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MINUTES

2014 General Assembly Meeting

The General Assembly meeting of the 470 Internationale took place on Tuesday 8 July 2014 at the Nautical Club of Tzitzifias – Kallithea, Athens, Greece.

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Supporting Papers

All papers are available to NCAs on request:

Item 4(a) - Report of the President

Item 4(b) - Report of the Technical Committee Chairman

Item 4(c) - Report of Promotion and Development

Item 4(d) - Report of the Class Manager

Item 4(e) - Accounts for 2013, the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2013, Profit and Loss Statement for the period 2013-2014, Budget 2015

Item 5(d) – Submissions from the Management Committee

At 2046 hours the President of the NOTK addressed the meeting, welcoming all and expressing thanks for trusting NOTK to organize the European Championships, despite the economic crisis in Greece. He added that was looking forward to a fair regatta and counting on the Race Officials to ensure successful racing.

MEMBERS WITH RIGHTS TO VOTE, ATTENDING OR REPRESENTED

Delegates in Attendance - 470 National Class Association (NCA) representatives

Australia	Mat Belcher	Israel	Nino Shmueli
Austria	Matthias Schmidt	Italy	Roberta Caputo
Belgium	Cor van der Nagel	New Zealand	Polly Powrie*
Bulgaria	Yana Markova	Poland	Zizi Staniuwł
Canada	Jacob Saunders*	Portugal	Pedro Pinto
Croatia	Edo Fantela	Russia	Mikhail Zabolotnov
France	Robert Austin	Spain	Jorge Angulo
Greece	Dimitris Dimou*	UKR	Volodymyr Kyselov

16 members present

Voting Notes:

- * The delegate for Greece left the GAM from Agenda Item 5(d) Submission 2 forwards and gave the votes to Makis Orogas.
- * The delegates for Canada and New Zealand left the GAM from Agenda Item 5(f)(v) forwards.

470 NCAs appointing proxies:

Cyprus and Romania appointed Greece as their proxy

Individual Members present:

Denmark – Magnus Jung Johansen and Balder Tobiasen

Total number of votes present or represented at start of GAM = 385

Other attendees without rights to vote (apart from those representing NCAs*):

Management Committee members: Stanislav Kassarov (President), *Nino Shmueli (First Vice-President), *Dimitris Dimou, Andreas Kosmatopoulos.

Class Manager: Luissa Smith (GBR)

Apologies

Alain Champy (FRA) – Management Committee Member
 Kevin Burnham (USA) – Management Committee Member
 Iulia Fulicea (ROU) – Management Committee Member
 Fernanda Sesto (ARG) – Management Committee Member
 Tomoaki Tsutsumi (JPN) – Management Committee Member

The checking of attendance and examination of proxies was performed by the Ad-Hoc Committee.

The meeting was declared open by the President Stanislav Kassarov who confirmed that the quorum had been reached.

1. WELCOME BY THE PRESIDENT

The President welcomed delegates and observers to the meeting.

2. AD-HOC COMMITTEE

The Ad-Hoc Committee reported that for voting purposes, 16 National Class Associations were present in person, 2 National Class Association were represented by proxy, 2 Individual Members were present in person for a total of 385 votes.

3. MINUTES OF THE 2013 GENERAL ASSEMBLY**Decision**

The minutes of the General Assembly meeting held on 2 August 2013 were unanimously approved (385 votes in favour).

4. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**(a) Report of the President – Stanislav Kassarov**

The President gave a verbal summary of his previously circulated written report highlighting issues on Administration, Sports, Development, Sailors, the selection of 470 sailors Jo Aleh/Polly Powrie (NZL) and Mat Belcher (AUS) as winners of the ISAF Rolex World Sailor of the Year Awards 2014 and the status of the 470 Class for the 2020 Olympics.

(b) Report of the Technical Committee Chairman – Dimitris Dimou

The Chairman of the Technical Committee presented his previously circulated written report highlighting issues on 2014 Class Rules, Class Builders and Class Measurers

Of particular note was the need to increase the manufacturers approved by ISAF to produce national flags for sails. The intent is to have an open market, with suppliers requiring approval from the 470 Class that they comply with the production specification. The intention is also to reduce the price for a set of national flags. The Class intends to produce a standard set of graphic files to also ensure consistency of colour. Flags on sails will also be able to be applied at source by the sail makers.

The protocol for measuring boats at 470 Championships was noted, and the Chairman of the Technical Committee advised that he normally selects team(s) to be measured one day ahead of the allocated first day of measurement in order to provide training for the measurement team.

The President expressed thanks to Dimitris Dimou and the Technical Committee.

(c) Promotional and Development Report – Iulia Negoescu Fulicea and Fernanda Sesto

On behalf of the Development Committee, Andreas Kosmatopoulos gave an overview of development activities of the 470 Class over recent years. Noted recent clinics, including in Malaysia and South Africa, and the pre-470 Championship Clinics held in 2013.

He noted that the 470 Class focus is on junior and women's teams, and for the Regional Clinics the focus is in Asia and Africa.

The position of the Development Committee is to focus on running clinics either prior to 470 Championships or as separate Regional Clinics, as this gives the optimum development benefit.

(d) Class Administration – Luissa Smith

The 470 Class Manager presented an overview on the Class Administration, noting the number of paid NCAs. NCAs were encouraged to submit more information on their activities throughout the year, in order to help the 470 Class in improving promotion on the worldwide activities. Updates were noted on the 470 Class website, social media and media activities for the 470 Championships.

