

J24 World Council Meeting 2005

09 September 2005

Weymouth, United Kingdom

Attendees:

Executive Committee and votes

Bob Turner (IJCA Vice Chairman)

Remco Van Den Berg Council Member (President, NED-JCA) 1 NED 1 BRA

Robin Eagleson (Council Member) IRL 1

John Peck, Executive Director and ITC Chairman

Roger Harden (Finance Chair)

Council Members and Votes

Lorne Chapman (IJCA Technical Committee) CAN 1

Stuart Jardine GBR 1

Kenneth Porter (IJCA Technical Committee) MEX 1 / PUR 1

Jim Farmer USA-JCA 2

Alyn Stevenson AUS 1

Thomas Madarasz HUN 1

Marianne Shoke SWE 1

Jen-Marc Ulrich GER 1

Eddie Linthout 1 SLOV 1 ITA

Anthony Kotoun US Virgin Is 1

Nikos Spagos GRE 1

Tomomi Hatakeyama, JPN 1

Miguel Facundo 1 ARG, 1 URU, 1 CHI

Geoff Evelyn 1 BER 1 CAY

Councillor of Honour

John Adams

Observers

Nancy Zangerle – IJCA Promotion Committee

Reid Stava (USJCA Technical Committee)

Sachiko Suzuki JPN

Nils Jannichsan NED

Gustavo Gonzalez ARG

1. Call To Order and Welcome

The attendees of the 2005 World Council Meeting were welcomed by Vice Chairman in the place of the Chairman (Rudy Wolfs). Georgina Reed was appointed Secretary of the meeting, and Bob Turner stated that the minutes of the meeting would be posted in a few days for all to review.

2. Chairman's Update

No report from the Chairman was available at the time of the meeting. The Chairman advised the World Council, through the Vice Chairman, that he wish to resign effective September 8, 2005. The Vice Chairman gave formal recognition for hard work and contribution to the class of Rudy Wolfs.

John Adams reminded the Council that Councillor of Honour Bengt Julian, passed away July 11, 2005, and that his family should receive condolences from the Class for the years of dedication and contributions made.

3. Introduction and Proxy Recognition

Attendees at the meeting introduced themselves and indicated their votes and proxies. The Vice Chairman introduced Nancy Zangerle who had been appointed by the Executive Committee as Chairman of a newly created Promotion Committee. The Council ratified the appointment and the creation of the new committee.

4. Approval of 2004 World Council Minutes

The meeting Chairman proposed that the minutes of the 2004 World Council meeting be accepted. Moved by Geoff Evelyn, seconded by Jim Farmer. 2004 Minutes Accepted. It was noted that there was an error in Item 12 in the 2003 World Council Meeting minutes. He did not nominate Remco Van den Berg because he had left the meeting. The item will be amended and reposted on the Class Web-site.

5. Financial Report/Discussion

Roger Harden (Finance Committee Chairman) gave a PowerPoint presentation on the finances of the class over the past three years:

- Revenue and Expenses are being managed to approved budgets
- Worldwide Membership has remained relatively steady
 - Australia, Brazil and Hungary growing
- Sail royalty allocation program having good impact.
 - Increase sail maker participation
 - Audits based on sail royalty numbers possible
- Class should find ways to increase promotional spending
 - Current Cash Reserves / Current Revenue cannot sustain significant long-term increase in promotion
 - Creative revenue generating programs need to be created to significantly increase promotional impact
- Draft operating budget for '06 based on '05 budget. Revisions based on today's discussion and full year 2005 results. The full presentation is available from Roger Harden at rharden@harden.net

Royalty Tag revenue numbers were discussed. Proper reporting required and there is a need to increase sail maker participation. It was reported that Royalty Tag numbers provide an audit trail that can be traced to the purchaser. John Peck suggested that each NJCA has the opportunity to record tag numbers at major regattas and apply for a reallocation of the revenue if the tag was imported. For this to be effective, there is a need for standardized cost of the tag to the sail makers. The North Sails system is working in the US and the UK. Quantum needs improvement. Overall the royalty system is improving but demands accurate recording from sail-makers. Robin Eagleson noted the need for transparency in system. There is a need to be credited with sails bought. Roger Harden proposed country review and an audit of tag numbers. Draft budget for next year shown and will be revised based on full year results.

