INTERNATIONAL CANOE FEDERATION

SAILING COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting held at Headquarters of the International Canoe Federation, Madrid, 14 & 15 January 2001.

PRESENT: B.A.G Fuller (Chairman) A. Powell O. Barthelson
In attendance: P. Wells (Secretary) W. Pollmann
C. Szanto (Technical Director, ICF) V. Bernadi (Administration Officer, ICF)

- 1. The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all those present.
- 2. The Agenda, as circulated, was confirmed.
- **3. Minutes of previous meeting** held 13 & 14 November 1999 were accepted as a correct record. There were no matters arising not covered by the present agenda.
- **4. Reports from ICF:** the Chairman reported on the Congress held in Warsaw and subsequent Board meetings. Under the proposals which have been adopted by Congress Technical Rules submitted by the appropriate Technical Committee are to be approved by the Board (which meets twice a year) but approval of General Rules is reserved to Congress. It will now be possible to consider amendments to the Canoe Sailing Rules more frequently than before.

The amendments to the Canoe Sailing Rules, as progressed through international ballot in accordance with the procedure adopted by the Sailing Committee, have been approved. These Rules will be valid from 14 January 2001.

Dragon Boating has been adopted as a discipline of the ICF and a Dragon Boat Committee has been formed as an ICF Technical Committee.

The next Board meeting will be held in Teheran, Iran September 2001.

5. INTERNATIONAL CANOE SAILING PROGRAMME 2001 - 2002

a.	2001 (see appended note for changes)
February 3-4	US Mid Winter Championship, St Petersburg, Florida, USA.
April 13-16	Easter Regatta, Loctudy, Brittany, France.
April 14-16	Australian National Championship, Paynesville, Gippland Lakes, Victoria, Australia
June 1-3	US National Championship, Santa Cruz, California, USA
June 16-17	`International Regatta, Gothenburg, Sweden
July 28-Aug 4	British National Championship, Weymouth/Portland, Dorset, Great Britain.
July 31-Aug 5	ACA Summer Meet, Sugar Island, Gananoque, Canada.
Aug 3-5	Swedish National Championship, Stockholm, Sweden.
Aug 10-12	NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP, Bristol, Rhode Island, USA
Aug 18-24	EUROPA CUP, Loctudy, Brittany, France.

2002

b. The only Regatta notified, so far, is World Championship, Bristol, RI. See 6 below

The Chairman remarked that, at least for sailing, regatta venues typically are finalized in January in most northern hemisphere countries so that the ICF mandated dates for the schedule submission of August for the following year is difficult.

6. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS:

i. XVth WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 24 - 31 AUGUST 2002 BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND, USA.

The Chairman reported on progress. The site will be open from 17th August. Registration will commence on Friday 23rd. The question of safety boat cover during the practice period from 17th was raised.

Chairman to investigate

It is hoped to provide accommodation in a nearby college. It is beneficial to have competitors, officials and spectators together for successful social events. A tourist pack will be prepared.

Water temperature will be 20°C to 25°C, wind normally force 3 to 5. HW times and tidal streams will be publicised.

Provision will be made for Asymmetric Canoes (AC) as a demonstration class. They will start separately with a 5 minutes time difference.

The Chairman will prepare an information pack, including charts, for competitors. This will be publicised on the US Website and posted on ICF home site.

It is hoped that there will be competitors from France. Alan Powell to investigate possible space in British container

ii XVI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2005 WEYMOUTH, DORSET, GB.

Alan Powell gave a report. The sailing centre has moved across the harbour to Portland to the former Royal Navy helicopter base. It was originally built for flying boats so that there are ample launching slipways. There will be accommodation for competitors on the site and by 2005 there will be a marina and full workshop facilities.

The British National Championship will be held at the venue this year (2001).

iii FUTURE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP VENUES

For 2008 the following venues will be explored: France (BAGF) Australia (PEW) Dubai (OB)

Noted that it will not be possible to hold a championship in the Cayman Islands until a Canoe Association recognized by the ICF is formed in that country.

The Chairman will also investigate the unsatisfactory situation in New Zealand.

7. RULE AMENDMENTS

i Voting System. The Qualified Majority Voting system used for the international ballot was considered to have worked well.

