

MINUTES OF C.I.V. MEETING

Winter Meeting – Cachan, November 18th 2018

List of present and email addresses: see attached sheets.

The meeting followed the agenda as described by the following minutes.

1 Registration and President's Opening

The 2018 CIV winter meeting was opened at 10:15 hrs by President Maurizio Raffaelli.

2 Minutes of Meeting 2018 in Travemünde

There was a change in the order of future World Championships, which was discussed in Travemünde, but omitted in the minutes. The correct order is: 2021 ESP Worlds, 2022 SVK Worlds. The minutes are approved unanimously.

3 The international status of Vaurien Class

For the international status of the class it is important to have two or three continents present at World Championships.

Angola

Since the VWC in Viana, POR, 2016, there are problems with the ANG sailing federation. Allegedly sailors are not authorized to participate in the VWC. After the 2018 VWC in GER, the ANG sailing federation made an official complaint to WS and CIV about their sailors, asking for deletion of ANG teams from the results. CIV stated that all procedures were followed during the registration of ANG teams. The complaint was answered and rejected by WS, saying that it is an internal ANG problem. In the future, this topic should be solved before sailors participate in an event, but apparently, the ANG sailing federation does not want their sailors to participate in events in Europe.

Another problem is that ANG does not have a national Vaurien class association yet. According to our statutes, ASVs are associations of Vaurien owners (not sailors or friends). If ANG applies to become member of the CIV with an ANG ASV, CIV needs to think about how to solve that point.

Uruguay

The main goal still is to get a shipyard in Uruguay. The Uruguayan contacts were asked, what their preferred way of getting a mould is, buy a mould, build an own mould, or get a half finished boat. The project is still very much under discussion, but URU still shows great interest in organizing the 2024 Vaurien WC. CIV agrees to plan for supporting the efforts of URU.

Mozambique

During the diner on Saturday evening, Manuel Suarez (POR) proposed to have a VWC in MOZ in 2023. This would mark the 50 year anniversary of the worlds in MOZ in 1973. He was asked to apply via official channels and procedures.

4 2018 treasurer's report

The treasurer's report is circulated, see attachment. The President explains the financial state of the association. Funds currently are slightly increasing. As of this meeting, POL and POR did not pay for 2018. The report is approved unanimously.

5 Proposals for a multi-annual development policy

Maurizio Raffaelli proposes to develop a long-term development plan for the future of the Vaurien, which could be funded by a temporary increase of the CIV fee. Proposals will be presented at the next meeting. Further discussion shall follow.

6 Proposal for the 2019 Annual Budget and Basic Fee

See attachment for details. Main points are

- Administrative expenses remain as in 2018
- 800 € for inscription fee contribution for participants from 2nd and 3rd continent at VWC.
- Regarding the revenues, they are expected to be the same as in 2018.
- The basic fee is proposed to be the same i.e. €150.
- The President reports that ASV AUT asked its member fee to be reduced to 50€. All presents approve unanimously.

The annual budget 2018 is approved unanimously.

7 News about Vaurien FB page

Femke Spek (NED) reports on her efforts to maintain the CIV Facebook page. Still, she is doing most of her work alone, many contacts from other countries are still missing or do not actively contribute. As it is, the situation needs improvement.

All ASVs will be asked again to provide a contact to help working on the Facebook page.

8 Necessity of a Press Officer

PR relations of the CIV at the moment are very poor. It is necessary to find a responsible person. For now, Maurizio will take over the task. A volunteer candidate would be advantageous.

9 Technical items, TC meeting

The Technical committee meeting took place on Saturday, Dec-17 in Cachan. For the minutes of the meeting see attachments. The main points under discussion were.

1. *Advertising: Due to changes in the wording of the World sailing advertising Code, the current rule needs a rewording. The current rule shall be replaced.
2. Electronics on board: Not allowed, but difficult to check.
3. CE certification: Builders' responsibility, Gavazzi certified, other builders like 420, RS are certified.
4. *Rudder: Reduce tolerances to +/- 10 mm for each position (traditional and vertical) and add new diagram
5. *Centreboard handhold: Add minimum dimension of handhold
6. *Dagger rudder. Two options were discussed: suggestion: Allow dagger rudder but keep it within current dimensions.