6. National Reports

Fleet reports were submitted and will be available from the IJCA Office. Some countries have a growing class - local reasons, sponsors etc. Others are maintaining level status but danger of threat from other classes noted and possible decline. It was noted that the complexity of the boat is putting people off. Need to focus on simpler methods to get people on the water and racing.

7. J-Boats/Builders Report

Reports were not available at the time of the World Council Meeting.

8. Technical Committee Report

A) **Explanation of Rules 2.8.1 and 2.8.2** – These rules were not agreed on at the last World Council Meeting yet were presented and passed by ISAF. Jim Farmer proposes going to ISAF. John Peck - Action to draft a letter to notify ISAF that rule did not comply with constitution. The issue is to be taken out of meeting to discuss properly. Geoff Evelyn moved that the Executive Committee completes proposal by end of September. The motion was seconded by Jim Farmer.

Motion approved

There was a feeling for a need to change from 2 rule change cycle to a 1 year cycle for rule changes.

B) Pending Rule Change Proposals –

Lorne Chapman gave a PowerPoint presentation on the process that is used to get rule changes from the beginning to actual implementation. The presentation is available from him at lhchapman@shaw.ca. Roger Harden commented that he believes rule changes should be communicated by appropriate means (i.e. - email to make sure everyone aware).

John Peck then opened the discussion of the rule proposals that are posted on the website. He reported only one of the proposals had been endorsed by the Technical Committee and that all of the proposals were rejected by the Designer and Copyright Holder. It was suggested that since there will be no proposals submitted to ISAF until 2006, that there is adequate time to discuss the proposals and re-submit each one that has merit.

The meeting Chairman proposed coming back after 2 months or discussing each point now and voting then.

Remco van den Berg moved that the council vote on each proposal now. Seconded by Geoff Evelyn.

Reid Stava feels that after much discussion within technical committee it is unfair to put them straight to yes or no vote.

John Peck cautioned the Council that in the history of the class, this was an unprecedented move on the part of the Executive Committee to ask the World Council to vote on Rule Changes that had been rejected by the Technical Committee and were not in proper format to be submitted to ISAF

Marianne Shoke questioned why the Technical Committee was not ready to vote when it was clear that was on the agenda for today.

John Peck responded that the proposals were on the agenda for discussion, and that the Technical Committee was prepared to defend each point as posted on the website. He stated that the proposals as written were in conflict with other rules. Kenneth Porter notes that lots of time was spent discussing committee business leaving little time for proper discussion and voting today.

Based on the IJCA Constitution (14.3.1) The Chairman called for a vote and the original motion was carried.

Stuart Jardine led the discussion of each proposal. Changes to the following rules changes were voted on and the results indicated.

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3.2.4 - **The cabin moulding on the starboard side aft of the main bulkhead shall be fitted with either a sink and drain and water tank or a stove with a separate liquid petroleum gas or alcohol container of not less than 1.80kg in weight.**

Proposal not carried (vote count not recorded)

3.7.3 - **Change 1375 kg. in the first sentence to 1345 kg.**

Boats being used at the 2005 World's may be a bad cross section to analyse across the class.

Proposed Remco van den Berg; seconded by Jan-Marc Ulrich

Proposal carried 15 – 3

3.8.5 - **Delete “manual bilge pump and”.**

Rule to read: **A minimum of one bucket of minimum capacity 10 litres.**

Proposal carried (vote count not recorded)

3.8.7 - **One Anchor (Min weight 6 kgs) or One Anchor (Min 3 kgs) and chain attached (Combined weight Min 6 kgs). Plus 40 m of 8 mm Warp attached. Total Minimum weight 8 kgs**

Proposal carried (vote count not recorded)

3.8.8 and 3.8.9

Delete all 3.8.8 and 3.8.9 and replace as one new rule 3.8.8 with the following : One outboard engine of minimum weight of 14 kgs and a container with minimum of 2 liters of motor fuel or one outboard engine of minimum weight 16 kgs . The outboard may be stored under a main berth or aft of the companionway sill. See Rule 4.3.

