

**WORLD COUNCIL MEETING**  
**August 26, 2008**  
**Buffalo Canoe Club**

**World Council Members Present:**

Andres Santana (President), Richard L. Tillman (Past President), Paul-Jon Patin (Vice President), Terry Beadle (Secretary), Patricia Manning (Treasurer), Derek Jackson for Todd Edwards (Class Measurer), Andres Santana (ISAF Representative), Derek Jackson for Chris Williams (Advisory Council Representative), Guillermo Cappelletti (Advisory Council Representative), Brent Richards (Builder Representative), Joel Furman (Membership Chairman), Wim van der Gulik for Richard van der Wal (Aruba), Donnie Martinborough (Bahamas), Malcolm Smith (Bermuda), Wim van der Gulik for Alex Roose (Curacao), Andres Santana (Dominican Republic), Dr. Alex Moran (Ecuador), Guillermo Cappelletti (Peru), Peter Stanton (US VI), Derek Jackson (USA), Paul-Jon Patin for Eduardo Cordero (Venezuela).

**Roll Call:**

President Santana called the meeting to order at 7:23 p.m. Roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present. Each recognized NSCA was entitled to one vote. The USA with 1279 members was entitled to two additional votes, making their total three votes.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in the Windward Leg.

**Presidents Report:**

President Santana gave a detailed presentation (see attached 2007-2008 Report presentation).

The key point was that the next four Worlds (Bahamas (2009), Italy (2010), Curacao (2011), Ecuador (2012)) hosts are being communicated with so all the planning and commitments can be finalized. The 2009 Worlds in the Bahamas are finalized and the NOR is near completion.

He mentioned the South Americans in Ecuador (2008) and Mexico, Martinique, Peru and the Dominican Republic are being discussed for 2009.

It was noted that our new manufacturer, Laser Performance, is the largest manufacturer of dingy sailboats in the World. This opens many opportunities for us. We need to take advantage of this opportunity.

One of the most important points of this year was the visit to Laser Performance in April. They are committed to supporting the Sunfish Class and its key events (Worlds, South

Americans, Pan Americans, etc.). They are also putting an emphasis on generating a greater interest in the Sunfish in Europe. Generating Sunfish participation in Europe is one of our main goals now. LaserPerformance is introducing the Sunfish in the Paris and London boat shows. Many items were discussed such as marketing, publicity, equipment changes, boat construction, etc. They also agreed to hold an annual meeting with us.

The Pan American Sailing Confederation meeting in Mexico was also mentioned. The games will be held in Puerto Vallarta in 2011. Budgets, boats, facilities and other items were discussed.

**Vice Presidents Report:**

Vice President Patin reported that their trip to the LaserPerformance factory was the highlight of his year. He felt that it was very important that the officers of the Class and LaserPerformance get to know one another on a personal level.

He also reported that he has been spending most of his time coordinating the various Worlds, working out the details, NOR's, judges, etc.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Manning distributed and reviewed the Treasurers Report (see attached Treasurers Report). The 2008 report contained finances through the end of July.

A motion was passed to have the Treasurer's Report accepted.

**Advisory Council Report:**

Guillermo Cappelletti read the summarized Advisory Council Report created by Chairman Williams (see 2008 Advisory Council Minutes).

The council debated the pros and cons of the new rudder shape. Pros are less weather helm, especially when it's windy. The two cons discussed were the expense of racers having to buy a new blade to feel competitive with those with the blade, and the fact that the rudder kicks up in weedy conditions, such as Brant Beach.

Last year the Advisory Council held a similar discussion and asked that a new survey of the Class be conducted after Vanguard, now LaserPerformance, provided a ballpark price for the blade. However, Vanguard/LaserPerformance does not want to cost out the rudder until they know we want it. Therefore, the Advisory Council decided to proceed with the plan for the survey, using the current price of the existing FRP blade as the assumed price of the new blade. The survey will be fielded to all member countries. The objective is to complete writing the survey by October 31, 2008, and finish getting answers by November 30, 2008. The Advisory Council will work on the survey collaboratively to be sure that everyone is happy with it before it goes to the Class for their vote. The Advisory Council will then reconvene by email, discuss and vote on whether to recommend the new rudder to the World Council.

The “Gust Adjust” Jens rig was presented. Since it does not require any new lines and is a safer and easier way to rig a Jens, and permits it to be easily put in and taken out, the Advisory Council confirmed Todd Edwards, our Measurer’s, opinion that it is legal. Some discussion followed.

The Advisory Council asked LaserPerformance to consider adding a Jens line to the Pro rigging package. LaserPerformance seemed open to the idea and we will provide a suggested length and diameter for the line.

