

WORLD COUNCIL MEETING
October 17, 2012
St. Petersburg, Florida

World Council Members Present:

Paul-Jon Patin (President), Paul-Jon Patin for Andres Santana (Past President), Paul-Jon Patin for Eduardo Cordero (Vice President), Terry Beadle (Secretary), Patricia Manning (Treasurer), Rob Eberle (Chief Measurer), Paul-Jon Patin for Andres Santana (ISAF Representative), Tony Collins (Membership Chair), Chris Williams (Advisory Council Representative), Guillermo Cappelletti (Advisory Council Representative), Vic Manning for Richard W. van der Wal (Aruba), Paul-Jon Patin for Donnie Martinborough (Bahamas), Vic Manning for Ton Nuijten (Bonaire), Andres Eduardo Herkrath (Colombia), Vic Manning for Niet Kort (Curacao), Paul-Jon Patin for Samuel Mendoza (Dominican Republic), Hugo Guzman for Juan E. Maegli (Guatemala), Vic Manning for Greta Dekker-Bruning (Holland), Andrea Milla for Luigi De Luca (Italy), Jacobo Margules (Mexico), Juan Carlos Suarez H. (Peru), Rod Fevala for Jorge Santiago (Puerto Rico), Peter Stanton (US VI), Richard Chapman (USA), Rodrigo Favela (Venezuela).

Roll Call:

President Patin called the meeting to order at 8:14 p.m. He had each council member introduce themselves as well as the non-council members. Roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present. Each recognized NSCA was entitled to one vote. The USA with 948 members was entitled to one additional vote, making their total two votes.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published by email to the World Council members after last year's meeting.

President's Report:

President Patin reported that if there was anything that he had struggled with the most was with LP and what to put in writing and what not to put in writing and how we are going to handle that. Hopefully by the end of this meeting we will at least have some direct action that people can take and run with.

President Patin went on to explain how difficult it is to deal with LP as well as challenging and time consuming. Deadlines are ignored and sometimes it is weeks later when calls are returned and nothing happens. LP has been using information from our website and facebook for their marketing and advertising. Several members mentioned that LP has been very poor at responding to calls and emails. Apparently only the president of LP can make decisions.

President Patin believes that we must move on without any support from LP. He also believes we need to investigate the status of the Sunfish patents, trademarks and copyrights and find someone who can do that for us. We need to also investigate our alternatives to find someone who can build our boats and supply our parts. However, we must keep in mind that the one design concept must be maintained. In addition, sails for regattas will not be provided by LP and we need to find out how to handle that as well as handling Worlds outside of the USA and how to handle boats from the standpoint of the trademark for one design.

Vice President's Report:

Vice President Cordero is working with the various Spanish-speaking countries with regard to all Sunfish Class issues.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Manning passed out the financial reports. She noted that the decrease in memberships directly correlates to the decrease in income. It was also pointed out that ISCA receives no income other than the memberships that are collected. This was a surprise to some members who feel that ISCA should receive some income from the events ISCA sponsors. Some additional discussion took place, but no action was taken. See attachment ISCA_BalSheet_Sept30,2012, ISCA_P&L_2011vs2010, P&L_ISCA_Jan-Sept2012, P&L_USSCA_Jan-Sept2012.

It was moved and seconded to approve the financial reports as presented. The motion passed.

Advisory Council Report

Chairman Williams delivered the Advisory Council Report. See attachment ADVISORY2012_Minutes_Final.

The following rules approved by the Advisory Council need to be accepted or rejected by the World Council.

Proposed Rule 3.7.2 Change. New rule to read:

"One or two halyards may be used. Halyards may be of any length and diameter. The running end of one halyard may be used to create a boom vang and/or to pull the boom out in light air. A single purchase loop may be tied in each halyard to help draw the halyard tight, provided the sail can be quickly lowered in an emergency."

Current 3.7.2: The halyard may be any length and diameter. The running end of the halyard may be used as a boom vang and/ or to pull the boom out in light air. A purchase may be used to draw the halyard tight, provided the sail can be readily lowered in an emergency.

Comment: this proposed rule change will eliminate need for the several "complex" variations of de-powering rigs (Gust, Collins, Foerster, etc.) and the traditional Jens rig. Using two halyards with a short loop of line through the mast cap to support the lower de-powering halyard is easy to tie in and is compliant with Rule 3.7.3.