The Chairman reported that the implementation of the all-up weight rules had produced some anomalies. In a very few cases canoes which were legal under the old rule will be below the all up weight of 83.5 kg on which the vote was taken and will require to carry an extra 2.5 kg in correctors.

Alan Powell to draft a suitable clause to be agreed by the Chairman

More data is required on sails. It will be useful to have sails + battens weighed when measured and measurements of girths taken at $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, and $\frac{3}{4}$ points with a view to simplification of sail measurement.

All to note

ii Draft rules for the Asymmetric Canoe noted. At the present time we do not know what would be an appropriate all-up weight rule so agreed that the stripped hull should be weighed to the 63 kg rule.

All to note

Papers were submitted from Sweden and GB regarding the future development of AC. In the end the path taken will depend upon decisions made by individual owners. "The market will decide." In the meantime the AC is accepted as a demonstration Class. For international recognition the minimum requirement is 6 countries / 3 continents.

iii Advertising: noted that there is a requirement to reconcile ICF and ISAF rules on advertising. Noted that ICF rules forbid advertising smoking tobacco and strong spirits.

Peter Wells and Chairman to draft rule

8. DEVELOPMENT

i IC LEAFLET: requirement for exhibitions, distribute to National Federations, include with enquiry packs etc.

To highlight fun, friendliness, cutting edge technology, long lasting boats and top level international competition.

Chairman to collate text in co-operation with Bill Beaver, check websites for material. Ola Barthelson will look after layout, design and photos. Sweden, Spain and UK to be checked for print costs (minimum run 2,000 copies).

Note ICF office hold photos printed in Canoeing International on CD ROM.

Timetable to complete: 18 August 2001.

ii WEB SITES: Noted that there are a number of Canoe Sailing web sites around the world. It would be helpful if links are provided between them

All to note

iii VIDEO: BCU propose to have a video made at National Championship using digital technology.

iv AVAILABILITY: there are two professional builders in the UK, used IC's are advertised in the newsletter (Sliding Seat). In US available craft are posted on the Website.

v JUNIOR CANOE: the Swedish National A Class for young people up to 10/12 years was shown to the Committee at the February 99 meeting in Stockholm. LOA 3 m. hull weight 30 kg. 20 have been built. Cost approx: US\$ 2,000 - sail US\$ 250. It is suitable for production in kit form.

Ola Barthelson to provide copy for US Wooden Boat magazine.

BCU has developed a Junior Canoe for 10/15+ years which could also be IC Trainer. LOA 4.8 m. hull weight 30 kg. Plans and kits are available.

vi New Countries: Denmark Ola Barthelson to contact Jan Kronberg. Italy: Alan Powell will follow up. (One IC has been imported). Chairman to follow up contacts with Polish Canoe Federation and possible builder.

9. WORK PROGRAMME 2001-2002

- 1. LEAFLET see 8.i
- 2. Canoe Sailing Rules: to be distributed electronically and printed copies will be produced by BCU.

- 3. MANDATORY AGREEMENTS between national authorities and ICF for World Championships to be reviewed.
- 4. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2002: Jury to be nominated for approval by ICF Board. Publicity material to be distributed.
- 5. REVIEW OF RULES. General Rules revision must be ready for Congress 2002. Review of technical rules to take place as a rolling programme

10 OTHER BUSINESS:

Peter Wells distributed a quantity of car stickers with IC logo by courtesy of the BCU Sailing Committee.

The Chairman asked that thanks be conveyed to BCU.

Csabo Szanto addressed the meeting and said that this was the first meeting of a technical committee to be held at the new Headquarters of the ICF. He made a number of suggestions for the members to consider.

11 CLOSURE AND NEXT MEETING:

On closing the meeting the Chairman expressed thanks to the ICF for their generous hospitality and especially to the two Officers who gave freely of their time to assist the Committee.

The next meeting will be at Royal Canoe Club, London, at a date to be agreed in late November 2001.

PEW

NOTE:

After the meeting changes came in to the United States 2001 Schedule. North American Championships now July 27-2, Bristol R.I. ACA Summer Meet, Sugar Island, Gananoque, Canada, July 31- Aug 5.