

INTERNATIONAL STAR CLASS YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL GOVERNING COMMITTEE MEETING
MARBLEHEAD, MASSACHUSETTS. USA -- 3 SEPTEMBER 1997

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Jack T. Rickard, Chairman.

Present were:

<u>Region 1</u>	<u>Region 2</u>	<u>In Attendance</u>
Dierk Thomsen	Forrest Miller	Mario Caprile
Fernando Pombo	Jack T. Rickard	John MacCausland
	Eric Doyle	Jack Lynch, Guest
		Riccardo Simoneschi
		Harry Walker
		Karen McLane

Chairman Rickard thanked everyone for their special efforts to attend this meeting.

2.0 Election of IGC Chairman and Executive Committee Members

Jack Rickard was nominated, seconded, and approved as IGC Chairman. The Executive Committee was approved as it stands with Dierk Thomsen representing Europe, Harry Adler representing South America, and Jack Rickard representing North America.

3.0 Approval of the Minutes of the 1996 IGC Meeting

The minutes of the 9 November 1996 IGC Meeting in Brighton, Sussex, United Kingdom were approved as written.

4.0 President's Report -- Dierk Thomsen

4.1 President's Report

The last meeting of the IGC came one day after the decision at Brighton eliminating the Star from the 2000 Olympic Games. With that decision, the Class needs to rethink Melbourne as the venue for the 1999 Star World Championship. When a preliminary decision was made for Melbourne, the Star Worlds would be a stand alone championship and not part of a combined Olympic Classes World Championship.

At the December AdComm meeting, two hours were spent on the budget for 1997. With the loss of Olympic status, the AdComm knew that income would be down for 1997. So far, expenses have been down for the year with a \$20,000 surplus and with financial reserves of more than one year's budget.

Paul Henderson invited the Star Class to make a presentation to the ISAF at the midyear meeting in Lausanne. Uwe von Below made a presentation on behalf of keel boat fleet racing; and Paul Cayard made an excellent presentation on behalf of the Star Class.

On August 12, Riccardo Simoneschi joined Dierk for a meeting with Paul Henderson in Frankfurt to discuss actions to be taken prior to the September 1 IOC meeting. Dierk assisted Paul in contacting several IOC Executive Board members in Europe.

In spite of high hopes, on September 1, the IOC decided to not award an 11th medal to the sport of sailing for the 2000 Olympics.

With Diane Dorr taking maternity leave on April 1, Karen McLane was hired as Acting Executive Secretary by Rob Maine. The AdComm will discuss the Central Office job situation when it meets on September 4.

Boat building has been down in 1997 with only 14 boats built to-date. The market for used boats has been very good, especially in Europe.

As had been anticipated, the total membership count is at 1653 Active members and 1036 Associate members.

Two new fleets have requested charter ratification. Twenty fleets have not submitted their annual reports to date. Revocation of fleet charters will be discussed at the Annual meeting.

The number of entries to the World Championship is positive for the Class.

The change of Olympic status should serve as a wake-up call to the Class. Now is the time to think of what is best for the future and send a signal to the sailing community that the Class is now run by younger sailors. The younger generation should now take over to lead the Class and look to the 2004 Olympics.

President Thomsen announced that he will not run again for President of the Star Class. He proposed a list names of individuals to serve as Class officers. They are: Riccardo Simoneschi, President; James M. Schoonmaker, Vice-President, Hemisphere 1, Jochen Schwarz, Vice-President, Hemisphere 2; Guus Bierman, Secretary; Rob Maine, Treasurer; and Doug Smith and Daniel Wyss, Delegates. Discussion followed regarding the qualifications for Class President.

4.2 Rename AdComm: Class Management Committee (CMC)

In Europe, "Administrative Committee" translates poorly. "Class Management Committee" better states the role of the committee. Judiciary Board Chairman, Robert H. Symonette wrote that this name change is not a rule change so no

resolution is required. With IGC approval, Administrative Committee. can be changed to "Class Management Committee" with an announcement at the Annual Meeting; and with no objections, an announcement can be made in Starlights. A motion to make this name change was seconded and approved.

