

INTERNATIONAL CANOE FEDERATION

SAILING COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting held at the Clarion Hotel, Stockholm on 1st and 2nd November 2004.

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

In attendance: A.Stahl , J.Elfstrom , S Hotchin

1. Ben Fuller opened the meeting and said how pleased he was to see that Ola Barthelson was able to be present after his recent illness. He also welcomed Arne Stahl from Germany, Simon Hotchin from the UK and Johan Elfstrom..

2. The Agenda, as circulated, was confirmed.

3. Minutes of previous meeting held in Teddington on 14th and 15th February were accepted as a correct record of the meeting.

4. Reports from ICF: the Chairman reported on meeting of the ICF Congress he attended on the previous weekend.

Dawn Miller (USA) has been co-opted on to the committee.

The budget for the next two years was outlined.

Action: A. Powell to contact Neil Witt to establish fixed costs of website.

5. Programmes:

2004 Review: Reports were received on the Europa Cup and UK National Championship, the German National Championship and the Swedish National Championship. National Associations to ensure that the results of these are posted on the website.

Action: All

2005 Draft Programme:

24-28 March	Australian National Championship	Milang
11-14 June	UK National Championship	Dale, Pembrokeshire
18-19 June	International Regatta	Gothenburg, Sweden
25-26 June	Lough Erne Trophy	Hayling Island UK
TBA	Swedish National Championship	Karlstad
23-30 July	German National Championship	Lindow, Nr Berlin
TBA	American events	

2006 TBA	International Regatta	Grand Cayman
TBA	Europa Cup.	Italy? France?

6. World Championship Portland 2005:

The report by Peter McLaren was circulated and discussed. The idea of an additional "classic" fleet was welcomed. *

The proposed courses were accepted.

Measurement and scrutineering. No previously unmeasured equipment will be accepted at registration. All items must be presented with relevant certification. Measurement of new equipment is the responsibility of the individual competitor. It is hoped that measurement facilities will be available for a limited period prior to registration for national measurers. Individuals in for each national association who would get information and resend it in their country were identified.

Information should be available on the website by February.

Possible attendees were identified and discussions took place on how to ensure the Australian, Canadian and French teams could be helped to attend. It was recommended that the jury boat should allow spectators on board rather than have to supply extra boats.

Opening, presentation and closing ceremony arrangements were discussed.

The Rules of Competition for the New York Cup Challenge were considered.

Actions: A. Powell to ask P. McLaren to check with BCU re. ICF Flag, national flags and anthems.

A Powell to suggest to BCUSC that the Classic fleet wear red C on their jibs (similar to A on Asymmetrics.)

B. Fuller to check with ICF lead-time for medals.

B. Fuller to check with S Clark re. possible charter boats.

B. Fuller to check NYC Deed of Gift with Northshore Y.C.

B. Fuller to send Peter McLaren details of ICF Doping Declaration.

B. Fuller to see if West Coast US fleet can ship with Canadians? Possibility of flying canoes as "excess baggage" at affordable rates for Australians/Canadians?

A Powell to ensure invitations issued to Risto Lehtinen (Finland) and Sid Bensazam (Dubai) for Classic fleet.

7. World Championship 2008

The suitability of the proposed venue (Lake Coothabarra) was discussed and the possibility of holding the event in November was raised.

Germany is willing to stand in as a reserve venue.

There is a possibility of Grand Cayman also acting as an alternative.

Action: B. Fuller to ask that the Australians report at the next meeting (Portland 2005)

8. Rule Changes

Alan Powell presented the results of the recent ballot.

Rules to be incorporated into the 2005 rules will allow water to be carried on sailor's persons and the elimination of a minimum weight on the sliding seat. In addition there are clarification changes, namely the inclusion of bands on movable equipment as well as bringing in the Assymetrical Canoe into conformity with the International Canoe's weight. Material regarding measurement of the square top mainsails and weight positioning will be added to the guide to measurers.

9. Development

Training events are arranged by National Associations and, where appropriate, they are encouraged to invite interested sailors from other countries.

The UK plan to run events at Oxford SC and Grafham Water SC in early 2005. Invitations will be sent to the Finnish, Dutch and Dubai sailors who have shown interest.

Video There is a real need for good promotional material for the website and exhibitions.

Training video clips to be posted on website.

Action: Simon Hotchin to obtain template of training topics from Solo Class and publish on site.

All to encourage collection and publishing of video mpgs

Website This is working well but needs to be given higher profile. It is intended that this should become the premier means of communicating information to members.

Recruiting new sailors In the US some junior sailors are taking up canoe sailing.

In the UK the asymmetric fleet are recruiting more members from other classes.

Events/Shows. The class is represented at shows in Hamburg Germany (October), Alexandra Palace, London (March) and Sweden (March).

Availability. This continues to be a problem in all countries and the cost of canoes is a major factor. The size of the potential market inhibits the economies of scale operating in other

production classes. We need to explore sharing good practice and technologies. Cost remains a serious barrier to entry into the class.

Action: B. Fuller to discuss with S. Clark sharing plans of seat and carriage mouldings (building tools) with builders in other countries.

Arne Stahl to circulate photos of alternative deck designs for asymmetrics.

Junior Canoe There has been little further progress. Steve Clark has built a 7.5m canoe which apparently works well. Depending on space could it be seen at Portland?

Action: B. Fuller to liaise with S. Clark

Open Canoes We are in contact with the Open Canoe sailors and will continue to support these. In particular Risto Litinen from Finland who also has an IC.

Date of Next Meeting

This was provisionally booked for Thurs 11th August 2005 at Portland UK (World Championship week)

B.A.G. Fuller
Chairman
International Canoe Sailing Committee
10 December, 04

* Since the meeting, progress has been made to allow development or experimental canoes to participate at the World Championships.