Proposal carried 12-7

3.6.1 - **The total sail weight entered on the Inventory shall always be 21.5 kgs, see rule 3.7.3.**

Lorne Chapman proposed an amendment that the weight of the sails not be included in calculating the all up racing weight of the boat. **Proposal Carried (vote count not recorded)**

4.1.2 - **Delete all and make rule “not in use”.**

Proposal carried 13-7

4.1.4 - **Delete all and make rule “not in use”.**

Proposal carried 14-6

4.1.5 - **Delete all and make rule “not in use”.**

Proposal carried 13-7

4.1.7 - **Life Jackets or personal buoyancy equipment for each member of the crew. Weight not to be included on the Inventory list.**

Proposal Carried 13-7.

Analysis needed to support the weight that now comes off.

4.1.9 - **Delete all and make rule “not in use”.**

Proposal not carried due to tie vote 10-10. Tie not broken

4.1.10 - **Delete all and make rule “not in use”.**

Proposal Not carried 14 – 5

The Technical Committee will review each of the rules changes that were approved and rework them in a format that the IJCA will be able to send to ISAF for approval by the Keel Boat Committee.

The above changes were approved in this meeting pending a review of all the rules are in conformity with the rule changes.

Moved by Roger Harden that a formal notification of the changes be prepared by Nancy Zangerle and are to be posted on IJCA web-site to get class feedback.

All Agreed. Action item Nancy Zangerle.

John Peck reported on the Technical Committee’s activities over the past year to fulfil the ten guiding principals as directed by the World Council in 2004 and they are as follows.

C) **Alternative Penalties for Minor Rule Infringements** – It was noted that the Alternative Penalties for Minor Rule Infringements are now incorporated in the Regatta Guidelines and as an Appendix to the Class Sailing Instructions.

Lorne Chapman, the primary author, added that the final draft had received favourable reviews from International Judges on four continents

D) **Safety Bulletin**

A document is being prepared addressing common sense precautions as well as documented procedures mandated by some NJCA in extreme conditions.

A draft will be posted on the website in approximately 3 to 4 weeks.

e) **Web-site Development**

Plans were outlined to create a Forum environment on website to keep the membership better informed and more involved.

9. Constitutional Review

Two sets of changes to the IJCA Constitution were proposed, one from the IJCA Executive Committee and one from The IJCA Technical Committee. A comparison of the two sets of proposals was done. Roger Harden led a lengthy discussion on the two proposals and several questions regarding the activities of the Technical Committee. After lengthy discussion each proposal was reviewed in their order and the following changes were approved.

Roger Harden made a motion to accept the following proposed changes to Item 3.4 of the Constitution, seconded by Robin Eagleson. Motion carried

3. OTHER TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

3.4

A District shall be a territorial unit comprised of three or more Fleets and independent boat owners within a specific geographic region. Designation of

Districts shall be the responsibility of the **NJCA**. Each District shall, by vote of Fleet Captains within the District, elect officers. The chief executive officer of the District shall be known as the District Governor who shall have general supervision over the J/24 activities within that District. Each Governor will represent his/her District in the NJCA

Roger Harden made a motion to accept the proposed following addition of Item 5.1.5 to the constitution, seconded by Geoff Evelyn. Motion carried

5. Membership

5.1.5

The term "member" in the constitution shall mean member(s) as defined in Section 5. The term "World Council Member" shall mean the definition as stated in Section 9.1

9. WORLD COUNCIL

Roger Harden made a motion to accept the following proposed changes to Items 9.2.1, 9.2.2, 9.2.3 and 9.2.4 of the constitution, seconded by Geoff Evelyn. Motion carried.

