

INTERNATIONAL STAR CLASS YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
GLENNVIEW, IL 10 DECEMBER 1994

1. OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by President Jack Rickard. Jack thanked everyone for attending.

Present were:

Voting Members:

Jack Rickard  
Kim Fletcher  
Harry Walker  
Doug Smith  
Fernando Pombo

In attendance:

Richard Munson  
Shery Hughes

2.0 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

8 September 1994, San Diego, California

Minutes corrected as follows:

11.4 Measuring of Mast Tip Weight at Regattas

Correct first paragraph to read as follows:

"A request to consider eliminating mast tip weight to simplify measurement procedures was discussed. After discussion the AdComm felt that it should not be eliminated. It was felt that the current masts..."

Minutes approved as corrected.

3.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Jack Rickard

3.1 Jack Rickard reported on his attendance at the November IYRU conference in London. Points of interest are:

- Paul Henderson has been elected as the new IYRU President. Jack felt that Paul was likely to de-emphasize media and publicity in sailing and focus on leaving sailing to the sailors.

- Four out of the five largest nations (USA, Italy, Spain and Germany) are no longer represented by an IYRU Vice President.

- The Permanent Committee is now renamed the Council. Member list attached.

- The following Star Class members are involved as follows:

Fernando Pombo - Constitution Committee

Uwe von Below - Chairman of the Keelboat Committee

Jack Rickard - Keel Boat and International Classes Committee

James Schoonmaker- Sailing Committee

Peter D. Siemsen - International Relations Committee

- The Class submission regarding the use of National Letters was on four agendas at the meetings. Jack Rickard presented the submission to the Rules Committee. The committee did not accept our wording but suggested wording to the following effect:

*Rule does not apply to International Classes with consecutive worldwide numbering.*

Livius Sherwood has been charged with the task of drafting the exact wording for the Rules Committee.

- The Star Classes' point of view regarding courses for the 1996 Olympics was accepted and the Stars, along with the Finn's, will be sailing windward-leeward and Olympic Triangle courses depending on wind strength. Details of Olympic Format attached.

- The 1996 venue has finalized a system for boat and people transportation to the race area. Downtown Savannah will house the sailors.

- Concentration on a position paper of disciplines for the 2000 Olympics is to be a priority of the Administrative Committee. The paper is to be completed in time for the IYRU Midyear meeting in April 1995 with the purpose of providing a basis for discussion. Doug Smith to work on a first draft by early January. All AdComm members will be solicited for input.

### 3.2 1995 Committee Selection (Recommendations)

1995 Class Committees discussed and recommendations made. All to be contacted for acceptance prior to confirmation of committees. Recommendation list attached.

#### 4.0 VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT - James Schoonmaker

James Schoonmaker was unable to attend. Jack Rickard reported for Ding the all OK.

#### 5.0 VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT- Uwe von Below

Uwe von Below was unable to attend. Nothing to report in Europe.

## 6.0 SECRETARY'S REPORT - Harry Walker

Harry Walker reported that all is well in working with the Central Office. At this point Harry announced that the Central Office would have some changes next year as Shery will be taking some time off in the summer, approximately May - July, due to the upcoming birth of her child in late May. Office staff discussed.

It was decided that Shery Hughes will stay on as the Executive Secretary of the class and that a very competent assistant will be necessary. Search for an assistant to begin immediately. If necessary the class could provide equipment for Shery to be able to work out of the house on an as needed basis.

By request of Shery, guidelines for possible benefits to be drawn up and approved by Jack Rickard and Kim Fletcher.

## 7.0 TREASURER'S REPORT- Kim Fletcher

### 7.1 Review of November Financial Statement

Kim Fletcher reported that the class has done well this year and is showing a surplus. It was noted that there will be a surplus, but that we have some large pay outs at year end. Attachment.

### 7.2 Review of 1995 Budget

In review of proposed budget the following items were noted:

- Dividends will be up in 1995 due to the transfer of money from a Savings Account to Mutual Funds; interest will be down.
- LOG and Starlights may increase slightly due to increased paper costs.
- Increases recommended in the proposed budget by committee to Promotion Expense, Administrative Committee Expense and Other Committees.

After further review of the budget by Kim Fletcher, the budget was "fine tuned" and approval will be requested at the March AdComm meeting.

A summary of stocks will be done at year end.

### 7.3 Approval of Auditors

The accounting firm of Pavlik, Rhee and Mamer was again approved as the auditors with an estimated fee of \$1950 to \$2400 for year end 1994.

## 8.0 DELEGATE'S REPORT - Fernando Pombo

Fernando Pombo reported that the class is doing well in Europe.

In regard to the 1995 World Championship, Portugal and Spain are working together to get boats from the European Championship to the World Championship. Transport from Cascais to Laredo is a little difficult but people will be available for hire to move boats.

At Laredo the facilities and racing are great and they hope to have 100 boats participating.

Planning for the 1995 World Championship is progressing well.

#### 9.0 DELEGATE'S REPORT - Doug Smith

##### 9.1 Incorporation Progress Report

Doug Smith reported that the IRS still has our application for Incorporation and that we are just waiting for them to process it. The process should be finalized in the first quarter of 1995.

