

IOD World Class Association

Technical Committee

Minutes

Tuesday 23rd January 2018 11am EST/12 noon AST/1700 Sweden

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| Present: | Chairman | Craig Davis (CD) |
| | WCA President | Charlie Van Voorhis (CVV) |
| | Members | Chris Gould (CG) |
| | | Lars Berntsson (LB) |
| | | Peter Wickwire (PW) |

1. Review of the minutes from the meeting of 21 November 2017

CD apologized to the group for not disseminating the minutes prior to this meeting. They will be sent out along with the minutes for 23rd January 2018 and officially reviewed for approval at the next meeting.

CD did verbally run through the general notes from the meeting of 21 November 2017 for reference.

2. Brief update from the WCA Executive

CVV provided a brief update from the WCA Executive. He was able to confirm that the Nantucket Fleet Specific Amendment that was sent to the WCA Executive by the Technical Committee in November was approved at the December meeting.

3. Class Rules

It was noted that the group tasked with looking at the Class Constitution and Bye-Laws are still in the process. CVV noted the challenges with interpretation for the "Open" versus "Closed" rules and provided a bit of background for the Technical Committee.

As and where there are additional updates, they will be disseminated to the group.

4. Fleet Specific Rules

- Encouragement of other fleets to submit their Fleet Specific Rules

It was noted that one of the goals for the Technical Committee (and indeed the WCA) is to ensure that all Fleets are encouraged to submit any Fleet Specific requests as soon as possible. All members of the Technical Committee are to provide assistance to their home fleets or any others seeking assistance. To date there are very few submissions in this area.

CD noted that he had had a question posed by a member of the SFIOD fleet generally exploring the Open versus Closed rules with respect to the recent Nantucket Fleet Specific rule submission. While the example provided generates a fairly easy response of "no" – the point was that with an Open Class Rule – the wording of other documentation needs to be well thought out to ensure that limitations (where appropriate) are documented clearly and without ambiguity. This concept will need to be included in future reviews of this documentation.

5. Builder Reports

- CD noted that a number of builders reports had been circulated earlier in January subsequent to submission by Shawn (SSM) and Lars (Tjorns). The reports were a summary of activity in 2017 and in general were felt to contain reasonable data for the period. Thanks are due to Shawn, Lars and Charlie for facilitating.
- It was noted that a similar annual report should be obtained from any active Class builder in the future and be stored in a central repository.

6. Repository of information for the WCA Technical Committee - including past reports/minutes/builder reports/requests etc

No significant update on this element. CD to discuss options off line with CVV.

7. Proper process for Fleets/Builders etc to submit for a new spar section –

There was a brief update provided by CD. South Shore Marine (Shawn) did provide a brief summary on the new mast section in his builders report. Since then and after follow up by CD and PW, Shawn has confirmed he is intending on providing a more in depth report later this spring when he will measure the three different modern mast sections in use in Chester (Cape Cod, modified Kenyon and the new US Spars). This report will confirm primary dimensions, weight and centre of gravity as well as the specific cross section details. There is a possibility that there is a Proctor mast in Chester as well – PW and Shawn to confirm. If possible, details will be recorded for all variants.

Lars already provided some section details for the common spars in the Scandinavian fleets which was circulated earlier in December/early January. However – after discussion, it was noted that the measurements in the Class Rules Section H (Modern Rig) need to be updated as they are in fact the same as the Classic Rig and not indicative of the Modern Rig. CVV noted that this was an oversight in the original discussion and with the assistance of Shawn and Lars – we should be able to properly update this section and provide for a “box” rule to grandfather in the rigs in use.

It was noted that a common process should be used for measurement and weighing of the masts. CD to contact Kevin Farrar as the Class Measurer and see if a summary document can be provided to Shawn and Lars to try to ensure that the measurements are done in the same manner. CD also noted that he can measure the dimensions of the Cape Cod rig as there are a couple in his yard at the moment.

8. Any other business

- There was a discussion on a schedule of meetings and timing. It was agreed that the second Tuesday of each month at 11am EST/12 noon AST/1700 Sweden seems to be OK. CD to send out a calendar with meeting schedule for the next meeting.
- It was agreed that we would schedule monthly meetings for the next 6 months and then review based on workload/priorities whether a monthly meeting is required.
- It was noted that there is a desire to use the WCA Website calendar to keep everyone informed as to the various groups' meeting schedules. CVV to assist in setting this up.