

International Lightning Class Association

Minutes of the 2013 Midwinter Governing Board Meeting

June 10, 2013 – CVC, Castiglione del Lago, Italy

Call to Order

The Governing Board Meeting was called to order by President John Faus at 9:03 AM

Roll Call

In Attendance: Anne Allen, Tom Allen Jr., Kimmo Aroma, Renzo Bozzi, Mario Buckup, Bill Clausen, Jan Davis, Steve Davis, Franco de Regis, Ian Edwards, John Faus, Josh Goldman, Peter Hall, Lauri Hemming, Valerie Holly-Tardif, Clarke Newman, Cristobal Perez, Rob Ruhlman, Ryan Ruhlman, Gary Schwantz, David Starck, Allan Terhune, Todd Wake, Darryl Waskow, Urs Wyler

Reading of the Minutes from the Last Meeting

Bill Clausen made a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes, it was seconded by Ryan Ruhlman, and unanimously approved.

Reports of Officers

President's Report – John Faus

President Faus started off by thanking our hosts and regatta chairs, Franco de Regis and Renzo Bozzi from the Italian District. All of the sailors are enjoying the CVC and all that Castiglione del Lago has to offer. He also thanked Rob & Abby Ruhlman for assisting with some of the pre-regatta logistics and David Starck for his overall organization of the event with the Italian members. Faus continued and announced that the Executive Committee has adopted a policy regarding Advertising. This policy states that there will not be any penalty for breaking the ILCA restriction for advertising on personal equipment. The written policy can be found on the ILCA Website.

Treasurers Report – John Faus

In Treasurer Lobos absence, President Faus reported that at the last Governing Board meeting in March the Governing Board discussed an overall dues increase. Faus reported that we are in a better financial situation at this time - year to date then last year. Memberships are stronger and donations are also even or better in some cases than last year. We will discuss more about a dues increase under unfinished business.

Chief Measurers Report – Bill Clausen

Clausen began by thanking all of the competitors for having everything ready during the measurement process here at the Worlds. This was a big help and helped the process move along quickly. He thanked Clarke Newman for assembling the measurement supplies and packing them in the containers from Texas. He also thanked Nick Turney for his fantastic support while helping with sail measurement. The Class has a new scale and has also fixed the other scale so we have two usable scales. Both have water proof cases.

Secretaries Report – Debbie Probst

Secretary Probst submitted a written report which calls for more reports and articles of interest for Flashes, Flash Blasts and the Yearbook.

Vice Presidents and Committee Reports

VP Worlds – David Starck thanked the Italian organizing committee for hosting a terrific event so far. The opening ceremonies were beautiful and if that is any indication of the rest of the week we are all in for a treat. The 2014 Youth Worlds will be held at the Buffalo Canoe Club in Canada. Ian Jones is the chair for this event and we are asking each country to send at least one team to Buffalo next summer. The regatta will be held from June 28-July 2, 2014. The next World Championships will also be held at the Buffalo Canoe Club during the summer of 2015. We are encouraging participation and will be asking the Executive Committee to fill the designated “Developmental Slots”. These slots are to be used by Counties where organized Lightning sailing is non-existent. Myself and the organizing committee are looking for recommendations. Discussion ensued and it was suggested that the 2015 Organizers consider the concept of an open regatta prior to the Worlds. It was suggested to possibly host the Canadian Open in conjunction with the International Masters.

VP Rules - Darryl Waskow reported that with the new 2013 Rules published by ISAF there are some new rules regarding advertising. He has submitted a request for clarification to determine if these rules are in conflict with our ILCA Rules. Discussion ensued. Cristobal Perez reported that CHI has been allowing advertising. It has helped with their fleet building. Peter Hall suggested that by allowing for more advertising it might help to keep the 20-30 year old crowd in our Class.

ISAF Report - Peter Hall ISAF representative for Canada reported that we have a tremendous turnout here in Italy. 5 Continents, a good percentage of Women participation and sailors aged 12-80. ISAF looks at these types of statistics and right now we are doing a good job with participation.

ILCA Boat Grant Report - Will Brown reported that this program has been very successful in the US. We would like to find a way to make this program more internationally focused. If anyone has any suggestions please let the committee know. Discussion ensued. It was also suggested we look into a similar program for adults.

Charters Ratified or Revoked

Secretary Faus announced that the Kotka Fleet, #298 from the Gulf of Finland is seeking re-activation. Kimmo Aroma stated that this is great news for the Finnish District and that they have been actively participating in the District. Todd Wake moved to ratify these charters. Clarke Newman seconded, all approved.

Unfinished Business

President Faus reported that at the last Governing Board Meeting in March it was mandated that the Executive Committee review a potential dues increase. After careful review the Executive Committee feels at this point there is no need for a dues increase but we will carefully watch the financials and may consider an increase in the future if necessary. Please continue to stress the importance of membership support and fleet dues amongst your home fleets. Discussion ensued. Laurie Hemming suggested looking into a two tiered system. Gary Schwantz suggested we consider other streams of revenue aside from membership dues, such as sail royalties. Others see a small increase of \$5 or so as insignificant. Peter Hall stated that the Class is fiscally responsible and that we currently get more value than we pay for. With the World economic crisis, keep it simple. Ian Edwards made a motion stating the Governing Board recommends maintaining the same dues fees for this year. Clarke Newman seconded. Motion approved.

New Business

The organizing authority of the 2014 Youth World Championship has submitted a temporary proposal to increase the fleet size from 20 to 24 for the 2014 Youth Worlds to be held at the Buffalo Canoe Club. The organizers, Fleet 12 and the Executive Committee feel confident that they can provide the additional boats and supply a competitive fleet of 24 boats. Todd Wake made a motion to approve the temporary amendment as presented, it was seconded by Darryl Waskow and all approved. Motion passed.

Chief Measurer Bill Clausen is the Class Representative at this regatta this week. Please let him know if you have any recommendations.

A special meeting will be held during the North American Championships in August. Also a special European District meeting will be held June 11th at 9:30am here at the CVC.

Bill Clausen made a motion to adjourn, Josh Goldman seconded. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 10:11 AM.