

## MINUTES OF C.I.V. MEETING

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Winter Meeting –November 19, 2023

### ATTENDEES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Short</u>	<u>Function</u>	<u>Presence</u>
<b>CIV</b>			
Maurizio Raffaelli (ITA)	MR	CIV president	✓ (online)
Eyal Yussim (URU)	EY	CIV vice-president South America	
Jean-Jaques Girard (FRA)	JJ	CIV vice-president	✓
Peter Lakshmanan (GER)	PL	CIV secretary	✓
Alexandre Appert (FRA)	AA	CIV treasurer	✓
Francesco Zampacavallo (ESP)	FR	President Technical Committee	✓ (online)
<b>NVCA</b>			
Yves Prince		ANG BEL – ASV president	✓
Alexandre Appert	AA	CZE FRA – ASV president	See above
Dirk Pater		GER – ASV president	✓
Roberto Francini	RF	ITA – ASV president	✓
Jelle Fokkema		NED – ASV president	✓
Roger Kulpinski		POL – ASV president	✓
Andre Esteves		POR SVK – ASV secretary	
		ESP URU	
<b>Others</b>			
Francis Joris		BEL – Guest	✓
Tim Schilling		GER – ASV technical representative	✓
Femke Spek		NED – ASV secretary	✓
Daan Stoel		NED – ASV treasurer	✓



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

## 1 Registration and President's Opening

MR opens the meeting at 1015 hrs.

## 2 Minutes of Summer 2023 meeting

Approved unanimously.

## 3 CIV treasurer's report 2023 and banking decisions for 2024

AA presents the preliminary balance sheet as distributed before the meeting.

- Currently, fees from POR and SVK are still open for 2023.
- 20 new World Sailing plates have been ordered in 2023 to re-stock.
- Jelle Fokkema (NED) will be this year's "Verificateur de compte" and shall check the accounts after they have been closed for the year and shall report his findings during spring meeting.

Approved unanimously.

## 4 Proposal for the 2024 Annual Budget and Basic Fee

MR presents the budget proposal as distributed before the meeting.

- No special contributions are foreseen for dev. continents.
- POR's annual fee is set to half, resulting in a 75 € fee for 2024.

Approved unanimously.

## 5 Status of the Class – World Sailing Review

PL reports from exchanges with World Sailing on the status of the International Vaurien Class.

Main open issues are:

- The global distribution, namely, having a 2<sup>nd</sup> continent with 15 or more boats "actively racing".
- The currently missing "International Measurer"

CIV agrees to act on these issues quickly and strongly. Especially concerning the second point, all ASVs are encouraged to contact their countries IM of other classes to invite them to become also a Vaurien IM.

Moreover, Mr. Cocolloni (ITA) shall be supported in his efforts to become IM and shall be invited to the Vaurien Worlds 2024.

All ASVs: Please contact your countries IM of other classes to invite them to become also a Vaurien IM a.s.a.p

## 6 Technical items, TC meeting

See minutes attached. Approved unanimously.

The following points for decision are approved unanimously and will be incorporated into our class rules with the next rules change:

- Cleat in the sail for leach lines are allowed but shall not count to the overall number of cleats.

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- B 3.2. shall be removed.
- Floating devices at the mast top shall be allowed.
- Ties connecting the mast thwart to the mast heel to stabilize / support the pressure loads to the hull bottom shall be allowed.
- Clew straps to replace the slider in loos-footed mainsails shall be allowed.

Lunch break: 13:00-15:00.

## 7 Elections

The CT member candidates Tim Spek (NED), Tim Schilling (GER), Thibault Vandrot (FRA) are voted to the CT unanimously. Ugo Zappi (FRA) is confirmed as perpetual and honorary President of the CT.

Election for the President of the CT shall be done by the CT members in a later online meeting or vote by email.

## 8 Vaurien on Internet and social media

Postponed to spring meeting.