Defeated additional sentence to the rule: "Purchase loops may not be tied into the boom vang line. "

Comment: The addition to prohibit purchase loops in the boom vang line is designed to eliminate creation of a powerful mechanical advantage that heavily loads the deck bullseye and allows an adjustable boom vang led back to the cockpit. However, the AC discussed this and decided there should be a maximum number of purchases permitted, but we should evaluate for the next year to determine how many purchases should be permitted.

Approved by World Council.

Proposed Rule 3.7.3 Change. New rule to read:

"A rig to lower the point at which the upper spar lies against the mast may be tied with an extra piece of line used solely for that purpose. The rig must be tied in such a way that the sail can be lowered quickly and easily by releasing the halyard(s)."

Current rule 3.7.3: A rig to lower the point at which the upper spar lies against the mast (known as the 'Jens Hookansen Rig') may be tied with an extra piece of line used solely for that purpose. The rig must be tied in such a way that the sailor may lower the sail quickly and easily by releasing the halyard.

Comment: the above change simply eliminates "(known as the Jens Hookansen Rig)" as reference to the Jens rig doesn't apply to using two halyards or any of the other depowering rigs for that matter and would make the rule confusing. The traditional Jens rig will be obsolete if two halyards are allowed (the two halyard de-powering arrangement works with a short loop of line tied through the mast cap). It is noted that this proposed rule change still allows the traditional Jens rig to be tied in.

Approved by World Council.

Proposed Rule 3.7.4 Change. New rule to read:

"Halyards may be led down the mast on either side of the sail."

Current rule 3.7.4: The halyard may be led down the mast on either side of the sail.

Comment: This change is simply to accommodate the second halyard.

Approved by World Council.

These two rules changes have been approved by ISAF but have not been published to the class. We must publish these before we submit more rules changes to ISAF.

3.4 Tiller. The tiller shall be supplied only by the Builder. Any material may be added to the tiller for a maximum length of 16 inches to prevent chafing from contact with the bridle.

3.2.5 Repair and preventive maintenance work is allowed provided the dimensions as shown in Rule 5 Figure 4 are maintained. Covering the daggerboard with fiberglass is prohibited.

Current Rule 3.2.5: No modifications shall be allowed to the daggerboard shown on Rule 5 Figure 4. Refinishing and/or repairing are allowed provided that the dimensions are in accordance with the measurement diagram on Rule 5 Figure 4 and with any gauges the Class may use to define the original size and shape. Covering this daggerboard with fiberglass is prohibited.

Membership Committee Report: Tony Collins provided the following membership report.

The International Sunfish Class currently has fifteen (15) "Recognized" National Class Associations, with a total of 1311 members, consisting of; Aruba (20 members), Bahamas (31 members), Bermuda (20 members), Bonaire (20 members), Columbia (32 members), Curacao (36 members), Dominican Republic (25 members), Guatemala (20 members), Holland (20 members), Italy (20 members), Mexico (20 members), Peru (21 members), Puerto Rico (20 members), United States (948 members), United States Virgin Islands (20 members) and Venezuela (38 members).

Non-Recognized Membership NSCA's include sixteen (16) countries, to wit; Antigua, Austria, Brazil, British Virgin Islands, Argentina, Canada, Central America, Chile, Cuba, Ecuador, Ireland, Martinique, New Zealand, Portugal, St. Maarten, and Uruguay.

A membership report by NSCA by year was requested. It was also requested that it go back as far as possible. Attached is a version that goes back to 2003. It is labeled ISCA MEMBERSHIP. We will attempt to go back even further if the information is available.

ISAF Committee Report:

No report.

Election of World Council Officers:

President Patin asked for nominations from the floor.

President:

Paul-Jon Patin

Vic Manning

Vice President:

Ned Jones

Treasurer:

Pat Manning

Secretary:

Terry Beadle

Class Measurer:

Rob Eberle

Each presidential candidate shared their ideas and goals for the Class.

After the results of the voting were totaled, the following slate of officers was elected:

President: Paul-Jon Patin

Vice President: Ned Jones

Treasurer: Pat Manning

Secretary: Terry Beadle

Class Measurer: Rob Eberle

Old Business:

A. Annual Dues – Beadle

A motion was made and seconded to keep the dues the same. Motion passed.