4.3 Advertising Rules

Star Class Rule 40: Advertising was discussed. In Varberg, Sweden and in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil advertising stickers were displayed on all boats. The Regatta Organizer in Portoroz is currently seeking a sponsor for the 1998 Star Worlds. Star Class rules do not allow advertising on sails, masts, or booms. President Thomsen would like the Class to have a similar rule to that of the ISAF which allows advertising and will ask the Kieler Fleet to submit a resolution for 1999 to delete STCR 40.

4.4 National Letter Codes

President Thomsen recommended that European sailors ask sailmakers to fix national letter codes to new sails for better identification of competitors.

Discussion: Star Class rules currently allow for the voluntary use of national letter codes on sails.

4.5 Rules Amendments

The following wording changes to Star Class Rules Part 1 were discussed:

- 8.10.2 Each fleet shall be responsible for governing the use of sails. Submit resolution to delete.
 - 14.2 Suggestion to change "daily administrative affairs" to "daily affairs" or "daily management affairs." *Decision:* This change can be made.
 - 15.2 Submit resolution to delete.
 - 15.6 Submit resolution to delete.
 - 16.6.2 Submit resolution to delete.
 - 16.6.4 Request to change to "association officers." *Decision:* This change can be made.
 - STCR34.3 See pages 39-41 of 1997 LOG. Request to move diagrams from Sailing Instructions to STCR 34.3 and following and eliminate the wording. *Decision:* Needs a resolution.
 - STCR 29.6 "Wild Cards: Each Continental Vice-President may recommend..." *Decision:* "Wild Cards" can be added.
- Proposal to change title on page 20:

RULES GOVERNING STAR CLASS SANCTIONED EVENTS AND FLEET QUALIFICATIONS

Decision: This change can be made.

8.0 Confirmation of the IJ and IRC for the 1997 World Championship

A motion to approve the International Jury of Hans-Kurt Andersen (DEN), Chairman; Lynne Beal (CAN); Fernando Bolin (ESP); Barbara Farquhar (USA); and Russell Green (NZL) for the 1997 Star World Championship was seconded and passed.

The International Race Committee with Charles Cook, Principal Race Officer, was approved.

9.0 Membership Fee for Isolated Members

A motion to increase membership fees for Isolated Boat Owners to US\$50 per year was seconded and passed.

10.0 Future World Championship Venues

a) Portoroz, Slovenia, 1998 -- Dierk Thomsen

President Thomsen visited Portoroz on June 18, 1997 with Hermann Weiler and Harry Hoferer. The venue is larger than that of Eastern Yacht Club with large commercial marinas, a private clubhouse, parking, restaurants, cranes, and hotels. Sailors can expect moderate rather than strong winds. The Notice of Race has been prepared with fees payable in Deutsch Marks and an entry deadline of August 14, 1998.

b) Appointment of the IJ President and IRC Chairman for the 1998 World Championship

Two to three Europeans will be needed for the Jury pending future discussion.

c) Sandrinaham, Melbourne, Australia, 1999

The previous decision to hold the 1999 Star World Championship in Melbourne was based on a stand alone event for the Star Class. Our Olympic status allowed many of our members to get financial assistance for transportation and travel expenses from their National Federations. With the change in Olympic status, many of our top sailors would not be able to afford the extra cost of getting to Australia thus diminishing the number of entrants and the quality of the Championship.

Decision: Cancel the 1999 Star World Championship in Melbourne.

d) Annapolis Yacht Club, Maryland, USA, 1999/2000 ? -- Jack Lynch, Guest

Jack Lynch, of the Annapolis Yacht Club, was introduced at this time. He gave an overview of the facilities available at the Annapolis Yacht Club noting that the club offers a very strong one-design facility. Keeping boats on moorings for the Championship is not a problem. Boats will be towed to the starting area every day. Money is available for expenses of the International Jury. Shipping boats from overseas should not be a problem through Baltimore.

Possible dates were discussed with the spring of 2000 identified as the best time for the Annapolis Yacht Club. In May, the wind is good, the days are longer, there is less traffic, and the town is more open with fewer tourists.

e) Punta Ala, Italy, 1999/2000 ? -- Riccardo Simoneschi

Punta Ala is one and one-half hours north of Rome and south of Florence. It is located on a protected harbor with a nice marina and serves as the location of the Italian America's Cup team, which is using Star boats to train crew. The area offers shopping, restaurants, and housing in one of the best sailing locales in Italy. September 1999 is a good time to host the 1999 Star Worlds as the America's Cup organization is in place offering lots of media attention. Audi is a possible sponsor.