## 9 Report on Vaurien Activity in Europe

All representative ASVs reported on their activity in the past year:

- Germany
  - o Having races almost every weekend
  - o Have some new members this season and next season, seems to be stable and growing slowly.
- Italy
  - o Is going strong.
  - o Organizes 5 national regatta's each year at which around 20 boats compete.
  - o Have around 25-30 boats present for their championships.
  - o Are using many secondhand boats but report a lack of secondhand boats nowadays which limits their growth. Therefore the ASV is supporting owners to race with their olden wooden Vauriens by providing help with fittings, logistics etc.
  - o The age groups in Italy are 12-20 and 35-65.
- Poland
  - o There are two active clubs, one of which has 3 active Vaurien teams.
  - o Are experiencing difficulties with organizing events.
  - o They have 3 teams which will compete at the world championships in SVK.
  - o They have good contact with ASV SVK and race in each other's competitions.
- Slovakia/Czech
  - o 1 team competed in SVK this year.
  - o 2 teams went to Czech Republic for racing.
  - o They organize championship between Slovakia/Czech Republic with 2 races in both countries.
  - o They have 8-10 boats racing (together with Czech Republic teams).
- Belgian



- They organized one event this year at which 15 boats participated with activity from Germany and the Netherlands.
- They have 2 boats in their fleet, at this moment there isn't any sight on new members soon. There are many clubs with Vauriens in their storage, but no sailors.
- There might be some activity upcoming in Bruxelles now that Brice moved their and took a Vaurien with him.
- France
  - Stable situation
  - They have 80-100 members, not all of them are active sailors.
  - They organize 4 regatta's each year, 2 in spring and 2 in fall. During these events around 20 boats are present.
  - They organized their French national this year near Paris and were very pleased with the participation of Belgian and German teams.
  - Expect to lose 3-4 junior sailors due to them becoming students.
  - Unfortunately, the recent world championship in France did not increase their number of active members.
- Netherlands
  - Situation is like last year.
  - The ASV organizes/supports around 4 major events during the season and sailors can join in events of other classes/organizations.
  - Are sailing in small fleets and need the help of Germany/other countries to provide enough boats for the races. Around 5-10 boats are competing during each event.
  - Organized a training weekend together with Germany during the spring at Lauwersoog
- Spain
  - Is doing very well.
  - Most activity is around the northeast.
  - They have around 4-5 boats sailing in local regattas and have some new fleets at internal lakes.
  - Fleet has increased a lot since 2022 due to Worlds in Vigo, many new junior sailors stayed in the Vaurien class.
  - Financially supported by the King is causing an increase in sailing in Spain.
- Portugal
  - Not present at the CIV meeting

## 10 Report on Vaurien Activity in Africa

Alejandro reports for ASV URU:

- In 2022 there was a low activity in the Vaurien class in Uruguay
- They've found a new boat builder (in Argentina) and have 20 interested people for buying a new boat. Unfortunately, only 2 confirmed the order since there is no boat (yet) to see for interested buyers. The boatbuilder wants at least 6 boats to start the building process, therefor the building of new boats is progressing slowly.
- At this moment Uruguay can't commit to organizing the World Championship in 2026. ASV URU wants to have 20 boats available before they can confirm. The boat builder in Argentina can build 2 new boats a month and ASV URU expects the first two boats to be ready in January/February 2024. ASV URU still expects to build 20 boats before the end of 2024.



- At the moment of speaking, the mold isn't finished yet. ASV URU wants to use the upcoming two weeks to plan on how to finish the mold, build the two boats and check the details. CIV points out the importance of having the new boats measured before producing more Vauriens which might not comply to the Vaurien class rules. ASV URU agrees to have one of the two boats measured.
- The CIV/represented ASVs unanimously agreed to postpone the World Championship in Uruguay to 2027. ASV URU will update the CIV during the spring meeting regarding the process of the boat building and their expectations for the future.
- ASV Germany agrees to convert the European Championship in 2026 to a World Championship.

No report from ASV Angola.

## 11 Vaurien World Championship Rules

New Vaurien World Championship Rules have been proposed with the following main changes for the categories.

- Categories shall have a separate ranking if >5 boats are competing in a category, if 5 or less, the result shall be taken from the overall ranking and shall be treated as “special prize”.
- Categories are:
  - o Age
    - Junior
    - Master: the total sum of age of skipper and crew shall be at least 90 years.
  - o Gender
    - Female
    - Mixed
  - o Wooden boat
- Special prizes are:
  - o “Mieke Pannevis” – first women SKIPPER
    - ASV NED will contact Mieke Pannevis to check if she agrees to this change. Originally, this prize was for first women overall when no “mixed” category existed. ASV NED will report back during the spring meeting.
  - o Nation’s Cup: Changed such that a least 3 boats of a nation need to participate.

[See attached new version for details.](#)

## 12 2023 World Championship, Le Havre

CIV gives special thanks to Alexandre Appert and his personal efforts to realize the Worlds 2023 even with the difficulties of several postponements and cancellations due to COVID.