7. Carbon mast / two-piece mast: no news
 8. Mainsail running rigging: halyard inside mast tube under discussion, but how does the hole in the mast influence a capsized boat? Tests will be done before the next meeting.
 9. *Distance window to sail edge: Mistake needs to be corrected.
 10. *Definition foam and core: remove "Balsa" → wood in general
 11. Spinnaker halyard retainer with two balls and a spring: considered as a hook.
 12. Pump action cleat: considered as a lever.
 13. Digital Measurement certificate: Responsibility of the National sailing federation.
 14. Guidelines (FAQ list) for measurers need to be created.
- Points with a * require a change to the Vaurien Class Rules. All these changes were approved (all points unanimously, point 4: 1 against, 1 abstained) in principle. Final texts will be prepared and distributed to CIV for online vote.

10 CE certification

Tone Perez (ESP) summarized the necessary steps for CE certification by email, presented by Francesco Zampacavallo. Info from Marco Faccenda: 1000 € to have an external specialist CE certify a boat. Gavazzi has CE certified the Vaurien. It is the builder's task to obtain the Certification
In France, to get a registration to sail on the sea, the boat needs a CE certification, if it is used outside of regattas. A clarification will be sought from WS.

11 Amateurs plans updating

The update of the amateur building plans is making progress and is expected to be finished in 2019.

12 Carbon mast project, final decision

The original aim of carbon mast project was to create the possibility of a two-piece mast for the Vaurien to make the transport of the mast inside the boat possible. The technically easiest way to do that was found to be a carbon mast. Carbon masts will be much more expensive than the current mast. The class is not ready for such a big modification. No further action shall be taken. Accepted unanimously.
Still, investigation into possibilities of two-piece aluminium mast shall continue.

13 Last errata corrigé to World Championship Rules, ver. 2019

As a last modification of the new Vaurien World Championship rules, the definition of "junior" shall be only in the Vaurien Class Rules. In the Championship rules only state "as defined by VCR".
The final version will be distributed for online vote / approval.

14 2019 World Championship in Colico: NoR draft

NoR draft is distributed by Roberto Franchini, see appendix. Pending approval of FIV. Peter Lakshmanan recalls that the NoR must be approved by CIV before publication.

Notable points of the NoR are:

- Fee: 150 €.
- No tents on site!
- Official camping site in the village, 15-20 min walking.
- Number of caravans needed a.s.a.p.



- If ASVs want to rent rubber boat, let Roberto Francini know a.s.a.p.
- Discount on Alitalia possible (Bergamo; Milano ~ 1hr driving or train).
- NVCAs need to supply information about what license are necessary for the sailors (skipper and crew or only crew). Check World Sailing Eligibility code.

ITA problem: 60 yrs. max age for competition.

- TBC by CIV: 1-4 - 0 discard; 5-8 - 1 discard; 10+ races - 2 discards
- Junior: born after 31.12.1997

15 News about 2020 Worlds in France

The 2020 Vaurien Worlds will be held in Le Havre. Info presented by Alex Appert.

16 World Championships in the following years:

2021 Spain

2022 Slovakia

2023 Italy, informal application from Mozambique

2024 Uruguay

2025 Tunisia or Netherlands or Spain (seeing Netherlands priority)

2026

Alex proposed to organize the Worlds in a location new to the Vaurien, e.g. in a different country, like UK, and ask a big club to promote the Vaurien in other countries.,

17 2018 Europa Cup classification and 2019 events

See attached results.

Participation stable

18 Any other business

Nacho's email discussion with Maurizio is extensively discussed. Conclusions are diverse, and several measures are discussed. The most important point seems the fact, that numbers of boats are decreasing. Reasons are found to be very much depending on the individual countries. To analyse the situation and find counter-measures: Annual class report. Present results during winter meeting. Moreover, a list of changes to the CR in the last years with reasons for that change shall be prepared

Meeting closed at 17:00.

MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Winter Meeting – Cachan, November, 18, 2018

The meeting opens at 10:30 with the presents as shown on the attached list. The meeting followed the agenda as described by the following minutes.

1 Meeting opening

The CIV President opens the meeting. CT President Ugo Zappi is unable to participate; therefore, Francesco Zampacavallo is asked to chair the meeting. All presents sign the list of presences.

2 Advertising on sails

Following up on this subject initiated in summer, the CT proposes the following rule for advertising on sails:

- advertising on spinnaker is free.
- advertising on jib is free
- advertising on main sail is permitted in the entire area available below the area reserved to class insignia, national letters and sail numbers.

The final wording of the rule will be detailed after the approval of CIV.