Decision: The 1999 Star World Championship will be held in Punta Ala, Italy the second week of September 1999. The 2000 Star World Championship will be held in Annapolis, Maryland, USA at the end of April or first week in May 2000.

8.0 Review and Discussion of the 1997 Resolutions [Appendix A]

Prior to discussion of each of the proposed resolutions, the need for leadership in the Class at this time was discussed. The IGC will offer direction regarding each of the resolutions, pointing out flaws, expressing opinions on how the committee feels about each resolution, and making recommendations to the membership. The IGC has made the following recommendations:

- #1 Recommendation: For
- #2 Recommendation: For
- #3 At the request of the Cooper River Fleet, this resolution will be re-submitted for next year. It is the desire of the IGC that Associate Members are more involved in Class decisions. Work needs to be done on the definition of Active membership.
- #4 Recommendation: For
- #5 Recommendation: For
- #6 Recommendation: Neutral to negative [This resolution gives the impression that the IGC could hold back a resolution.]
- #7 Recommendation: Against
- #8 Recommendation: For
- #9 Recommendation: For

- #10 Recommendation: For
- #11 Withdrawn
- #12 Recommendation: For
- #13 Recommendation: For [Suggestions: 1) Collect a non-refundable registration fee of US\$25 in addition to the entry fee to discourage non-serious entries; 2) Make the entry form more readable.]
- #14 Withdrawn
- #15 Recommendation: For [Suggestion: Address STCR 29.2 and 29.5 by taking out the word Eligible.]
- #16 Recommendation: For
- #17 Recommendation: For
- #18 No recommendation
- #19 No recommendation
- #20 No recommendation
- #21 Recommendation: Against [This resolution is too vague.]
- #22 Recommendation: Against [Consult the Technical Committee for recommendation for sizes of an anchor and a bailer and re-write for submission next year.]
- #23 Recommendation: Against
- #24 No recommendation
- #25 Recommendation: For
- #26 Recommendation: For, but not unanimous [A smaller mainsail equalizes a small skipper's need for a large crew by providing better control in a big breeze.]
- #27 Recommendation: For
- #28 Recommendation: For

9.0 Olympic Selection Disciplines

Mario Caprile was thanked for all of his efforts on behalf of the Class. He noted that a proposal has been made that would reduce the number of medals from ten to six for the sport of sailing. If the Class would pursue a medal for the 2004 Games, be aware that competition will be strong. President Samaranch will need a recommendation and documentation for an 11th medal from the ISAF to the IOC.

10.0 Long Range Planning and Development - Review and Act Upon

Discussion of this topic is premature with a change in Presidency and AdComm members. Wait for the AdComm to approve this plan.

11.0 Establish the Date and Location for the Next Meeting

Decision: Approve 9 September 1998 in Portoroz, Slovenia for the next IGC meeting.

12.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Karen McLane

INTERNATIONAL STAR CLASS YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE CLASS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
MARBLEHEAD, MASSACHUSETTS, USA -- 4 SEPTEMBER 1997

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. by President Dierk Thomsen.

Present were:

<u>Voting Members</u>	<u>Committee Chairmen</u>	<u>In Attendance</u>
Dierk Thomsen, Chairman	John Koopman (MC)	Jack Rickard, IGC Chairman
James Schoonmaker	Albert Schweizer (SC)	Rob Maine
Uwe von Below		Karen McLane
Harry W. Walker		
Kim Fletcher		
Douglas D. Smith, Delegate		
Riccardo Simoneschi, Delegate		

All in attendance were welcomed with introductions of Albert Schweizer as the new Sailing Committee Chairman and of Rob Maine and Karen McLane.

2.0 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

7 June 1997, New York Yacht Club, New York, New York, USA

The minutes of the 7 June 1997 Class Management Committee meeting in New York, New York, USA were approved with a change to Minute 5.0: The 1999 European Spring Championship will be sailed on Lake Attersee. Thanks were offered to Ding Schoonmaker for use of the New York Yacht Club.

3.0 President's Report -- Dierk Thomsen

3.1 Activity Report

In June, President Thomsen met with Hermann Weiler at Portoroz, Slovenia to visit the site of the 1998 Star World Championship. He feels that the Regatta Organizers will give the Star Class a very good Championship.