Italy has a review newsletter about the Worlds 2023 which will be distributed. [See attachments.](#)

## 13 2024 Vaurien World Championship, Slovakia

Review of the 2024 Worlds Sailing Instructions and further comments



- ASV SVK: if there are 70 participating crews, then they will be able to support 2 crews (ANG/URU) without support of their government.
- ASV SVK asks other ASVs to support them with charter boats for overseas participants. All ASVs will search for possible charter boats. The CIV strongly encourages sailors from ANG and URU to contact friends/sailors from the international Vaurien class themselves to provide boats. If needed SVK has 2 older wooden boats which could be used.
- Regarding the NoR:
  - o If possible, the CIV would suggest setting a clear rule for the rest day. Proposal: "If 6 races after 2 days, make rest day on day 3 or day 4, to be communicated on evening of day 2."
  - o Add a last possible starting time for each day in the NoR to avoid discussions like Worlds 2022 (Vigo)
  - o If necessary, CIV would be open to discuss an increase of the inscription fee. An entry fee of 175,- € instead of 150,- € would be approved if needed.
  - o The CIV encourages ASV SVK to provide the SI at least two weeks prior to the start of the WC, favourable would be one month in advance.
  - o ASV SVK agrees to provide the SI a.s.a.p., or latest at the spring meeting, so the SI can be approved by CIV. If needed the SI can be approved by email vote.
  - o Point 10.2, the CIV would like to receive a clarification on the meaning of 'the courses will be roundabout'. Regarding point 10.4 the triangle course should be the preferred course, conform article 22 of the Vaurien world championship rules.
  - o CIV asks ASV SVK to check and update the NoR regarding the updated rules for categories.
- CIV agrees that this PRO does not have to be an WS International PRO, but asks to be informed about name and credentials of the candidate a.s.a.p.
- CIV ask ASV SVK to provide the names and credentials of all (international) officials a.s.a.p.
- ASV SVK informs the CIV about the accommodation and warns other countries that it is a busy area during the summertime. There is a camping site near the race area which reserved some spots for world championship competitors till the end of January 2024. If not booked before then, the owner of the camping will open these spots for other tourists.

## 14 2025 World Championship, Italy

ASV Italy presents their plans for the world championship in 2025:

- The location will be Lago di Bracciona, a lake northwest of Rome, which is 40min from the airport and 20min from the outside ring of Rome.
- The event will take place in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of July.
- Regarding accommodation: campers on the club area will be allowed. There is a hotel near the club and a camping on the other side of the club.
- On this lake motorboats are forbidden, though for the event electric boats will be allowed and are for rent.
- More information will follow during the upcoming CIV meetings.

## 15 World Championships in the following years

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|------|---|
| 2026 | GER (Travemünde)  |
| 2027 | URU with possibly EC in NED (under consideration, ASV NED will report back to the CIV during the spring meeting). |
| 2028 | ...   |

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## 16 Europa Cup Classification 2023

The results of the Europa Cup were reviewed, 11 events have been sailed with 200 entries. The list seems to have some double names at the skipper and crew list. Francesco Zampacavallo will review the list and provide the CIV with an updated list soon.

All ASV were requested to send the dates and names of their Europa Cup events for 2024 to Peter Laksmanan before the end of December 2023.

## 17 Any other business

- Jean-Jaques Girard requests the CIV to be removed from his position of vice-president of Africa and Europa. He agrees to fulfil the position for the upcoming season in which the CIV will look for successor to be approved during the next winter meeting.
- ASV FRA suggested to add an appendix to the CIV Minutes with a table consisting of the name, function, and re-election dates of all CIV and CT officials.

The next meeting will be held online on 27 March 2024, 2100hrs European time.

Meeting was closed at 1600 hrs.



#### Appendix

- CIV officials and re-election dates
- Elections always @ winter meeting, 4 year period,

Position	Name	Elected in	Reelection
President	Maurizio Raffaelli (ITA)	2020	2024
Vice President South America	Eyal Yussim (URU)	2021	2025
Vice President Europe and Africa	Jean-Jaques Girard (FRA)	2021	2025
Secretary	Peter Lakshmanan (GER)	2021	2025
Treasurer	Alexandre Appert (FRA)	2020	2024
Administrative Delegate	n.a.		2024
President Technical Committee	Francesco Zampacavallo (ITA)	2023	2027
Members Technical Committee	Peter Lakshmanan (GER)	2020	2024
	Nacho Campos (ESP)	2020	2024
	Tim Spek (NED)	2023	2027
	Thibault Vandrot (FRA)	2023	2027
	Ugo Zappi (FRA)	2023	-
	Tim Schilling (GER)	2023	2027
	Pablo Cabello (ESP)	2020	2024