

Executive Meeting Minutes

2020 May, 19 – (11:00) (EST), (15:00) Zulu

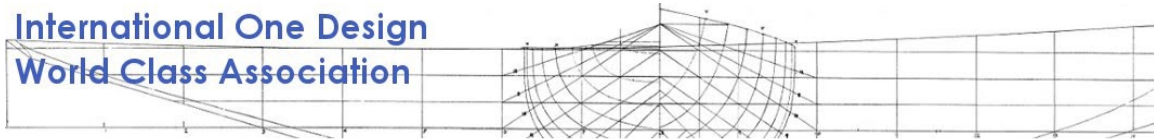
Call to Order 11:05 (Eastern Zone), 15:06 Zulu

Present: (a) Bjorn Wahlstrom
(b) Colin Sykes
(c) Steve Madeira
(d) timmyd
(e) Bill Dowling
(f) Chris Gould (Guest)
(g) Beth Scholle

Absent: (a) Dayna Nelder
(b) Craig Davis

Business Conducted:

- Approval of April Minutes - Deferred
 - Treasurers Report -changed payment to Go Daddy. \$193.73 to Wild Apricot. \$30 a month of that is a premium so that our members can use both Wild Apricot and PayPal.
 - Technical Committee Report – Last month we discussed having the EC provide guidance to the TC. EC provided guidance to TC. EC waiting on response from TC. The informal submission by the SF Fleet local fleet amendment is not entirely acceptable at this point. President has had conversations with at least 3 people trying to broker an agreement. SF will be given guidance and then they can exercise their rights under the constitution to see if they can find their way.
 - Beth noted that at the last meeting we had Paul Zupan and Danielle Lawson state their position, but this month it would be good to hear from the other side (TC). Chris Gould asked if the EC members had read the report delivered prior to the April meeting. A majority responded that they had. Chris stated that the document serves well in a position against SF pursuits. Chris states 2 points: that there is no foundation for SF to exclude one “legal” IOD based on “prejudice”; existence of a competing “Class” in SF should not be allowed.
 - timmyd asked the EC to “Keep Principles Before Personality” in our thinking moving forward
 - Steve stressed that this an extremely complex situation. The objective is to get SF to a place where some sort of Fleet Amendments could be put in place in the SF Fleet resulting in the questions and debates would be placed in the hands of SF, the Racing Rules of Sailing, and NOT the WCA EC.
 - Chris Gould stated that there is a hierarchy which includes a Class. A Fleet is not a Class and a Class is responsible for governance.
 - Steve agrees but also states that at a point, conflicts need to be determined by “Judges” and not the “Class”.
 - Chris states that SF faction has submitted 3 different sets of rules amendments which would have created a class within the WCA; another set created a loophole to get out of a US Sailing decision that did not favor them; through the WCA, an amendment to the rules that would make a “legal” individual boat illegal.
 - Steve is more optimistic that an agreement can be reached.
 - Steve took a few minutes to explain how/why/when the boat in question became “legal”. In short, the boat had been changed which would make it illegal and



shortly thereafter the rule changed making it “legal. The boat didn’t change, the Rule did.

- timmyd suggested that this issue be taken to another special meeting. Bjorn agrees. Beth believes in the TC and feels that the EC should be trusted to move forward. Bill believes meeting would be a good idea. Collin believes meeting would be a good idea. Chris Gould (TC) believes it would be a good educational experience.
- **ACTION ITEM – Steve needs to organize joint EC TC meeting to collectively vett the issues**
- Update on Incorporation/Insurance – Now incorporated in Maine. A few steps need to be taken and accounts, EIN, etc established in order to push this across the finish line. Should happen in July.
- Any Other Business: Virtual Racing... Communication... World’s, can FI do 2021?
- **At this point, the 2020 World Championship is canceled but needs to be voted on.** Colin questioned what will happen to all those who Qualified in 19 for 20? Steve explained that it is up to the Fleets to decide how and who will receive a berth.
- New Business – the Strategic Planning Committee brought forth two ideas that could keep the embers of a potentially lost season due to COVID-19 burning:
 - Exploring Virtual racing and ultimately organizing IOD member racing/regattas. There is much to be learned but a search for IOD members who are already participating in VR will commence via timmyd and Chris Gould.
 - More communication over the summer. ANYTHING! The objective is just to keep the Class in front of our members when not sailing. Beth Scholle has volunteered to approach the Communications Committee.

Votes Taken:

- Adjourn
Moved by Bill,
Seconded by (Beth)
Yay’s (Unanimous), No’s (#), Abstentions (#)

Materials shared:

- None

Next Meeting: (2020, June 16th) (11:00)(EST), (15:00) Zulu

Adjourned (12:14)(EST), (16:14) Zulu

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