The European Championship in Varberg, Sweden was won by Mark Reynolds. Many positive discussions were held with Star sailors from Scandinavia.

Thanks to Jack Rickard and Rob Maine for help concerning the Central Office. An Executive meeting will be held at the end of this meeting.

On August 11, President Thomsen and Riccardo Simoneschi met with Paul Henderson in Frankfurt, Germany. During the four hour meeting, Mr. Henderson explained his difficulty in setting up a class association for the 49er Class, a manufacturer's class. The Star Class is an excellent organization but is not a good example for new classes. Mr. Henderson has a straight form of organization for the sailing world in mind with yacht clubs and national sailing associations on one side and national and international class organizations on the other side with the ISAF over all. The Star Class is different.

At this same time, Mr. Henderson explained his request to the IOC for the 11th medal and asked for assistance from President Thomsen in contacting some IOC Executive members in Europe.

In 1997, Class membership is down as had been expected. To date, 14 boats have been built (down from 62 boats built in 1995). The sale of sail royalty buttons is half of buttons sold in 1996. Participation in A Events is down somewhat; but participation in the 1997 World Championship is good.

3.2 IOC Decision on the 11th Medal

The IOC did not award the 11th medal to the sport of sailing. Hence, the Star Class will not sail in the 2000 Olympics in Sydney. The Star Class has a limited chance to participate in the 2004 Olympics.

3.3 Star Class Ranking List and Star Class World Cup

Discussion moved to agenda item 14.5.

3.4 "Unpaid Fleets" Situation and Revocation

The following fleets have disbanded or have been inactive for four or five years: Barcelona, Boltenhagen Bay, Drumso, Florida Suncoast, Lugano, Mallorca Norte, Norfolk Broads, and Onsala. Two fleets requesting fleet charter ratification are: Conero and Pater Noster.

Eight fleets are over one year inactive or are undersized. They are: Balaton, Black Sea, Cadiz, Eastern Shore of Maryland, Otsego Lake, Southern Lake George, Vilamoura, and West Garda. Eleven fleets have not paid 1997 dues. They are: Cayuga Lake, Danish, Greece, Haydn, Moscow, Napoli, New Orleans Gulf, Oslo, Santa Barbara Channel, Sebino, and West Jersey.

Discussion:

- ! The Central Office should encourage fleet secretaries in the timely payment of fleet dues.
- ! Continental Vice Presidents should be informed of potential fleet revocations

and ratifications prior to the next Annual meeting.

! Publish in Starlights those fleets who have not paid dues. Agreed.

3.5 Perpetual Trophies of the Star Class

Perpetual trophies of the Star Class were discussed at length regarding their monetary and intrinsic value, the high cost to ship and insure them, the danger of loss or damage while traveling, the high cost to restore a damaged trophy, and the lack of interest by winners in taking the trophies home with them and delivering them to the next World Championship venue. Suggestions included: keeping the all of the trophies in one location such as the host yacht club and insuring them for US\$100,000, then shipping them to the next venue three months in advance. The winning skipper would be awarded a photo of the trophy or a form of "keeper" trophy.

Decision: Rob Maine will look into insurance, shipping, and customs requirements.

4.0 Vice-President's Report -- James Schoonmaker

Regatta attendance in North America was good in 1997. The Spring Championship of the Western Hemisphere will be held in Vancouver, San Diego, or Nassau. [Note: Nassau, Bahamas, was chosen as the venue and scheduled for March 28 - April 1, 1998.]

The Bacardi Cup will be held in Miami, Florida, March 8 - 13, 1998.

The North American Championship will be held on Northern Lake George, New York, on September 11 - 18, 1998. This conflicts directly with the 1998 Star Worlds in Portoroz; but the Class Management Committee felt that this would not impact too many sailors.

5.0 Vice-President's Report -- Uwe von Below

The European Spring Championship will be held in Monaco April 5 -13, 1998. The 1999 European Championship will be held in Helsinki July 1 - 10, 1999. The 1999 European Spring Championship will be sailed on Lake Attersee in mid-May overlapping with Kieler Woche or from the end of May to June 5, 1999.

6.0 Secretary's Report -- Harry Walker

Walker reported that everything is fine.

