

# IJ70CA World Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 5/6/15

**Start:** 10:05 a.m. EDT

**Adjourn:** 11:15 a.m. EDT

## **Present:**

Chris & Julie Howell X  
Jeff Johnstone, J Boats X  
Ned Jones, IJ70CA Technical Chair  
Willy Alonso, Spain  
Diego Berho, Mexico X  
Vittorio Di Mauro and Paolo Boido, Italy X  
Fred Bouvier, France X  
Henry Brauer, USA X  
John den Engelsman, Holland  
Jacopo Carrain, Monaco X  
Pedro Garra, Uruguay  
Malcolm Jaques and Paul Heyes, UK X  
Pelle Nihlmark, Sweden X  
Juan Eduardo Reid or Miguel Osorio, Chile  
Sebastian Ripard, Malta X  
Jürgen Waldheim, Germany X  
Scott Weakley, Canada X

## **Agenda:**

1. Class Office Report
2. Worlds 2017
3. Europeans 2016
4. New Business
5. Next Meeting

## **Description:**

1. **Class Office Report** – Chris reported that the following countries are up to date with 2015 membership stickers: Canada, Chile, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, Monaco, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, UK, Uruguay and the USA. These countries have 1 vote each due to having at least 10 member boats, but the USA has 5 votes due to their level of members. To order 2015 stickers, please submit your membership list to [howell@j70office.com](mailto:howell@j70office.com) and advise a shipping address. Chris also reported that the IJ70CA has sold 559 sail royalties so far in 2015. Our budget for the year is running even, and we have \$21,000 in the bank. The funds are coming solely from royalty tags (not memberships), so if royalty tags happen to fall off, we will need to consider a royalty tag price increase in the future.
2. **Worlds 2017** – Chris circulated 2017 World Championship proposals via Dropbox from the United Kingdom and Italy. Jürgen noted that England was the first to submit a bid. Vittorio spoke to the Italian bid: Porto Cervo is a beautiful location, and both the racing and social activities will be great. They have hosted many World Championships recently, and they plan to buy 8-9 boats. They are looking at September dates, and two other events are planned in association with the Worlds. This will give the J/70 good visibility in Europe and worldwide. Having the Worlds will accelerate the Class in Italy and along the Mediterranean. They will work with neighboring NCAs to capitalize on other events. Malcolm spoke to the UK bid: Royal Torbay Yacht Club is well known for the conditions. The Worlds would be a stand-alone event, and the club is committed to sponsorship support. The UK has been at the forefront of developing the J/70 in Europe. The Club had previously submitted a bid for the 2015 Worlds. The UK fleet is vibrant, and they have critical mass and high competition among great sailors. The location is easy to get to and inexpensive. A ferry is used to get to the island. Vittorio clarified that the Italian bid is also for a stand-alone event. Malcolm was concerned about the elitist perception of the Italian location, but Paolo noted that the J/24s have held events there and they are not an elitist group. Malcolm added that Italy has hosted a European Championship, and the UK has not hosted a major event. The UK is open to any dates in June or July, and will accommodate the Class's desire. Paul said that the area surrounding their club

has a wide range of hotel prices, starting as low as \$50/night. Vittorio said that Italy also has a broad level of hotel prices to suit anyone's needs. Chris conducted a vote, which went as follows:

For Italy: France, Monaco, Netherlands, Italy, Sweden, Germany, Mexico

For UK: Canada, UK, Henry Brauer, Scott Weakley, Malcolm Jaques, Jeff Johnstone

Abstain: USA, Jürgen Waldheim

*Therefore, the 2017 World Championship will be held in Italy.* Vittorio thanked everyone.

*Jürgen made a motion that the UK be awarded the 2019 World Championship, seconded by Henry. This motion passed unanimously.* Paul said that the UK Class will discuss the best host club for this event.

Diego stated that Mexico has interest in hosting the 2018 Worlds. The North American countries will meet separately to determine a rotation for North American Championships plus where World Championships will be held when in North America.

- 3. Europeans 2016** – Chris shared a proposal from Germany to host the 2016 European Championship in Kiel. Jürgen said this is a great area to sail. Malcolm wondered if other bids should be solicited. Germany actually sought to bid on the Worlds but changed to a Europeans bid to allow Italy and the UK to be considered for the Worlds. Malcolm suggested that we defer this vote to allow more review time and/or give the opportunity to other NCAs to make a proposal. Jürgen said that a delay beyond two weeks would be difficult for the organizers. It was decided that an e-mail vote of the European NCAs will take place by May 15.

- 4. New Business** – Chris will distribute information about the 2016 World Championship in San Francisco.

Sebastian asked if they could have a vote on the Europeans even though they do not have enough boats for a vote. It is a very small island, but they have a strong J/70 community. Chris will review the Constitution to see how we can vote on this.

Jacopo is concerned about the standards of the US and European boats at the 2015 Worlds.

Chris stated that there will be a measurement process led by him and Ned Jones. The boats will be inspected and weighed to make sure the boats are as even as possible under the Rules. He reminded that our Rules are "closed," meaning that if the Rules don't say you can, then you cannot. Chris, Ned and Fred will continue to work on the measurement plans. The European boats are still getting caught up on the boat weighing process. Any countries conducting measurements should send the data to Chris.

- 5. Next Meeting** – TBD

**Action Items:**

--Chris will conduct a 2016 Europeans vote via e-mail by May 15.

--Chris will distribute information about the 2016 World Championship in San Francisco.

--Chris will review the Constitution to see how to vote on Malta's request to have a World Council vote.

**Next Meeting:** TBD