9.2.

Each World Council Member representing a NJCA shall have one vote where that NJCA is current with the Annual Subscriptions and Fees as identified in Section 6.

9.2.1.

Each representative of the Copyright Holder and Designer shall have one vote.

9.2.2.

Each World Council Member has one vote at the WC Meeting where the number of boats owned by members of that NJCA is between 1 and 500 and those boats are registered with the IJCA Class Register.

9.2.3

Each World Council Member shall have one vote for every complete multiple of 500 International J24's in excess of the requirement of Section 9.2.3.

Geoff Evelyn made a motion to accept the following proposed changes to Item 9.8 of the Constitution, seconded by Lorne Chapman. Motion carried

9.8

If a Member is unable to attend a meeting, the NJCA may appoint a substitute for that meeting only. Such designations shall be in writing and received by the **Executive Director** of the IJCA prior to the meeting.

Lorne Chapman made a motion to accept the proposed changes to Items 9.9.1 and 9.9.3 of the Constitution, seconded by (?). Motion carried.

9.9 Annual Meeting of the Council.

At its annual meeting, the Council shall:

9.9.1

In even years, elect one of its Active NJCA appointed members or any Full Member, in good standing, of an Active NJCA to act as Chairman of the IJCA for a period of two years **and elect at least two members of the Technical Committee for a period of three years in accordance with Sections 11.1 and 11.2.**

9.9.3

In odd years, **elect at least two members of the Technical Committee for a period of three years in accordance with Sections 11.1 and 11.2., and** elect one of its Active NJCA appointed members or any Full Member, in good standing, of an Active NJCA to act as Finance Chairman for a period of two years. **The responsibilities of the Finance Committee are defined in the Bylaws of the International J/24 Class Association.**

Geoff Evelyn made a motion to accept the proposed addition of Items 9.10.3 and 9.10.4 of the Constitution, seconded by (?). Motion carried.

9.10 Voting, Motions, Resolutions and By-Laws

9.10.3

The Executive Committee may, from time to time, enact By-Laws governing the operation of various committees, the day to day activities of the IJCA and any individuals appointed to perform acts on behalf of the Executive Committee. These By-Laws are separate from and do not form part of the IJCA Constitution.

9.10.4

Any such By-Law must be submitted to the World Council for approval at the next Annual World Council meeting. Approval shall be by simple majority vote.

Roger Harden made a motion to accept the following proposed change to Item 10.5 of the constitution, seconded by Geoff Evelyn. Motion carried

10. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

10.5

The Executive Committee shall have the power to appoint other committees that shall have and may exercise such authority of the Executive Committee, as it shall prescribe. **Such appointments shall be ratified at the next meeting of the World Council.**

Roger Harden made a motion to accept the following proposed change to Item 11.1 of the constitution, seconded by Geoff Evelyn. Motion carried

11. Technical Committee

11.1

The Technical Committee shall be **composed of experienced sailors who have been nominated by their NJCA; who have demonstrated excellent knowledge and**

understanding of the One Design aspect of the J/24 as was intended by the Designer and who have extensive measurement experience. The Committee shall be comprised of the Designer or his appointee, and should have six members which reflect the international membership of the class

11.2

The Technical Committee, with the exception of the designer or his appointee, shall be elected by the World Council for three year terms;; at least two of its members being elected each year and operate as an advisory committee to the Executive Committee.

11.3

The Technical Committee shall select one of its members to serve as Chairman for an annual term

11.4

The Technical Committee shall carry out all duties as set out in the IJCA By-Laws and any duty that may be assigned time to time by the Executive Committee

Roger Harden made a motion to accept the following proposed changes to Items 14.3.1 and 14.3.2 of the constitution, seconded by Robin Eagleson for 14.3.1 and Anthony Kotun for 14.3.2. Motion carried

14. Changes in International J/24 Class Rules (for Measurement Certificates)

14.3.1

A vote of the **World Council** Members attending the Annual General Meeting held in **even numbered** years prior to the submission and approval by the ISAF.

