

SCIRA
Board of Governors Meeting
Kaiyoh Yacht Harbor, Gamagori, Japan
July 26, 2005

Commodore Henrique Motta called the meeting to order at 2:12pm at Kaiyoh Yacht Harbor. Those in attendance were: Commodore Motta, Vice Commodore Robert Dunkley, Vice Rules Chairman Steve Stewart, Past Commodore Jiro Yamamoto, Member at Large Cliff Browning, US National Secretary Don Hackbarth, ISAF Representative Brainard Cooper and Executive Director Jerelyn Biehl. A quorum was established.

Cliff Browning motioned to ratify all prior motions. Motion seconded and passed.

Minutes of the previous meeting were motioned by Don Hackbarth to be approved as printed in the Snipe Bulletin. Motion seconded and passed.

With all the Board members attending the National Secretaries meeting, there was no need to summarize the NS meeting.

Reports

Commodore: The numbers are declining and with the separation of the boat and membership. Commodore Motta believes we need to sell membership and boat as one, and he believes our membership will increase. Discussion was held on why the change was made and variances around the world.

European: no report

Western Hemisphere: no report

Executive Director: The change of office location and addition of Sherri Campbell to the office staff has improved efficiency in the office. Treasurer David Odell and Sherri have streamlined the financial reporting. We continue to discuss the transition to an on-line registration system and have several proposals in hand with anticipation to have it up and running by January 2006. Membership continues to decline overall and we need our NS to be vigilant to collect dues. It was suggested to look into PayPal or a money broker to evaluate fees.

Committee Reports:

Finance: David Odell presented the following report in his absence:

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF JUNE 30, 2005

The Income Statement for the six months ended June 30, 2005 follow.

- All income categories are within budget for this period.
- The total advertising revenue for the new Rulebook have been amortized over the four year period for which the Rulebook will be in effect
- Other income reflects a donation by Mr. Cliff Browning to assist with the expense incurred for the supply of the membership card stock for 2005.
- The budgeted expense for the measurement clinic will not be used in 2005.
- An estimated three year supply of measurement stickers was purchased in 2005. This expense has been amortized over three years and is reflected as such in the statement.

- The transition of the office administration to a contract with One Design Management has been completed. Jerelyn Biehl continues as the named Executive Director.
- Rent expense was incurred for the first four months of 2005. There will be no further expense as this is now incorporated into the One Design Management contract fee.

Financial Statement & Balance Sheet are attached separately.

Cliff Browning was thanked for his donation to SCIRA for the 2005 membership card cost. Robert Dunkley questioned the budget on salary shown for the ED Management fee. The amount shown includes salary paid to the ED for January through April and the contract amount that will be paid to ODM for May-December. In total, it will end up being less for 2005 because the amount paid to the ED (including salary, benefits and payroll taxes) for Jan-April was \$7474 and the fee for May-Dec will total \$23,333. The total for 2005 should be \$30,807. Robert Dunkley made a motion to accept the 2004 financial statement as presented. Motion seconded and approved.

Membership: Cliff Browning discussed 3 various proposals to take the membership to an on-line system. CIO Don Bedford submitted requirements for interaction with the website and additional comments. Discussion was held on the various methods of membership collection and desired use of on-line membership. CIO Don Bedford will evaluate the 3 proposals and consult with the ED and Flag officers before making a recommendation.

Junior: no report

Promotion: no report

Rules: Items discussed at the NS meeting pertain here: Measurement Booklet and equipment issues that need to be revisited. Brainard Cooper made note that Rule 12 of the Rules of Conduct may be incorrect. No new rules proposals were presented.

Long Range Planning – no report

ISAF Representative – The Fall AGM will be held in Singapore and Brainard Cooper will be attending. Brainard asks for Board guidance in their stance on the Snipe in the Olympics and other ISAF matters. It has not been to SCIRA's benefit to not have a consistent ISAF Representative. The Pan Am advisory committee recommended to the Board to make the Olympic presentation. The South American Sailing Federations are in support of the Snipe in the Olympics; however, the head of the Pan Am Sports Federation only wants Olympic classes.

Nominating Committee – no report

Old Business

There were no tabled motions from 2003.

Regatta Schedule and presented bids:

2007 Worlds: Portugal approved

2006 World Masters: Bahamas approved

2006 Women's Worlds: Uruguay approved

2006 WH&O: USA approved

2006 South Europeans: Italy tabled for European Board member input

New Business

All new proposals were tabled for entire Board approval via e-mail (see attached at end of minutes).

- a. DNF scoring
- b. Lead replacement

- c. Membership Card
- d. Constitution: Section 32
- e. Hayward (WH&O) Deed of Gift change
- f. Lasinio (Jr World) Deed of Gift change

Robert Dunkley raised the question of liability of the Board members and the Board asked the Executive Director to investigate Director and Officer Insurance for the SCIRA International Board.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:12pm.