The Advisory Committee decided to suggest to the World Council that they consider adding one additional race to the Worlds starting in 2010. This race would be similar to the Olympic Medal Race. The additional race would be among only the top 10 sailors. The other sailors would be free to start derigging their boats. The “Top 10” race would count double in points, and the race cannot be discarded. The points earned in the Top 10 race would be added to the points already earned, and the winner would be the sailor with the lowest point total. In case of a tie in the results after the Top 10 race, the tie would be resolved in favor of the sailor who beat the other in the Top 10 race. Several opinions were expressed and discussed.

The Advisory Council will have diagrams of the new tiller and new daggerboard (without the handle/hole) added to the Class Rules.

Some discussion took place concerning the breaking of fairleads and putting a cleat on the mast. No action was taken.

No motions were introduced.

**Membership Committee Report:**

Chairperson Furman provided the following membership report. The International Sunfish Class is presently composed of sixteen (16) Recognized National Class Associations for which dues have been received for 2008, to wit; Aruba (21 Members), Bahamas (29), Bermuda (20), Canada (22), Colombia (33), Curacao (36), Dominican Republic (20), Ecuador (20), Guatemala (25), Holland (22), Martinique (20), Peru (20), Puerto Rico (38), US (1279), US Virgin Islands (21) and Venezuela (24) totaling 1650 Recognized Members. Non-Recognized NSCA's include Antigua (5)(2001), Argentina (20)(2007), Bonaire (20)(2007), Brazil (5)(2007), British Virgin Islands (5)(1994), Central America (15)(1993), Chile (20)(2002), Ireland (20)(2000), Italy (20)(2007), Mexico (5)(2001), New Zealand (5)(2006), St. Maarten (20)(2003) and Uruguay (5)(2006) totaling 165 Non-recognized Members.

He mentioned that we have sustained a decline in membership of over 350 paid members. A graph of the membership for the past five years was presented. Various thoughts and concerns were voiced.

**ISAF Committee Report:**

Chairperson Andres Santana attended the ISAF meeting last November and found it very important to meet the ISAF people and take part in the meetings that we have not been involved in previously.

There was a lot of discussion about the next Olympics in the meetings.

He presented a draft of an organizational manual at the Pan Am committee meeting. After the presentation, he was invited to join the committee.

We are trying to get the approval from ISAF to call the Junior International Championship the Junior Worlds. The word "Worlds" needs approval from ISAF.

**Election of World Council Officers:**

The following slate of officers were elected:

Andres Santana	President
Paul-Jon Patin	Vice-President
Patricia Manning	Treasurer
Terry Beadle	Secretary
Todd Edwards	Class Measurer

**Old Business:**

Annual Dues - The financial condition of ISCA was discussed and no action was taken on this item.

Requirement for all NSCA's to have an email address - The requirement of all NSCA's to have a current email address was stressed again. This is becoming increasingly important as we grow. Please email the Class Office of any change in your email address and/or your mailing address.

Return of Fees for Cancelled Participants - Secretary Beadle asked the council how to handle the return of fees to cancelled Worlds participants. A discussion took place. A motion was passed to return the boat charter/entry fee less a 10% service fee to the three competitors that notified the Class Office early enough so that it was able to find a replacement.

Review of the ISCA Strategic Plan according to the new scenario - The Junior development strategies are one of the most important issues we have right now. We are concentrating on getting Opti sailors and those juniors that do not sail Sunfish into the Sunfish Class. We are developing the Junior World Championship to do this. The idea is to generate motivation and enthusiasm for the juniors in an organized worldwide event that is geared to their interests.

The big challenge we have is to change the perception that people have of seeing the Sunfish as a real affinity for sailors who do not have the physical condition for the Laser. This will require a lot of lobbying of key people in our sailing federations and Olympic

committees. It will require a lot of work and publicity. The Champion of Champions will help this because it will generate a lot of publicity. Developing our website will also help this.

New Opportunities with Laser Performance as a Global Company – This item was covered in the President's and Vice Presidents reports.

Sunfish Class Development Plans for new countries - Various countries need help in determining how to develop a Sunfish Class in their country. We need to prepare a manual or guideline to help these countries as well as work with them during their development.

Sunfish Class Website Report - Our website has changed considerably in the past year and there are more changes to come. Plans are in process to better organize the website.

Marketing Strategies Report - We need all the marketing and publicity that we can get. This is an ongoing process and challenge.

Junior Development Strategies Report - The Junior International Championship is being held next week in Lake Bluff, Illinois. We have competitors from Colombia, Venezuela, USA, Peru, Guatemala, Dominican Republic and Ecuador. We have pending approval from ISAF to use the World Championship title. LaserPerformance has already agreed to support a Junior World Championship in conjunction with the Sunfish Worlds.