14.3.2

A vote of the **World Council** Members in writing after presenting the resolution/motion in writing by mail, telex, fax or electronic mail prior to the submission and approval by the ISAF.

Two sets of By-Laws, referred to in 9.10 that define the operation of the Technical and other Committees, were presented to the council, one from the International Technical Committee and one from the Executive Committee. The consensus was that those from the Technical Committee were better organized and were adopted in principle. The Executive Committee will review, amend, change and add to where appropriate and present them at the next World Council.

By-Laws of the International J/24 Class Constitution

1. Technical Committee

1.1. The Class Rules and Rule Change

Process – The committee shall maintain and publish a process for the submission of Class Rule changes.

- 1.1.1. The committee will maintain intelligibility for the class membership throughout the rule change process by tracking and publishing all proposed changes from receipt through to resolution including comments from the Committee and recommendations to the Executive Committee.
- 1.1.2. The committee shall receive and publish all rule change proposals, provide and publish comments to the Executive Committee within 30 days of receipt.
- 1.1.3. The committee shall consult with interested parties in the review of any rule change proposal and include the results of that consultation in the comments to the Executive Committee.
- 1.1.4. Following approval of proposed changes by the World Council, the committee shall prepare the ISAF Rule Change submission in accordance with the requirements of Section 14 of the IJCA Constitution.
- 1.1.5. The committee shall ensure that the wording of all Class Rules is clear and easily understandable by members worldwide in order to facilitate self-measurement and ensure compliance with Class Rules.
- 1.1.6. The committee shall annually review the IJCA Class rules to ensure they are consistent with ISAF rules format.

1.2. Measurement Manual

The committee shall be responsible for producing and publishing the IJCA Measurement Manual.

- 1.2.1. The Measurement Manual shall describe all methods, techniques and devices to be used for measuring boats for compliance with class rules. It shall be designed for use both by Class Measurers and individual measurers.
- 1.2.2. The Measurement Manual shall be updated at least annually to ensure conformity with class rules including changes to be in effect for the current year and published by March 1st of each year to coincide with the implementation of any approved Class Rules changes.
- 1.2.3. The Measurement manual shall contain a cross reference to Class Rules that can be published separately and is kept current with rule changes.
- 1.2.4. The Measurement manual shall contain a section containing "Rule Interpretations" for questions associated with Class Rules, Measurement, rulings that are made in conjunction with duties at World and Continental Championships, and support to Protest Committees relating to class rules and measurement.

1.3. Technological Changes

The committee shall keep informed of technological changes to ensure that appropriate developments are investigated, and if appropriate, are developed into class rule change proposals in support of Section 1.1 of the IJCA Constitution and or changes to the Measurement Manual.

1.4. World and Continental Championships

The committee shall support these championships as follows:

- 1.4.1. At least one member of the committee will be designated to attend each World and Continental Championships to ensure that the One-Design nature of the Class is maintained and provide support in the interpretation of the Class Rules where required.
- 1.4.2. Funding for Technical Committee attendance will be provided by the event Organizing Authority.
- 1.4.3. The committee member(s) will approve and oversee the measurement processes at these championships.
- 1.4.4. The committee shall create and maintain a process for measurement at all World Championships including appropriate measurement forms in required formats.
- 1.4.5. The committee shall create and maintain templates of Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for World and Continental that comply with the racing Rules of Sailing for use by the member NJCA's hosting these events. These shall include a set of "Alternative Penalties" for minor infringements of class rules to be incorporated.
- 1.4.6. The committee will review all World and Continental Notices of Race and Sailing Instructions to ensure compliance with IJCA Regatta Standards and the racing Rules of Sailing, and recommend any changes for approval by the Executive Committee and the Organizing Authority.
- 1.4.7. The committee will create and maintain a set of guidelines for the Organizing Authority and the Race Committee that are to be used when conducting World and Continental events.

1.5. Class Measurers

The Technical Committee shall, in conjunction with the NJCA's recruit, certify and support a network of Class Measurers to cover countries and regions where the class is active.