7.0 Treasurer's Report -- Kim Fletcher

7.1 Review of July Financial Statement [Attachment]

Even though very little money will be coming in to the Star Class over the next three

months in the way of membership dues, the Class will finish the year very close to budget. The stock market is doing very well with Class investments in very good shape.

7.2 Discussion of Use of Funds for Youth Championship

With only eight boats competing in the Western Hemisphere Junior Championship on Lake Sunapee, how was the US\$2,500 from Citizen Watch used? This money was to be used to encourage young sailors from other areas to participate. An accounting of how this money was spent is in order. (After this meeting, John Chiarella gave Kim Fletcher a list with the figures of how this money was used.)

Discussion:

A Junior Championship in North America and in Europe every two years is desirable if such an event will be well-attended.

! The Continental Vice Presidents should decide on the venues with an official notice made to all Class members.

8.0 Delegate's Report -- Riccardo Simoneschi

The next two to three years are crucial for the Star Class. There is a need for a strategy that will take the Class beyond the loss of Olympic status. All top sailors have come from the Star Class in the past. To remain a top Class, the Star Class must lead sailing in another direction keeping the top sailors and professionals who might consider leaving the Class at this time. The best sailors will come to the Star if the Class has something to offer them. The Bacardi Cup is an example of a great venue for Star sailors that needs to be duplicated elsewhere. The Class must be realistic, open to change, and flexible. At this time, the Star Class needs a professional public relations person, someone who specializes in sports promotion, especially sailing, and is clear on what a sponsor can do for the Star Class. Great videos of Star sailing at our most important regattas are needed for TV coverage and to increase Class awareness.

Decision: Pursue this idea further and report to the next CMC meeting.

9.0 Delegate's Report -- Douglas Smith

No progress has been made with trade mark registration or with the Internal Revenue Service regarding incorporation of the Class.

Mr. Smith discussed issues that may develop for the Class in the event that the weight proposals are approved.

10.0 International Governing Committee Report -- Jack Rickard, Chairman

10.1 Report of the IGC Meeting

The International Governing Committee has approved re-naming the Administrative Committee (AdComm) to Class Management Committee (CMC). President Thomsen will announce the change at the Annual Meeting.

The International Jury and Race Committee have been approved for the 1997 Star World Championship.

Membership dues for 1998 for Isolated boat owning members have been increased to US\$50.

10.2 Decision on World Championship 1999

The International Governing Committee has chosen Punta Ala, Italy, to host the 1999 Star World Championship during the second week of September. Even though the Star Worlds will be hosted in Europe two years in a row, Punta Ala is a good venue since the Italian syndicate for the America's Cup is located there with the provision for lots of help and press coverage.

Annapolis, Maryland, USA, has been chosen to host the 2000 Star World Championship during the last week in April or the first week in May.

10.3 Study of the Submitted Resolutions [Appendix A]

After long discussion, the IGC has made the following recommendations for the 1997 for 1998 Resolutions:

- #1 Recommendation: For
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11.0 Measurement Committee Report -- John Koopman, Chairman

Measurement is going well at the Star World Championship in Marblehead. Only two boats were underweight. The transition of weighmasters to weighmasters with regatta measurement certification is underway.

A measurement jig was discussed. This jig levels the boat; but the equipment available now is much better with tighter tolerances. Measurement from the stem is very accurate. John will make a recommendation to the Technical Committee regarding use of a grid on the boat.

The Regatta Organizer for the Star World Championship in Portoroz, Slovenia, would like John to measure Stars at that event. John should plan on visiting boat builders Mader, Lillia, and Folli prior to or after the Star Worlds.

A suggestion was made by Albert Schweizer that if a boat was recently measured within the last month or two, that it not be re-measured at the World Championship. This would reduce the number of days needed for measurement. Boats could be measured at random. This would require a change in Star Class bylaws. This idea was enthusiastically received.

12.0 Technical Committee Report -- William Buchan, Chairman

Bill Buchan was unable to attend the meeting.

13.0 Marketing Committee Report -- Gary MacDonald, Chairman

Gary MacDonald has resigned his position as Chairman of the Marketing Committee. His letter was read by President Thomsen [Attachment].

Decision: Leave this position open until the end of the year to identify an individual who would be a good replacement.

13.1 General Progress of the Committee

No discussion on this topic.