Rules Proposal attached on following pages

A. Rules Change Proposal:

DNF = One More Point than the last boat to finish

Submitted by Past Commodore Gonzalo Diaz, Sr.

Dear Henrique: This campaign started in 1996 after a certain experience we had with Snipes racing in Tampa Bay. In 1999 after the World Championship in Santiago de la Ribera, Spain, It was my understanding that the Board had approved the new DNF=ONE MORE POINT THAN THE LAST BOAT TO FINISH for the SCIRA Low Point Scoring System for all situations. It turned out not to be so and was only approved for TLE (Time Limit Elapsed situations).

The original intention was not to apply the new DNF for TLE only, but for all kind of weather conditions. In difficult, extreme weather conditions. It does apply also very nicely for heavy air races when the race committee is misinformed about the wind strength or they make a wrong decision to continue racing in extreme weather conditions. At this point, sailors that can not survive in those conditions have the choice to drop out of the race and get scored with the NEW DNF. It is indeed a safety factor and will probably save the RC from many rescue actions.

The NEW DNF scoring has been fully tested since 1996 in Snipe Regattas like the DON Q, THE RASCO, THE FLORIDA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP and the DEAD OF WINTER. It has been in our Sailing Instructions for those regattas for 10 years! Fully Tested!

This NEW DNF scoring is like the cargo springs of a truck. When the truck is not loaded they are not doing anything, but when you overload the truck, then they come into action. This is a scoring rule that you will not notice that is there until you need it. If everything goes well and 50 boats start a race and 49 finish, it makes no significant difference. But if there are 50 boats and the Race Committee holds the race in excessive amount of wind and only 10 boats finish the race with 40 not finishing because they broke down or smartly retired from the race then they get scored one more point than the last boat to finish. The 40 boat that did not finish get 11 points!

In reality, the RC should have cancelled the race, but if they don't take that quick action, this NEW DNF will take action and save the CHAMPIONSHIP!

We like to go with ISAF RULES. But, many of ISAF rules apply to all kind of boats, keel boats and catamarans. The Snipe is a dinghy and we have to keep that in mind. A keel boat sailor as an RC in a Snipe Race may feel that the race should go on no matter what, but we know that that is not the case for a Snipe dinghy.

Henrique, I plan to send a similar message to SCIRA BOARD MEMBERS in order to get their support, but I would like to ask you, as the Commodore of the Class, to present this project at the Board Meeting in Japan and help get it approved. Unfortunately, I will not be there for the meeting. Please, let me know if you agree with this project or if you have any questions. Let me try to convince you. Thanks for your time in considering this change for the SCIRA LOW POINT SCORING SYSTEM.

Best regards, Gonzalo Diaz, Sr.

B. Rules Change Proposal

Lead Replacement – Hazardous Materials

Submitted by: Joel Zackin, USA with signature of 5 fleet captains

SCIRA

Dear Giorgio Brezich, Steve Stewart and the SCIRA Rules Committee,

I would like to suggest a change to the Snipe rules. Maybe you could consider this change for the next time the rules are evaluated. I am sure discussion between the sailors and manufacturers would be appropriate.

In light of the new Reduction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS) initiatives that are happening in the European Union, Japan, and California, I think the Snipe Class Association should be proactive and pro-environment. I motion that we change our measurement rules to eliminate the use of lead (Pb) in all new snipes. I think that suitable materials can replace the use of lead very easily. I realize that the lead in snipes only poses an environmental threat when a boat is being disposed, but my experience is that most snipes being disposed are old abandoned boats. Usually the people doing the disposal are not Snipe sailors and do not realize that the boats contain hidden lead that can, many years down the road leech into the water supplies.

Because the lead in the snipes is usually in the tanks, and not exposed to water and salt, and not size limited, there are many materials that can replace it. Some suggestions would be aluminum, cast iron coated in epoxy, coated steel, very dense recycled rubber, resin... The cost of some of these suggestions is equivalent to lead.

Those of us in the electronics industry are working very hard to remove the lead (Pb) from our soldering process to meet the RoHS Initiatives. I think the Snipe Class can easily and voluntarily step up and remove these hazardous substances from our class.

We advocate that this change would only affect new boats.

Thank you for considering this motion.

Sincerely,

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“Lead is some pretty scary stuff, and there's other heavy stuff in the world [to stick in a snipe].”

C. Rules Change Proposal

Membership Card requirement

Submitted by: Cliff Browning, Member at Large

Motion to amend the Rules of Conduct for Conducting National and International Championship Regattas, the Notice of Race template and the Sailing Instructions template as now published in the 2005-2008 Official Rulebook. Proposed added amendments are underlined and proposed deletion amendments are in brackets [].

