership. SSL ranking - ask to make more efficient. Recommend that NS organize regattas with other classes in other countries. Snipe Bulletin: better distribution of the electronic Bulletin - send pdf version for possibility to print. Send ISSUU information to Board for ability to print on demand.

Sponsorship: look for a strategic Class sponsor. Gweneth suggested to look within to our members that may be prepared for sponsorship.

Communication: discussion of NS reading email less and less. The Class should have a standard form of communication (email) and have the hemisphere officers to use WhatsApp or other methods to keep communication open. Skype calls are good to have the Board communicate.

Treasurer: A positive profit since 2013 in 2018. Not printing the Bulletin has allowed to pay for media and photographers. Numbers will be up by the end of the year. Sail royalties & new hull numbers have stayed the same even with an increase in these fees. Media expenses in the original budget were low and additional events were added. Advertising of the Bulletin are down as it is now digital. SnipeToday is used for promotional and confuses some sailors. Sue would like to publish the annual accounts in the Spring Bulletin for FYE 2018. Discussion of a dues increase at a later date once Clubspot has become more familiarized by members and National Secretaries.

Executive Director: The new database is moving along. The Digital Bulletin needs to be addressed in the next few years - is SnipeToday to take over? Discussion of keeping the Bulletin for historical purposes.

Nominating Committee: in the process

Regatta Schedule:

2021 Worlds: Japan to provide completed bid by Dec 1

Proposals:

All proposals will become effective in 2021 per the Class rules.

19-01- did not pass

19-02 - postpone

19-03 - against

19-04 - did not pass

19-05 - postpone - send to technical committee

19-06 - withdrawn

19-07 - did not pass

19-08 - did not pass

Meeting adjourned 10:00pm