

INTERNATIONAL CANOE FEDERATION

SAILING COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting held at Royal Canoe Club, Richmond upon Thames, London, 14th & 15th February 2004.

PRESENT: B.A.G. Fuller (Chairman) A. Powell O. Barthelson)

In attendance: A. Stahl, P. Wells (Secretary)

1. Peter Wells welcomed all those present to the Royal Canoe Club. The Chairman opened the meeting and said how pleased he was to see that Mr Arne Stahl from Germany was able to be present.

2. The Agenda, as circulated, was confirmed.

3. Minutes of previous meeting held 7th and 8th December 2002 were accepted as a correct record of the meeting.

4. Reports from ICF: the Chairman reported on meeting of the ICF Board, which he had attended. Time table for Rule Amendments noted. (*See below*)

5. INTERNATIONAL CANOE SAILING PROGRAMME 2004

Mar 19-21	Midwinter International Regatta, St Petersburg, Florida, USA
Apr 9-12	Australian National Championship, Lake Coothabara, Queensland, Australia.
Jul 24-31	ACA Summer Meet, Sugar Island, Gananoque, Canada
Jul 9-14	German National Championships, Hamburg (on the Elbe River), Germany.
Jul 31-Aug 6	Europa Cup & British National Championships (IC & AC) Weymouth, Dorset, GB .
Aug 12-15	Swedish National Championships, Oxelosund, Sweden

ACTION: To be posted on Website (PEW to inform Neil Wit)

6. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

XVIth Championships Weymouth Dorset GB

A.Powell gave a report on current preparations. Principal Race Officer will be Frank Newton, an experienced and well-respected race official. Publicity packs will be ready in April 2004 and the Web page opened May 2005. The Committee proposed that information is exchanged with Bristol Worlds PRO Ken Legler and information sent to Gareth Caldwell.

ACTION: A. Powell

XVIIth Championships Lake Coothabara Queensland Australia 2008

The Committee considered that January would be a popular time. Information on climate, winds and temperature to be obtained. Formal ICF endorsement will be required.

ACTION: B. Fuller to progress with Ian Dewey of Australian Canoe Federation.

Note: Germany could stage the Championships should the Australian proposal fail.

7. Rule Amendments

1. Technical Rules:

By Administrative Action:

1. Black bands to mark limits of seat extension.
2. AC only, 89kg for all-up weight.
3. Sail Measurement 105 degree head board angle from perpendicular.

**ACTION: B. Fuller and P. Wells to draft and circulate. Must be ready for ICF Board October 2004.
B. Fuller to revise "Instructions to Measurers" in co-operation with C. Brown**

Require Voting Procedure: by qualified majority voting.

4. Ban articulated foils.
5. Delete minimum weight for sliding seat.
6. Allow "camel back" hydration system.

All nations to be encouraged to allow experimentation under the "30 minutes Rule".

2. General Rules:

To qualify as a valid Championship minimum requirements six nations from three continents.

ACTION: B. Fuller to draft and submit to ICF by March 19.

Competition Calendar

Agreed that the Committee would ensure that the international programme is submitted to the ICF before 1st August in each year in accordance with Regulation 3.

Doping

ACTION: B. Fuller to forward information to A. Powell

8. Development

1. Training Events:

April Haying Island GB
20-23 May Germany
? Sweden
Oxford GB

ACTION: Ensure that dates and information are sent to Neil Witt for inclusion on the Website. Special invitation to Knut Holman, Norway (O. Barthelson), the Netherlands (A. Stahl and A. Powell) and the French A. Powell/Simon Allen. Some help can given towards travel expenses.

2. Regattas:

Europa Cup: ensure that French are encouraged to attend. E-mail received from Duncan Jelley. For work and family reasons he is no longer involved, but can help with translation. The Secretary is:

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3. Video Project:

Need to create training and PR footage.

ACTION: A. Powell to cost boat hire, camera etc and see what could be arranged for Europa Cup at Weymouth

B. Fuller will see if S. Francisco footage can be put on DVD

4. Websites:

IC Website. Check financial position - payment for work done in setting up and ongoing costs for maintenance. Find out if Neil Witt can hold raw PR information. A critical look must be given to the site, which should be regarded as a marketing tool and more information provided.

ACTION: A. Powell & P. Wells to check financial position. B. Fuller to inform Neil Witt of our further requirements. ALL TO EXAMINE WEBSITE AND CONTRIBUTE IMPROVEMENTS.

National Sites: **ACTION:** All will look at up-dating their own national websites. Check links.

5. Printed and other publicity material:

BCU has produced inexpensive but effective coloured leaflet for use at exhibitions etc.

ACTION: A. Powell to send PDF to committee members.

UK and USA are producing newsletters. B. Fuller will see if latter can be posted on website and put committee members on mailing list.

6. More Sailors and More Countries

A. Powell gave a review of the Survey of members' opinions. It was very difficult to draft questions, some of which were misunderstood, despite many revisions. It is clear that existing sailors are broadly satisfied. Single-handed performance, unique concept, history, camaraderie and durability came through as items that retain members' enthusiasm.

It is clear that each country has different opportunities e.g. the Swedish family of sailing canoes. The need for providing good canoes for charter at the World Championships, particularly for the Australians was noted.

ACTION: A. Powell to investigate.

It should be possible to register Grand Cayman as a developing country for Canoeing.

ACTION: B. Fuller to investigate terms

Boat Show Schedule: Sweden February, UK March, and Germany, October. Visual images to be collected before end of September for the above and for the ICF Congress to be held in Stockholm in October

ACTION: All to note and O. Barthelson to arrange for IC to be displayed

Extreme Event at Loctudy, France was won by Simon Allen. It was written up in "Yachts and Yachting" There is possibility for this to be put on Web Site.

ACTION: A. Powell to investigate.

Junior Canoe: Two prototypes were built in UK. Unfortunately the builder has been obliged to retire due to ill health. B. Fuller has been in discussion with Steve Clark who is clearly in a good position to design, build and market a proposed 7.5 sq. m canoe.

ACTION: B. Fuller to liase

9 Next Meeting

To be held on 29 & 30 October 2004 in Stockholm