B. Requirement for all NSCA's to have an up to date email address – Beadle

Terry Beadle just mentioned how important it is for him to have an up to date email address from everyone.

New Business:

A. Venues for the 2013 and 2014 World Championships – Paul-Jon Patin

2013 Worlds – Lewes Delaware, October 5-12, 2013 in lieu of a published NOR.

2014 Worlds – A discussion concerning a non-US location ensued with several ideas. A motion that President Patin appoint a committee, number of people at his discretion, investigate future Worlds, contact the builder about what it would cost us to have their boats and their sails shipped to a specific site as well as have all avenues investigated. The committee is to report back to us throughout the course of the year. President

Patin selected a committee consisting of Todd Edwards, Jim Koehler, Lorenzo Rojas and Jacobo Margules The motion was seconded and approved.

- B. Venues for the 2013 and 2014 South Americans & Youth Championships
2013 Youth Worlds – To be held in conjunction with the 2013 NA's.
2013 South Americans – Still in discussion.

- C. Honorary Lifetime Membership Nominations

- a. Current Lifetime Members:

- Terry Beadle
 - Don Bergman
 - Jean Bergman
 - Cindy Clifton
 - Larry Cochran
 - Joel Furman
 - Bill Haberland
 - Paul Odegaard
 - Lee Parks
 - Alex Roose
 - Andres Santana
 - Alan Scharfe
 - Dick Tillman
 - Will White, III

Robert (Rapid) Buttner was awarded a lifetime membership for his long time activities as Class Historian.

- D. LP Agreement Status/Worlds Boats/Parts/Problems

In progress, no current status. LP's responses have been slow and sometimes non-responsive.

- E. Windward Leg Status

Still looking for someone to publish the Leg. Rich Chapman mentioned that if anyone knew of an individual or company interested in publishing to have them contact him or Paul-Jon Patin.

- F. Website Status

Rich Chapman has Eric Woodman investigating vendors to update the Class website. A discussion followed concerning a deadline for a progress report. A progress report is due on March 1, 2013. Rich mentioned that he is now handling the website and if there is anything anyone wants put on the website they should send it to him. He will not edit the material. It will get posted as it was sent.

G. Handbook Status

No Action.

H. Next Years Worlds Problems

Sails with gold and silver Sunfish have previously been supplied by the Manufacturer. That has not happened this year and probably will not happen in the future. President Patin mentioned his concern and asked the council members how important it is to them and the country they represent. A discussion ensued and a motion was made to catch up with all past Worlds, North Americans, South Americans, and Europeans where no sail was awarded to the winner of the respective event and then add the cost of the sail to all future events entry fee. Motion passed.

I. Rule Challenges and Interpretations to existing rules - Eberle

Several challenges and interpretations to existing rules have been communicated to the Advisory Council by the Chief Measurer. All should be approved, rejected or modified by the World Council and results duly published to the members of ISCA (handout of specific challenges and interpretations provided by the Class Measurer). See attachments RuleChallenge&Interpretation-AC#1-#6.

Class Measurer Rob Eberle explained the reason for bringing these decisions to the World Council for acceptance. He also explained each of the items and then each item was discussed and voted on.

Item 1 (Outhaul fairlead at end of lower boom) – Passed.

Item 2 (Foerster Depower Rig) – Tabled.

Item 3 (Gust Adjust) – Tabled.

Item 4 (Adjustable Hiking Strap) – Passed.

Item 5 (Adjustable boom vang with multiple purchases) – Failed.

Item 6 (Fastening of Hiking Strap) – Passed.

- J. Proposed change to ISCA Constitution 7.1.5 to read: "Votes by the World Council shall be passed by a simple majority (i.e., more than half of the votes cast by a quorum at the annual meeting or by the whole if by phone, email or mail)."

Passed.

- K. Proposed change to ISCA Constitution 12.1.2 to read: "A two-thirds vote of the World Council members after presenting the proposed amendments in writing by mail or email."

Passed.

- L. Proposed change to ISCA Constitution 12.3 to read: "The ISCA Class Rules shall not be changed more often than every year based on the effective date of the relative change."

Passed.

- M. Proposed change to ISCA Constitution 7.2.4 to read: "Votes by the Advisory Council shall be passed by a simple majority (i.e., more than half of the votes cast by a quorum at the annual meeting or by the whole if by phone, email or mail."

Passed.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry A. Beadle
ISCA Secretary