Doug reported that the Spring Championship of the Western Hemisphere will be sailed in Los Angeles at the California Yacht Club. The Championship should be a great regatta.

#### 10.0 INTERNATIONAL GOVERNING COMMITTEE REPORT - Andrew Menkart Chairman

No report.

#### 11.0 MEASUREMENT COMMITTEE REPORT - JosePh Knowles. Chairman

##### 11.1 Attendance at Miami AdComm Meeting

Approved.

#### 12.0 TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT - Charlie Morgan. Chairman

No report.

A discussion regarding the weight issue occurred. It was felt that the class needed to act on the weight issue at this time. After discussion it was decided that the AdComm would direct the Technical Committee to proceed with the use of leveraging as a means of leveling the weight issue. The Technical Committee is officially charged with developing the number ranges for leveraging the crew on the side of the boat; use of weight ranges and leveraging distance with the maximum distance being one foot. Numbers are to be developed by 1 February 1995.

Once the number ranges are set, it was felt best to let the class experiment with developing the method of leveraging the crew over the side.

### 13.0 PROMOTION & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT - Ron Sandstrom, Chairman

Per written report, Ron Sandstrom reported that he is unable to remain as chairman of the Promotion Committee due to limited time but would like to remain involved in the workings of the class. Resignation accented. Committees discussed in point 3.2.

#### 13.1 Olympic Courses

Previously discussed in point 3.1

#### 13.2 Growth in Australia

Point of discussion offered to split Australia into two districts due to the miles one must travel to sail in a District Championship or compete in inter-fleet regattas. After Discussion the AdComm felt that splitting a two fleet district into two separate districts would not promote growth but would likely deter it. The AdComm was not in favor of the suggestion of a split district for Australia.

#### 13.3 Honour Awards Resolution 1995 for 1996

After review of the proposed resolution it was suggested that it may be difficult to police the Green Star awards displayed and that this should be taken into consideration on a final submission by the fleet per rule 18.1.

### 14.0 REGATTA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT - Dierk Thomsen, Chairman

#### 14.1 Course Drawings

After review of Courses as printed in the LOG and as approved by the AdComm in March 1994 it was suggested that a sentence be added to the drawings stating "The starting line may be at the location of mark 3 or as shown on the diagram."

It was noted that the finish line must be at the mark and not beyond the mark per our rules.

Jack Rickard to contact Dierk with noted corrections and support of the Regatta Management Committees work.

#### 14.2 Guidance Request- Botsolas Items a. Notice of Race

In review of the Botsolas recommendation of correction to the Standard Notice of Race the AdComm felt he was correct . In discussion with Dierk Thomsen, Dierk felt the recommendation was good but the adjustment should be:

"RULES: The ----- regatta will be governed by the International Yacht Racing Rules (IYRR) (except as altered by the sailing instructions), the Star Class Rules (STCR),..."

Adjustment to be made.

b. Gates

It is the opinion of the AdComm that the use of gates on the run leg of the course is permitted under our rules. Jack Rickard to check with the International Governing Committee to get their OK. After the OK by the IGC the question will be taken to the Judiciary Board for their OK before publishing.

14.3 Guidance Request Re: Points from RMC meeting in September

- a. Notice of Race
- b. Sailing Instructions

After beginning discussion on these items it was decided to table these points until the March meeting when Dierk Thomsen and Joe Knowles will be available to speak on the subjects at hand.

15.0 OLYMPIC COMMITTEE REPORT - Harry Walker, Chairman

Harry Walker reported that he has been working with the organizers at regattas in Savannah to see how things are being run. Harry also reported that the competitors are excited.

16.0 SECRETARY OF LIFE & ISOLATED MEMBERS - Harry Walker, Chairman

Harry Walker reported that he will be doing his annual letter to Life and Isolated members. All seems well.

17.0 EDITOR'S REPORT- Richard Munson

17.1 Report on Publications Status

Richard Munson reported that the January issue of Starlights will acknowledge Paul Henderson's position as President of the IYRU and will state the decision on courses to be used in the 1996 Olympics by the Star Class.

It was reported that the LOG is progressing.

Rick also reported that paper costs are up for 1995 and he will continue to work at arrangements to keep the cost as low as possible.

Rick would like to encourage the continued use of Starlights by the European Organizers to publish Notice's of Race for Championships.

Doug Smith noted appreciation to Rick for keeping the costs of our publications under budget, noting that they are the largest portion of the budget. The committee thanked Rick for his continued efforts with the LOG and Starlights.

#### 17.2 USSA One Design Service Award Nomination

Although not given the award, Richard Munson expressed his appreciation and thanked the committee for the class submitted nomination for the US Sailing Association One Design Service Award.

### 18.0 CENTRAL OFFICE REPORT

#### 18.1 Request to reduce the price of Jacket Patches

Upon review of request it was decided to keep the price the same and specifically advertise them in Starlights.

#### 18.2 Enforcement of boat owner status per rule 9.1.1 for Active Members

Upon presentation of concern it was felt that it was not being abused, that the rule was being adhered to.