See the attached JUNIOR Development Strategies presentation.

Status of the Yearbook - Some discussion ensued concerning the contents and distribution of the Handbook. The current status of the new Handbook is not known at this time.

Future venues for the Worlds, South Americans & Europeans - This item was covered in the Presidents Report.

**New Business:**

Venues for the 2009-2012 World Championships - President Santana discussed the Worlds hosts. The tentative venues are as follows:

- 2009 - Bahamas
- 2010 - Italy
- 2011 - Curacao
- 2012 - Ecuador?

Honorary Life Membership Nominations - Alex Roose was nominated for a lifetime membership because of his continued dedication to the Class. The nomination was voted on and accepted.

Teams of Volunteers - We need people to get involved in helping with all the items we have to get accomplished. If you would like to get involved or know of someone who would like to get involved, please contact Andres Santana or Terry Beadle.

Sunfish Class Statistics Analysis - A chart of the memberships for the last several years was developed to show the trends of our membership in the various NSCA's. It was mentioned in the Membership Report that we have sustained a decline in membership of over 350 paid members. A graph of the membership for the past five years was presented. Various thoughts and concerns were voiced.

Project to Change the ISCA Constitution - The following changes to the ISCA Constitution were approved:

Article 5.1 - Add "and friendship" after "exchange of information".

Article 5.6 - Add "and provide guidelines for" after "To promote".

Article 6.2 - Replace "shall" by "may".

Article 6.3 - Replace "NSCA representative" by "designated representative to that country".

- Add ", who may participate with no vote at the World Council meetings" at the end.

Article 7.2.3 - Delete.

Article 7.4.7 - Add "; and shall communicate these questions, challenges and interpretations to the Advisory Council" after "as required".

Article 7.4.8.3 - Add "or any other subject authorized by the World Council or the President" at the end.

Article 8.1.3 - Change "30 days" to "21 days".

Sunfish Class Development Plan for Europe - Laser/Performance is promoting the Sunfish in Europe. We need to help them whenever we can. For instance, the Worlds in Italy will certainly help develop the European market. We also need to develop regional events in Europe. Laser/Performance will try to determine whom the Sunfish are being sold to in Europe.

For the last six months a team has been working on ways to better help developing countries qualify for ISCA membership. Two proposals were presented. The first one eliminates the concept of a NSCA. It is a regional Class association made up of one or more countries that are logically grouped together. There is no longer a minimum Class membership. The thought being that many of these countries meet the minimum requirement. A lengthy discussion followed and several other options were offered. The second proposal was based on a country and it incrementally changes the requirements for population. In the first year you have a minimum size of one sailor, in the second year two sailors, in the third year four sailors, etc., up to twenty sailors in the fifth year. Again, a lengthy discussion followed with several options being offered.

It was decided that the team would develop a revised proposal taking into account the concerns noted in the discussions. The revised proposal will be sent to the World

Council members for their review and comments. Once a revised proposal is updated the World Council will vote on it.

Strategic Planning Process for the NSCA's - A document will be sent via email to all the World Council members. The document contains guidelines for the process.

Development of the ISCA Hall of Fame - This is a very important item that we need to work on. We need to provide our members with recognition like this. We have life memberships, but we need special exposure for our members who have been recognized for some outstanding feat or act. This project needs a team to develop and define the criteria and mechanics of how this award will work. The team needs to consist of people who have a lot of experience in the Class.

Presentation of "SunfishNet" Internet Software Application - We have been working on developing the Sunfish Online Internet Applications for the last year (see attached SunfishNet presentation). The idea is to prepare the base for our membership to be able to access and update their information, contact each other and to be able to register for events online. Later it will also have rankings and results online as well as other information. As we move forward it will also include registration online and information updates for any Sunfish sailor whether they are a member or not. It will also have the capability to send various newsletters at any frequency that we desire depending on the circumstance. It will also allow membership registration. A preliminary system will be available soon that we can review and test.

ISCA Administrative Fee for the Sunfish Worlds - This is an opportunity for ISCA to have a small amount of money for various activities. We could assign an administration fee as part of the entry fee for each participant. This is an idea to consider. No action will be taken on this item at this time.

Incentive Program for the Production of Promotional Videos & Pictures - We need to provide some promotional videos and pictures of our various events. This is a very powerful tool. We need to find ways to get good material and make it available to our members and use it in our marketing and publicity activities. We need to have a contest within our membership to motivate them to provide this kind of material. We constantly need new material to present. This year we need to work on this item.

2009 Worlds in the Bahamas - Donnie Martinborough gave a brief summary of the progress to date. He mentioned that the NOR is near completion and that he brought several brochures and passed them out to the various countries. He expects this to be an exceptional World's.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry A. Beadle  
ISCA Secretary