

Comité International du Vaurien

2012 CIV Summer Meeting

Douarnenez, Thursday the 19th of July 2011

Minutes of Meeting

The Meeting opens at 11:00

List of presents and e- mail addresses: see-attached sheet.

Agenda: see appended sheet

1 Opening, President's Communication

The President welcomes the presents and the List of Presents is circulated: all presents sign and check the e-mail addresses.

The President reminds that at the next winter meeting there will be elections for the renewal of many functions.

A communication from ISAF concerning the application for the 2013 World Championship Titles has just arrived to the Secretary. In that letter ISAF remarks the importance that each subsidiary World Championship be raced as a separate fleet as required by the new ISAF Regulations approved in October 2011. This requirement affects the Vaurien Junior World Title that in the last few years has been assigned racing in the same fleet and extracting the Junior ranking afterward. Various proposals have been examined about possible schedules and formats. ASV Spain will meet the 2013 organizing club in the next few weeks and will come up with a proposal. ASV ITA has sent some scheduling options for the 2014 WC.

In addition to racing as a separate fleet, the minimum participation requirements for each World Title to be met at least twice in the most recent 3 years, are: minimum 30 entries, from 5 countries distributed on 2 continents. At present also this requirement is not met. Proposals are for inviting junior crews from other continents and classes with the help of vaurien builders to supply charter boats at the event.

So far, the Vaurien as defined by the rules in 2012 is a "good" boat from the sailing and technical point of view. The boat doesn't need any improvement. What the class does need at present is a good marketing action. Most of the people involved in the CIV have technical background, this is why the boat doesn't need any improvement. The President is looking for somebody with a commercial background to contribute with ideas to help promoting the class among young sailors. ASV POR brought an example of the situation in Portugal where the Sailing Federation is helping young sailors only to aim at Olympic classes and professional sailing but not at amateur classes where the friendly relaxing social class environment is an additional important characteristic. ASV POR suggests CIV to contact MNA to promote the class.

2 Minutes of Paris winter meeting

The minutes are approved unanimously.

3 Douarnenez 2012 – measurement report

Ugo Zappi, chairman of the CT and official measurer of the WC in Douarnenez reports that there weren't any issues with the measurement of the hulls. The digital scale used for the first few boats has been replaced with a mechanical scale. Due to the minor accuracy of the mechanical scale, few boats have been weighed twice to avoid impartiality.

Sail measurements reported only few minor issues with numbers. It means that sailmakers are now at ease with the new sailplan changed 4 years ago that caused few measurements issues at the past World Championships.

There weren't any problems with rigs and appendages.

As decided at the 2011 winter meeting, appendages have been weighed to investigate on the possibility to include a minimum weight in the rules. A report is expected to be discussed at the 2012 winter meeting.

Ugo Zappi reports also some comments from RC and Jury members that the class is too permissive regarding the measurements (too many request for racing with sail number different from ISAF plaques).

4 Latest class Rules changes approved by ISAF

The Secretary reports Class Rules changes recently approved by ISAF. The changes approved by CIV to be submitted to ISAF have been all approved by ISAF without significant modifications but two:

-The primary buoyancy check procedure has been rejected by ISAF because it is too difficult to implement and it requires at least 30min to complete. ISAF is keen to help finding a better check procedure.

-Epoxy resin was requested to be included as construction material and not only as bonding agent in wooden hulls because it is common to "coat" a wooden hull with epoxy resin and a thin layer of fibreglass and it is difficult to recognize the difference from vinylester resin in an already built GRP hull.

ASV FRA disagree with the way the submission to ISAF has been conducted and because an investigation and a report on epoxy resin construction was expected. A formal decision by CIV on the subject is requested.

5 2013 World championship in Sanxenxo – Spain

The 2013 world championship will be organized in Sanxenxo by the Real Club Nautico Sanxenxo on 13-20 July 2013. ASV ESP presents leaflets regarding the venue.

ASV ESP is looking for inviting junior crews from other continents and classes. A help from CIV and Vaurien builders to supply charter boats at the event is welcome.

Regarding crews of other countries to be invited at the championships, A. Paulino reports that there is a possible contact in Brazil on behalf of Victor Hugo, veteran Vaurien sailor.

5.1 Future world championships

2014 – Italy –.

Italy confirmed they are able to organize the 2014 world championship.

Venue is Marina di Grosseto, Tuscany. A preliminary Notice of Race is presented. (File is attached)

2015 –The Netherlands – ASV NED is looking for Stavoren as venue

2016 – requests from Portugal and Tunisia

6 Marketing to promote the Vaurien

6.1 Gennaker trials – report from Italy

Italy reports about the Gennaker experimental tests conducted in 2011. Report is attached.

6.2 Two piece mast-

Francesco Zampacavallo is currently working at that. No results so far. First tests expected in september.

6.3 Main sail in Mylar-

At 2011 winter meeting Germany was authorized to make a mylar mainsail for further investigation. The mainsail has been used during the practice race and exposed ashore during the championship. A survey has been conducted among participants. Unfortunately Peter Lakshmanan is not present at the meeting to report on the matter.

7 Vaurien Survey 2012

Not all countries have replied to the survey request yet. As soon as fleet data are complete a report will be sent to all ASVs.

ASV POR says that in Angola there is some activity. A. Paulino will send a contact to the President.

8 Different points

Builder X-Nautica asked for a clarification regarding the chamfer / rounding radius of chines rule.

All presents agree that an official clarification is needed regarding the hull minimum weight.