3 Electronics onboard

Following up on this subject initiated in the summer meeting, Peter Lakshmanan exposes his findings after contacts with WS and other classes. The matter is very relevant and common to all classes. CT conclusion is that both Racing Rules of Sailing and Vaurien Class Rules are very clear, and no changes are required. It is anyway difficult to check at sea if crews are complying with the rule or not.

4 CE certification

Since Gavazzi already certified with “CE” label his Vaurien around 2002 and other builders are currently selling similar dinghies (i.e. 420) with CE certification, the CT assumes that technically there are no reasons preventing current builders to sell boats with CE certification. The CT thinks that the market and CIV can both act upon the builders to request the CE certification.

5 Rudder blade measurement

The interpretation of the current rules and the large tolerance give way to substantial differences in the position of the blade (up to 40mm), which is not in the spirit of the Class. Given the two permitted orientations of the blade relative to the boat, the CT proposes to have two values for the immersion measurement, one for each permitted orientation, each with tolerance of +/- 10mm.

The final wording of the rule and the values will be detailed after the approval of CIV.

6 Centreboard head measurement

The interpretation of the present rules and diagrams leave a possibility of adjustable centreboard position which is not in the spirit of the Class. After checking the old rules, it seems that one measurement was missed during the change of format. The CT propose to re-introduce the minimum length of 30 mm for the “handle” bottom edge. The final wording of the rule will be detailed after the approval of CIV.

7 Daggerboard rudder

The daggerboard rudder rule was already approved in principle one year ago. The CT propose to change only Class Rule E.4.2 (a) as follow:

a) The rudder blade may be able to:

pivot around a horizontal axis

slide along a vertical axis

in both cases it shall include any system to lift the blade from its lowered position and a system to lock it in the fully lowered position.

8 Carbon Mast

From the technical point of view, there are no news. Decision to follow on the investigation is up to the CIV.

9 Main sail halyard

Pros and Cons of permitting the main halyard to run inside the mast are examined. Most used current arrangement sees the halyard running inside the luff groove together with bolt rope causing lot of friction and in some extreme cases it's impossible for the youngest crews to hoist the main. Pro is that the halyard would run inside the mast with less friction and therefore less effort is needed to hoist the main sail. The proposed arrangement would not affect performance and would not incur in any cost increase. There are some doubts on safety: the opening on the mast top may allow water to enter more quickly in case of capsizing. The CT recommends performing some tests before taking any decision.

10 Updates on amateur plans

no news. see CIV minutes of meeting.

11 Update on Uruguay mould

see CIV minutes of meeting.

12 Jib measurement (Window to sail edge distance)

Due to the loss of the original document of the rules, in the most recent update, an error was introduced in the jib measurement: the “window to sail edge”, 150mm value shall be changed to be read as “minimum”.

13 Definition of core material (wood)

The change approved one year ago missed to remove the word “balsa” from rule D.2.6.(a) 3). Rule D.2.6 (a) 3) shall be re-written as:

3)Composites combining GRP as defined above for skin and for core closed-cell foam of nominal density not less than 65 kg/m³ or wood.

14 Spinnaker halyard holding fitting

At the recent 2018 Worlds a spinnaker halyard holder fitting was seen that originated some doubts whether it was permitted by the class rules. The fitting features two captive spheres pushed by springs. to hold the halyard when the spinnaker is not in use. Since the use is the same as of a plastic hook used by many other crews, the CT deems the fitting to be permitted and counted as “hook”.

15 Spinnaker halyard “pumping” fitting

At the recent 2018 Worlds a spinnaker halyard “pumping” fitting was seen that originated some doubts whether it was permitted by the class rules. The fitting features a halyard fairlead that is pivoting around a pin. The CT deems the fitting to be permitted and counted as “lever”.

16 Digital measurement certificate

Roberto Franchini from ASV Italy brought up a request of clarification whether a digital measurement certificate is permitted or not by the Class Rules. The CT thinks that the format of the certificate is not questioned by the Class Rules. To speed up the issue of the certificate, any Certification Authority is allowed to issue a digital corticate (i.e. pdf document). The CT recommends the Vaurien owner to print it for showing at any regatta organising authority.

17 Measurement guidelines

Over the years, many doubtful points have been brought up to the attention of the Technical Committee. Clarifications were given but the need of a document recompiling all these clarifications and the way some measurement should be carried on has been brought up. The CT thinks that a document called “measurement guidelines” should be issued for such clarifications.

18 Any other business

The letter from Nacho Campos to the President was commented. The CT thinks that many points are worth of attentions. It's up to the CIV to decide whether any action should be taken.

No other items being on the Agenda, the meeting closes at 16:30.