The topic of boats registered in multiple fleets was also discussed. It was felt that this was OK so long as the Central Office continues to track the partnerships and not count the boats in multiple fleets when boat counts are required for qualification purposes.

For administrative reasons it was suggested that the topic of active membership be looked into in the future.

#### 18.3 Central Office Status Report

Discussed in point 6.0.

### 19.0 OLD BUSINESS

#### 19.1 1996 Olympic Format

Discussed in point 3.1

#### 19.2 Championship Events Organized in Argentina

A discussion was held regarding guidelines for A Events being set and followed. After discussion it was decided to charge the IGC with the task of establishing a policy (Guidelines) for Silver Star Events.

#### 19.3 Guidelines for Silver Star Events

Discussed in point 19.2

#### 19.4 Mystic Seaport - Rousmanierre Request

Approved not to give money for this request per Stan Ogilvy's recommendation.

#### 19.5 World Championship Trophy

A request by Henri G C van der Aat to become involved editorially in the World Champion's Trophy Regatta to be sailed in September 1995 was denied. Information on our current world champion will be forwarded to him per his request.

#### 19.6 Registration of Boats in Multiple Fleets

Discussed in point 18.2.

#### 19.7 Automatic Berth at World Championship for AdComm and IGC Officers

The suggestion of an automatic entry for Officers was thought to be helpful in keeping people working for the class. After discussion it was felt that this was inconsistent with our qualification rules and would not be a good idea.

#### 19.8 Class Rules being Impartially Carried Out as Written

Harry Walker was presenting this point for Peter Erzberger. After beginning the discussion it was decided that Peter should send a letter to the AdComm pointing out where he feels there is favoritism so that the point may be discussed. Harry Walker to write to Peter.

#### 19.9 Need for Public Relations at all M and A Events

Good public relations at A and M regattas was considered to be important. John Burnham and Rick Munson to work on creating a standard press kit that could be sent to organizers as requested.

#### 19.10 Grouping of Sailors (Pro, Normal, Novice)

In discussion it was pointed out that we already group by youngest, Masters, Grand Masters. The AdComm felt that grouping sailors in additional categories was not a high priority.

### 20.0 NEW BUSINESS

#### 20.1 Continuation in the Olympics - Proposal for Sydney Olympics in 2000

Previously discussed in point 3.1

#### 20.2 2000 Olympics Development Plan

Richard Munson developed a plan to retain the Star in the 2000 Olympics. The plan was discussed at length. After discussion it was decided that a point paper, as discussed in point 3.1, be developed and forwarded to the IYRU Council, Keelboat Committee and Events Committee. Rick, with the Olympic Committee, is to target their efforts at finding out who we can call upon in case we need direct contact assistance in working with the countries represented on the aforementioned committees.

### 20.3 Championship Entry Drop-outs

Discussion regarding ways to deter competitors from sending in an entry when they are not seriously considering sailing. It was felt that our current high drop-out rate is very embarrassing to the class. As well, it is very difficult for the organizers who have to commit moneys for these regattas well in advance of the regatta.

After discussion it was felt that the best way to handle the situation would be to recommend to the organizers a discounted entry fee for advance payment. It was felt that people who are seriously considering sailing will pay up front and the quantity of other, perhaps non serious entries, could be better evaluated by the Central Office and Organizers.

AdComm approved to support a discounted fee for pre-pay entries.

### 20.4 Mystic Seaport Annual Fund Donation

Request by Mystic Seaport for contribution to the Annual Fund. AdComm was not in favor of a donation as we are an International Class.

### 20.5 Request for Use of Class Logo - Lake Sunapee Fleet

After review it was felt that the fleet could use the logo for a fund raising project, however, a license agreement would need to be signed and filed with the class. Doug Smith to draw up a License Agreement for the class.

### 20.6 Florida Suncoast Fleet Charter

In review of the situation it was felt that the appropriate action to solve the boundary problem is to have the fleets sign an agreement that is suitable to both and then have approved by the IGC.

### 20.7 Presentation of Ballot Results by Frank Raymond

Results not presented. Results of balloting attached.

### 20.8 LOG + Infinity Request

- a. 1995 Spring Championship of the Western Hemisphere Request unanimously approved.
- b. 1995 North American Championship Request approved.

### 20.9 District 11 Championship to be sailed in the same location

By verbal request, Brett James (SY) asked to hold the District 11 Championship in

the same location that it has been for the past 2 years. Per rule 25.3, a written agreement between the District 11 fleets must be submitted and approved by the IGC.

20.10 Request for use of Class Name and Logo - Robert Campbell

As discussed in point 20.5, approval given but a license agreement is to be signed. Since the request is for individual profit and not fleet support there will be a 5% per item royalty fee charged for use of the logo.

20.11 Advertising in One Design Section of Sailing World Magazine

As in the past, felt not to benefit the entire class. Not in favor.

21.0 Next Meeting

Saturday 11 March 1995 - Coral Reef Yacht Club, Miami, Florida Begin: 9:00 AM

Monday 12 June 1995 - Central Office, Glenview, Illinois Begin: 9:00 AM

22.0 Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM.

Submitted by: Shery Hughes