RULES OF CONDUCT FOR CONDUCTING NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL REGATTAS

Entry, Eligibility, and Measurement Restrictions

3. No boat shall be eligible to enter any Class championship race unless she has a Measurement Data Sheet (MDS) on file at the SCIRA office. No skipper or crew shall be eligible to enter any Class championship race unless they possess and present a current Class Membership Card, or its SCIRA-issued equivalent.

NOTICE OF RACE template

Entry and Eligibility: This regatta is open to SCIRA registered boats and Class Member skippers who are in good standing with SCIRA for the current year (insert [co-skipper if permitted and] crew for championship and sanctioned regattas) subject to any Deed of Gift trophy restrictions. No skipper or crew shall be eligible to enter any Class championship race unless they possess and present a current Class Membership Card, or its SCIRA-issued equivalent.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS template

Entry and Eligibility:

2.1 Eligible boats and Class [m]Member skippers (and crew for championship and sanctioned regattas) who possess and present a current Class Membership Card, or its SCIRA-issued equivalent, may enter by completing registration with (insert host club or SCIRA).

D. Rules Change Proposal

Change to Constitution, Section 32

Submitted by: Brainard Cooper, Past Commodore

Amended by Henrique Motta with agreement by Don Hackbarth.

Section 32. National Secretaries

A National Secretary may establish procedural rules for the administration of the Class within his country. Such procedures may be reviewed by the Board of Governors and modified by the Board if deemed appropriate. **A National Secretary may also establish and maintain a distinct legal entity of the Class within his or her own country. Such corporation's, or legal entity's governing documents and all changes thereto shall be reviewed by the Board of Governors and modified if deemed appropriate.**

E. Rules Change Proposal

Change to Deed of Gift

Hayward Western Hemisphere Trophy

Submitted by: Hal Gilreath, Vice Secretary, WH&O

Approved by National Secretaries of the WH&O

Amend the current Deed of Gift to allow additional competitors to attend.
(click on the icon below to open a pdf version of the proposed change.)



Western Hemisphere Deed of Gift Revision.pdf

F. Rules Change Proposal

Change to Deed of Gift Vieri Lasinio Di Castelfero Trophy

Submitted by: Henrique Motta, Commodore

Modify the Jr. World Deed of Gift to enable more countries to host the Junior World Championship as follows:

Regatta Conditions: Held every two years in odd numbered years in waters selected by the Board of Governors, using “Rules for Conducting National and International Regattas” as furnished by the International Rules Committee and approved by the SCIRA Board of Governors

1. Nine or eleven races, depending on local conditions, of the official SCIRA courses published in the current Rulebook or SCIRA official website (www.snipe.org). Races shall be managed to last approximately 60-75 minutes. A different time used to complete the race will not be grounds for protest.
2. If 6 to 8 races are completed, the worst race shall be dropped including a disqualification, if allowed by the SCIRA Official Scoring System. If 5 or fewer races are completed, all shall be counted. Three races shall constitute a regatta.
3. The SCIRA scoring systems shall be used.
4. There must be separate regatta and protest committees and a judge at each mark.
5. The same skipper must sail all races. He can be replaced after the first race only, and then only if he is obviously incapacitated. If a skipper is replaced in this manner, the first race shall be dropped. The same crew must sail in all races except for reasons satisfactory to the race committee.
- 6- Competitors may use their own boats. ~~The boats to be provided to juniors not bringing or chartering their own boats~~ **The Fleet organizing the event shall provide The boats to be provided to juniors not bringing or chartering their own boats of good quality and competitiveness that shall be chartered for an amount not exceeding US\$250.00, insurance inclusive. must be of equal boats to quality and competitiveness to those sailed by their owners. The boats provided shall be of hull #28000 or higher.** A committee composed of the Commodore, National Secretary of the host country, a qualified SCIRA representative from the opposing hemisphere, and others to be designated by the Commodore shall be assigned to review and approve the boats. ~~to be provided in advance. At least two extra boats will be provided at the regatta site to allow for beyond prompt repair of a catastrophic breakdowns and replacement. The committee will provide a list of boats to be used and their specifications to the committee at least 60 days prior to the regatta for approval.~~
 - Disqualification of a boat deemed unsatisfactory and replacement with one of the extra boats.
 - Declaration that the event shall be sailed as a round robin including the boats transported by owners. This option shall only be enforced in the event of gross inequities in the quality of the provided boats.
7. The country holding the regatta is obliged to offer lodging and food to the first crew of each country, National Secretaries and SCIRA authorities, and if possible to the second crew. Lodging to be in private homes, if possible.

Red text: new wording
Blue text: moved wording