13.2 Progress Report: Internet

President Thomsen will send a letter to Ed Sprague that \$8,000 plus \$300 per month is too much for the Class to pay for his webmaster services. He will notify Shery Hughes that Starlights, the LOG, and the webpage are her responsibilities since she has the available information. Dave McCreary received a disk with Class rules, notice of race, sailing instructions, officers, and member information; but the member fees are from 1996 and no regatta results have been e-mailed to him for 1997. There is no reason why he should not have current information.

13.3 Class Merchandise

When the CMC discusses Class merchandise, ties, pins, patches, flags, etc. come to mind; but a large portion of the inventory (US\$11,473) is Stanley Ogilvy's book.

Five percent of all Class merchandise sold at the Star World Championship at Marblehead will go to the Regatta Organizer to help defray the cost of the event. Class ties are reduced to US\$20 and jacket patches reduced to US\$2 for this event.

Suggestion to send a tie to each District Secretary to thank them for their efforts was made by Riccardo Simoneschi in hopes that the tie would be worn at Star Class functions and promote future sales. No action taken.

Riccardo presented a catalog from SLAM, that sells only useful sailing related items. Items purchased from this company would provide revenue to and increase awareness of the Star Class. Two separate lines could be offered for sale: 1) to Star Class members only and 2) to anyone. The Star Class would receive a royalty or items at reduced cost to its members. A letter is needed from President Thomsen to explore possibilities. SLAM could be the official outfitter of the Star Class.

Discussion:

- ! SLAM could advertise in Starlights.
- ! The Central Office would not be involved in any way with the sale of this merchandise.
- ! Some concerns were raised that anyone, including non-sailors, would be wearing the Star Class logo. The proposal was made that SLAM should design a different Star Class logo for use by the general public.
- ! With no limitation on who could purchase these items, the Class would receive needed revenue and exposure.
- ! Two companies are needed for a merchandise program such as this one: one in Europe and one in the United States.
- ! Another company, The Club House, was briefly presented to the committee. Ding Schoonmaker will review this material.

13.4 Licensing Agreement to Build Radio-Controlled Star Boats (microSail!)

Discussion was held regarding Doug Lord's proposal to build and sell radio-controlled Star boats. Doug Smith has reviewed the proposal and noted that the Star Class must have the right to approve any advertising and that any agreement should be reviewed by the Class.

Decision: Doug Smith will contact Doug Lord to negotiate a definitive form of licensing agreement and present it to the CMC for approval at the January 17, 1998 meeting.

14.0 Regatta Management Committee Report -- Charles Cook, Chairman

Charley Cook was unable to attend the meeting.

15.0 Olympic Committee Report -- Hal Haenel Chairman

Hal Haenel was unable to attend the meeting. Doug Smith reported that Hal Haenel will continue on through the next Olympic cycle with the decision on sailing disciplines to be made in November, 1997. President Thomsen said that according to Paul Henderson, sailing disciplines are decided based on the venue. The Mediterranean Sea is a good venue for keelboat racing while Cape Town, South Africa, is a good venue for the 49er Class. The proposal for disciplines will need to be re-worked by Paul Henderson with no guarantee that the Star Class will be re-instated for the 2004 Olympics

Decision: Jack Rickard will represent the Class at the ISAF meeting in Gothenburg, Sweden.

16.0 Sailing Committee Report -- Albert Schweizer, Chairman

As a sailmaker, Albert Schweizer's role on the Class Management Committee will be to remain neutral regarding opinions, giving the sailors what they want, setting up for the future, helping the Class. He is pleased to help and serve the Class.

17.0 Secretary of Life & Isolated Members -- Harry Walker

Harry Walker recently had lunch with Life Member, Adair Hess, who is 91 years old. Harry sends out a letter and occasionally receives a response from some of the Life Members and Isolated Members.

18.0 Editor's Report -- Shery Hughes [Attachment]

Congratulations to Shery on the birth of her second baby.

18.1 1997 LOG with or without Directory

Decision: A separate Star Class Directory Will be published every other year beginning in 1998. The Central Office will determine the number of directories to be published for Class officers and committee members plus fifteen additional copies to be available to Class members. A request has been made that the Directory also be available by email.

