

J/70 International Class Association Meeting Minutes

Date: 8/15/16

Start: 11:05 a.m. EDT

Adjourn: 11:35 a.m. EDT

Present:

Chris & Julie Howell X
Jeff Johnstone, J/Boats
Ned Jones, IJ70CA Technical Chair
Alexander Giesinger, Austria
Mauricio Santa Cruz, Brazil
Scott Weakley, Canada X
Juan Eduardo Reid, Chile
Dan Ibsen, Denmark
Vianney Vautier, France
Jürgen Waldheim, Germany X
John den Engelsman, Holland
Vittorio Di Mauro, Italy X
Sebastian Ripard, Malta
Diego Berho, Mexico
Jacopo Carrain, Monaco
Thomas Nilsson, Norway
Grigory Aksenov, Russia X
Willy Alonso, Spain
Pelle Nihlmark, Sweden
Jörg Sigg, Switzerland
Ian Wilson, UK X
Pedro Garra, Uruguay
Henry Brauer, USA

Agenda:

1. Class Office Report
2. European Championship
3. New Business

Description:

1. **Class Office Report** – Chris reported that the Class has sold 1,239 sail royalty tags so far in 2016, which is only about 400 off of our entire 2015 total. Hull #1104 just came off the production line in the United States. Today is the registration deadline for the World Championship in San Francisco, California next month, and 80 boats are currently registered. Thank you to Vittorio for securing Alcatel’s sponsorship.
2. **European Championship** –
Early in 2016, the IJ70CA Executive Committee discussed the policy of only organizing European Championships in years when the World Championship is not in Europe. This would lessen the burden on teams to travel to two major Championships in one year. We conducted an e-mail survey, and of the countries that responded, the feeling was that this was a reasonable approach. We have subsequently heard from some countries who would like to host a European Championship in 2017 even though the World Championship is in Italy. Chris circulated an e-mail asking the following:
--Should the European Championship be held only in years when the World Championship is in a location other than Europe?
--If we have two major Championships in one year, should we alternate the location North to South?
If the group decides to proceed with a European Championship, bids will be accepted and the host determined.
The following votes were received via e-mail:
Denmark – no and yes

Norway – no and yes

Spain – yes and yes

Holland – no and yes

The USA abstains.

Chris conducted a roll call of the NCAs on the call:

Canada – abstain

Germany (2 country votes + President vote) – no and yes, Germany requests at least 4 months between the EC and Worlds

Italy – no and no, Vittorio thinks we should select locations that are easier to get to for the majority of boats and choose a host based on the best proposal (not based on geography)

Russia – no and yes

United Kingdom (country vote + Secretary vote) – yes and yes

Therefore, the conclusion is to hold a European Championship every year (vote 9-3), and rotate north to south (vote 11-1). Chris will distribute a Request for Proposal, with the hope to plan three years out through 2019. After the bids are received and reviewed, the European NCAs will conduct a vote.

Jürgen recapped that Spain was planning to host in 2018, but we will need to see a current proposal. Some discussion ensued about potential hosts for 2017 through 2019, but let's see what bids we receive and go from there.

3. **New Business** – Vittorio said that the Italian Class is sponsoring a dinner party at the 2016 Worlds on Friday night to promote the 2017 Worlds. He'd like to see the World Council get together onsite in San Francisco. Chris will research the date and location.

Julie Howell

Action Items:

--Chris will distribute a European Championship Request for Proposal.

--Chris will research an onsite gathering for the World Council at the Worlds.

Next Meeting: Onsite at Worlds