- 1.5.1. The committee shall develop a process for training and certifying Class Measurers worldwide.
- 1.5.2. The committee shall monitor the work of Class Measurers to ensure the One-Design Nature of the J/24 is maintained and compliance with measurement methods and techniques as defined in the Measurement Manual.

1.6. Communications

The Technical Committee shall provide intelligibility and continuous access to its work.

- 1.6.1. The committee shall respond to questions from member NJCA's, Class Members and other interested parties. The questions and responses shall to be published so as to be freely available to all members.
- 1.6.2. The committee shall operate, moderate and participate in an internet-based forum to respond to questions as in 1.6.1, post and comment on rule change proposals, and encourage participation by members on all aspects of the committee's work.

1.6.3. The Technical Committee shall report their activities to the Executive Committee prior to the annual World Council and/or at such times as required by the Executive Committee.

2. Executive Committee

To be developed

3. Finance Committee

3.1 The primary responsibility of the Finance Committee is to be the liaison between the Executive Committee and the Executive Director, assist in the preparation of the annual budget, and to monitor any budget variances.

4. Promotion Committee

To be developed

10. Elections

John Adams, Councillor of Honour, took responsibility for the election of Class Officers. He expressed his regrets that Rudy Wolfs decided to leave the position of Chairman and thanked Bob Turner for taking charge of the meeting today.

A. Chairman - Geoff Evelyn nominated Bob Turner

Seconded by Jim Farmer.

All in Favour.

Bob Turner elected to post IJCA Chairman for next year.

A. Vice Chairman - Remco Van den Berg nominated Jim Farmer.

Seconded by Robin Eagleson. All in favour.

Jim Farmer elected as Vice Chairman for the next year.

B. Roger Harden reconfirmed as Finance Chairman.

Alyn Stevenson AUSTRALIA appointed Executive Committee member according to IJCA Constitution Item 10.1

C. Jim Farmer nominated Remco Van den Berg a second member of the Executive Committee. Seconded by Bob Turner All in favour. Geoff Evelyn nominated by Jim Farmer and seconded by Robin Eagleson. Brad Reid nominated by Geoff Evelyn seconded by Jim Farmer. Geoff Evelyn elected Executive Committee Member by ballot.

D. Technical Committee: The Council regretfully accepted the resignation of Hauke Krause and Francesco Ciccola from the Technical Committee. In accordance with the new 9.1 and 9.3 of the Constitution, the remaining current members of the Technical Committee were elected by acclamation for terms as follows:

John Peck, One year term

Reid Stava, One year term

Stuart Jardine, One year term

Kenneth Porter, Two year term

Lorne Chapman, Two year term

Hank Killion remains as a member of the committee as the Designer's appointee.

Remco Van den Berg nominated Gunther Muller of Brazil, seconded by John Peck. Eddie Linthout nominated Paolo Luciani, seconded by Remco Van den Berg. Stuart Jardine nominated Nils Jannichsen, seconded by Remco Van den Berg. Alyn Stevenson nominated John Crawford, seconded by Lorne Chapman.

There being three vacancies and four nominations the Council elected the following new members by ballot:

John Crawford (AUS-JCA), Three year term
Gunther Muller (BRA-JCA), Three year term
Nils Jannichsen (NED-JCA), Three year term

E. Promotion Chair – Nancy nominated by Robin Eagleson, seconded by Jim Farmer. All in favour

11. Lunch

The Council had a working lunch.

12. Strategic and Operational Discussion

A. 2006-2007 Calendar of events.
No comments were made

B. Website

Nancy Zangerle discussed new format. Class constitution should be on there. Recognises needs improvement. Lorne Chapman suggests moving calendar up on the priority list.

C. Meeting of European NJCA's

Stuart Jardine advised that the European members will finalise Greece proposal to host the Europeans. Nikos says shaping up well in Greece. Stuart suggests southern European champs and setting up charter boats as a long way away. Action to play Greece and Italy DVDs later in week in Regatta Village.