18.2 Publication of Notice of Race for AA and A Events in Starlights

18.3 Entry Forms for These Publications

Currently, publication in Starlights of a Notice of Race and an Entry Form are US\$200 each. By fax, Hans Hylander, of the Vinga Fleet, has indicated that this is a lot of money for a Regatta Organizer to spend.

Discussion:

- ! A small notice or ad in Starlights announcing information for each event, like a fixture list, could be sufficient.
- ! Publish the Entry Form in Starlights only once a year for all championships.
- ! The Notice of Race is needed in Starlights; the Entry Form could be optional.
- ! As Editor, Shery Hughes should contact each Regatta Organizer informing them of the costs involved to print the Notice of Race and Entry Form in Starlights, pointing out that this service is a savings in printing and mailing costs and a benefit to the Regatta Organizer.

No decision was made at this time.

19.0 Central Office Report

[At the end of the CMC meeting, Karen McLane presented a proposal for the Central Office. The CMC met privately to discuss this proposal and approved it with a re-evaluation to take place in six months at the Bacardi Cup.]

BUSINESS ITEMS

20.0 Old Business

21.0 New Business

21.1 LOG + Infinity Status Request by Continental Vice Presidents

Each District Secretary must request LOG + Infinity status for District Championships. Continental Vice Presidents are not allowed to make this request under Star Class rules. Forrest Miller, at the IGC meeting, suggested that the International Governing Committee and the CMC look into the whole qualification

process for future Star World Championships.

21.2 Extension of Nomination Date for 1998 Officers

With the loss of Olympic status, President Thomsen asked for an extension of the date for receipt of nominations for 1998 Class officers to September 10, 1997, in order to identify younger sailors willing to lead the Class into the future. He asked for support for his slate of nominees as he will not run for Class President in 1998.

22.0 Next Meeting

Saturday, 17 January 1998 -- ISCYRA Central Office, Glenview, Illinois, USA

23.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Karen McLane

INTERNATIONAL STAR CLASS YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE 1997 ANNUAL MEETING
MARBLEHEAD, MASSACHUSETTS, USA -- 5 SEPTEMBER 1997

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by President Dierk Thomsen.

President Thomsen introduced Star Class International Officers James M. Schoonmaker, Vice-President, Hemisphere 1; Uwe von Below, Vice-President, Hemisphere 2; Harry W. Walker, Secretary; Kim Fletcher, Treasurer; Jack Rickard, IGC Chairman; and Douglas D. Smith, Administrative Committee Delegate.

2.0 Roll Call of Fleets

The roll call was taken by fleet sign-in. One hundred eighteen fleets were present.

3.0 Reading of Minutes

The minutes of the 12 January 1996 Annual Meeting in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil were not read at the request of the membership and were approved as written.

4.0 Report of Officers

4.1 President's Report -- Dierk Thomsen

Much has happened in one and one half years since the last Annual Meeting in Rio de Janeiro.

Changes have been made in the Central Office. At the end of 1995, Shery Hughes moved to the New York area with family. Diane Dorr was made Executive Secretary; and Carine Acks was hired as Administrative Secretary. In April of this year, Diane prepared to take maternity leave; and Karen McLane was hired as Acting Executive Secretary. Thanks to the ladies of the Central Office for their excellent work.

In May 1996, Shery Hughes was made editor of Starlights and the LOG. Many thanks.

Two and one half years ago, the ISAF made Internet access available to all International Classes on their webpage. This was a very good start for the Star Class. During the 1996 Olympics, however, Star Class information was not updated on a regular basis. The AdComm has decided that the webpage will be Properly maintained in the future.

Star Class Rules, Part 1, have had some minor changes made for better

understanding without changing substance under the guidance of the AdComm, IGC, and Judiciary Board. Charley Cook adapted Star Class Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race to reflect the new Racing Rules of Sailing.

The ISAF decision in Brighton in November, 1996 was very disappointing; but in Savannah, the Star Class was viewed very positively. The selection process in Brighton was not thought out very well with a mistake made in dropping Keel Boat Fleet Racing from the Olympics.

Olympic status means so much to the Star Class. It determines the internal life of the organization, especially for those who reach that level of racing. The Class is part of the upper level of the sailing sport. Young sailors respond positively to this aspect of the Class; and the Class needs young sailors.

In May 1 996, Paul Cayard and Uwe von Below made excellent presentations to the ISAF at the mid-year meeting in Lausanne, Switzerland. The ISAF made a request to the IOC for an 11th medal for Sydney in 2000; but this request was not considered by the IOC in May in Monaco. A new request was made for an 11th medal for the 49er and the ten Savannah Classes; but on September 1, 1997, the IOC decided not to award the 11th medal to the sport of sailing.

Athens has been chosen for the site of the 2004 Olympics -- a very good venue for keel boat racing. Decisions for the future need to be decided now. Let the Class move forward.

The following announcements were made:

- ! The IGC has allowed a name change. The Administrative Committee will now be re-named Class Management Committee (CMC).
- ! The 1999 Star World Championship will be held in September, 1999 in Punta Ala, Italy.
- ! The 2000 Star World Championship will be held in April or the beginning of May, 2000 in Annapolis, Maryland, USA.
- ! The Class Management Committee has named Karen McLane Executive Secretary with Diane Dorr and Carine Acks job-sharing Administrative Secretary.

4.2 Executive Officers

Vice-President, Hemisphere 1, Ding Schoonmaker welcomed everyone to Marblehead and thanked Eastern Yacht Club and Charley Cook for inviting the Star Class to hold their World Championship at Eastern Yacht Club.

Regatta attendance has been good in North America this year. The following events will take place in 1998:

- ! Bacardi Cup, Miami, Florida, March 8 -13
- ! Spring Championship of the Western Hemisphere, Nassau, Bahamas, March 28 April 1
- ! North American Championship, Northern Lake George, New York, September 11 - 18

Treasurer, Kim Fletcher reported that the Class is very sound financially with the appreciation of assets taking care of any shortfall. Mutual funds and stocks more than equal one year's budget.

International Secretary, Harry Walker reported that everything is going very well regarding Life and Isolated Members. He asked that District and Fleet Secretaries encourage Isolated Members to join established fleets. Five individuals are waiting to become Life Members. Now is the time to add your name to that list.

President Thomsen presented information on Class membership. Only fourteen new boats have been built to-date. The sale of sail royalty buttons is down by half. Class membership is at a ten year low.

5.0 Ratification of the IJ and IRC for the 1997 World Championship

A motion to approve the International Jury of Hans-Kurt Andersen (DEN), Chairman; Lynne Beal (CAN); Fernando Bolin (ESP); Barbara Farquhar (USA); and Russell Green (NZL) for the 1997 Star World Championship was seconded and passed.

The International Race Committee with Charles Cook, Principal Race Officer, was approved.

6.0 Ratification and Revocation of Fleet Charters

Two fleets requesting fleet charter ratification were approved with applause. They are the Conero Fleet and the Pater Noster Fleet.

The following fleets have disbanded or have been inactive for four or five years and have now had their fleet charters revoked: Barcelona, Boltenhagen Bay, Drumso, Florida Suncoast, Lugano, Mallorca Norte, Norfolk Broads, and Onsala. Passed.

7.0 Old Business

7.1 1998 World Championship Progress Report -- Portoroz, Slovenia

In mid-June, President Thomsen traveled to Portoroz with Hermann Weiler. The venue is marvelous with a large marina. His impression is that the regatta will be

very well-organized. Copies of the Notice of Race have been brought to Eastern Yacht Club and will be published in Starlights.

7.2 1999 World Championship Progress Report -- Melbourne, Australia

The IGC decided to change the venue for the 1999 Star Worlds to Punta Ala, Italy.

8.0 Proposed for 1998 Resolutions [Appendix A]

Of the twenty-eight resolutions published in the June issue of Starlights, three have been withdrawn. The remaining twenty-five resolutions were read as published with recommendations of the IGC noted by Jack Rickard, IGC Chairman.

The members present for the Annual Meeting were reminded that the vote by the Delegate/Proxies would determine which resolutions would be placed on the November ballot. After much heated discussion, the resolutions were put to a vote, ballots were signed and resumed for counting. At the request of the AdComm and IGC, the ballots for the resolutions would be counted by Frank Raymond, Ballot Committee Chairman. and the Central Office staff. Attached is a copy of the results [Appendix B].

9.0 New Business

President Thomsen announced that he would not run for President in 1998 and asked for support from the Class in electing Riccardo Simoneschi as President. It is time for the younger generation to lead the Class into the future.

10.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Karen McLane