D. Nancy Zangerle gave a report on her mandate as Marketing and Promotions Chair which included the direction she received from Rudy Wolfs. They included: the creation of a template for press releases – this has been completed; develop an international media contact list for Class press releases and news – in progress and an ongoing task; develop an on-line newsletter that will contain international content and will include active updates on events etc. and will be published quarterly; develop image branding including updating the J24 logo.

There was discussion on the method of distributing the newsletter, e.g. posting the newsletter on the IJCA website and the possibility of emailed distribution direct to members. There was no resolution on how to accomplish an email distribution. It requires further investigation; possibly with a sign-up on the website for receiving an emailed notice when a new issue is posted. There was a concern on the size of the document, which would include photos when possible. A large document may be bounced if someone's email box is full. Other topics discussed were the need to look at branding including updating the class logo; the planning of the 30th Anniversary Regatta in Newport. Nancy Zangerle also indicated that she will need help on sorting out the Open Forum so that only current discussions are maintained. She also suggested that there may be a "Best of the Open Forum"; input from members. Pivotal part of class in next year.

E. Sponsorship.

Discussion led by Bob Turner. He indicated that the response rate was about 2 positives for every 100 contacts. To increase value for sponsors, Bob Turner asked that all notices of race and regatta instructions included asking all competitors to leave sponsors' stickers and logos on their boats until they were back in their home ports. This would give sponsors visibility on the roads and ferries on the return trip.

F. Yearbook

John Peck advised that at advertising rates were unchanged for 12 years It will be a selling point to advertisers, "No rate increase for 12-years, and distribution to every member of the IJCA". If enough advertising is sold it would allow the IJCA to keep the cost of the yearbook at \$5.00US. John encouraged each NJCA to solicit advertisers so that the normal 20% ad commission would be credited to that class Geoff Evelyn recommended Nancy Zangerle and John Peck look at other International Class Yearbooks for content etc. Contributions to the yearbook will be solicited from all NJCA's.

G. Status/Future of International Women's Open Championship

Marianne Schoke-Holzer reported that support of Women and encouragement for others to get involved is required. She is working with match racing girls in Sweden and Denmark to increase participation. They are lending boats to other women sailors as a means of introducing them to the class. There is need for emphasis on youth promotion. There will be a perpetual trophy for the top women's team at this and all subsequent Worlds. Stuart Jardine indicated that the Class should set a policy that allows more women's teams to enter worlds. The Executive Committee will take under consideration.

H. 2007 Pan American Games

No update was available at the time of the meeting

I. Open Discussion on Executive Committee Initiatives

Action Item: Bob Turner will get status from Rudy Wolfs and advise all present.

13. Proposals for Continental & World Championships

Geoff Evelyn pointed out that each area sorts out their own Continental Championship and there is probably no need to discuss it in the meeting.

All Agreed.

Geoff Evelyn moved to accept Italy's bid for 2008 World Championships in Porto Rotundo, Italy.

Motion Carried.

14. Progress Reports

A. Australian and Mexican World Championship

Alyn Stevenson updated the World Council on the preparations for the worlds in Australia. Marianne commended AUS promotion of worlds in Kiel.

No Report available from Mexican NJCA

B. 2006 European Championship – Parkstone, United Kingdom

Bob Turner reported that good progress is being made.

C. 2006 North American Championship – Rochester, New York

Jim Farmer reported that the event is shaping up well and looking forward to a good event.

2007 – Los Angeles, California

D. 2006 South American Championship

No report was available at the time of the meeting.

15. 2006 IJCA Meeting Scheduling

Jim Farmer proposed that USJCA hosts the 2006 meeting in USA in September.

All agreed that September was too late to allow proper consideration of rule changes that need to be sent to ISAF by the end of August. Roger Harden proposed that the Executive Committee look at calendar and make a plan for location and time.

All Agreed

16. Adjournment.

Bob Turner thanked the attendees for their patience. He indicated that there was a need to be much better prepared to make best use of time in meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 19:50