(e) Treasurer's Report – Alain Champy

Bob Austin, Substitute Auditor, gave a report on the accounts for the year end 31 December 2013.

The President noted that the 50th Anniversary had incurred a considerable expense, but it had been an important opportunity to promote the Class.

(f) Auditor's Report - Rüdiger Schuchardt

Rüdiger Schuchardt, Principal Auditor, confirmed he had received the accounts for the period 1 January-31 December 2013 and all is in order. He noted that he will undertake some spot checks to ensure accuracy.

(g) Approval of Management Committee Activities

The President invited the delegates to approve the management of the 470 Internationale undertaken by the Management Committee since the 2013 General Assembly meeting.

Decision

The GA unanimously approved the management of 470 International (385 votes in favour).

5. PLANS FOR COMING YEARS**(a) Financial Issues**

There were no specific items discussed under 5(a) not already covered elsewhere in the Agenda.

(b) 2015 Budget

The President presented the 2015 Budget.

Decision

The 2015 Budget was unanimously approved (385 votes in favour).

(c) Technical Issues

The Chairman of the Technical Committee, Dimitris Dimou, gave an update on the hull requirements for the Rio 2016 Olympics, and that only boats built to the new specification will be permitted.

He noted that he had met with North Sails in Japan, and they now have the technology to print national flags on spinnakers and the possibility of using this for spinnakers at the 2016 Olympics would be investigated.

(d) Proposals/Submissions**Submission 1 - Junior 470 Championship – Age Limits**

The President noted that this decision is within the remit of the Management Committee, but it is such a key decision for the International 470 Class Association, that they would prefer the General Assembly to have a chance to consider the concept.

The proposal will increase the age limit to 23 or under in the year of the Championships. The reason is to support the transition from other classes to the 470 by giving sailors longer in the 470 Class and better enable the transition to the senior fleet.

Noted that if the proposal passes the intention is also to introduce another set of medals for the "junior" fleet – so possibly the under 21 or under 19 age division for example, which will be considered further.

The delegate from Croatia noted the challenge is always to source funding. In the 470 Class it is very hard to get top results in the junior, because junior is 21. In Croatia,

Optimist sailors choose the Laser 4.7, Laser Radial etc, and one of the main reasons is that the Laser has several junior age limits, which means sailors can get good results and then get funding. But in the 470, the expectation is it will take about four years to achieve good results. Increasing the limit to 23 years will make it harder for the junior teams.

The President advised that the 470 Class is limited by ISAF to the four World Championship titles and whilst the class can give more medals, it cannot award any more World Titles.

The delegate from Greece noted that as the 470 is a two-person class, the challenge is the age-limit forces crews to split. In the 470, the average age of Olympians is over 30 – which is different to other classes. Several Greek 470 teams stopped sailing in the 470 after the junior fleet, because it was too hard in the senior fleet.

The delegates from Belgium and Ukraine noted that their support to increase the age limit, but would like to see specific rankings for teams, ie aged under 20 and under 22

Decision

The General Assembly approved Submission 1 to increase the age limit for 470 Junior Championships (299 in favour, 62 against (AUS, AUT, CRO), 1 abstain (FRA)).

Submission 2 - Increase of Annual Membership Fees

The Management Committee proposed a discussion take place on increasing the annual fees with effect from 1 January 2015.

The delegate from Israel reported that running the 470 Class involves more and more elements and over the last 6 years the fees have been static and are at a minimum level. There is no need to increase dramatically, but we need to be able to run and develop the 470 Class. The Class is working on a sponsor, which will make a difference. The fees are at a minimum level.

The delegate from Croatia stated that the challenge is not the NCA fee for countries, but the entry fees for events, noting that the ISAF Sailing World Cup events were over EUR300. Nino Shmueli noted that the Class can't monitor the entry fees of other events, but we can notify ISAF of the input.

The President noted the need to also consider increasing entry fees for 470 Championships and that a review would take place on the voting process and whether to introduce a one vote per NCA policy or continue with voting representation based on the number of members of that NCA.

The President noted that the proposal is to increase the fees to a minimum of EUR280 plus EUR10 per sailor over and above those covered in the EUR280, plus the EUR5 administration fee. This will be approximately a 10% increase. And in future years will come with a full proposal and have more of a proper audit – which will also involve and link to the voting. Each country should just have one vote. Next year will come with a full proposal.

Decision

Submission 2 to increase the annual NCA fees to a minimum of EUR280 plus EUR10 per sailor over and above those covered in the EUR280, plus the EUR5 administration fee was approved (361 in favour, 24 against (FRA), 0 abstain).

Submission 3 - Crew Nationality at 470 Master's Cup**Decision**

Submission 3 - The Management Committee to allow dispensations upon request regarding nationality, so as to enable crews of different nationalities to sail together in the Masters' Cup was unanimously approved (385 in favour).

(e) DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

Andreas Kosmatopoulos presented the 2014 Clinics and Support Programmes proposals, which included:

- Pre-Championship Clinic at the 2014 470 Junior Europeans, Gdynia, Poland – 8-10 August 2014
The need for the coach and all participating teams to complete reports on the Clinic was noted and the draft feedback form presented.
- International Solidarity Programme
- André Cornu Grant
- Junior Support Programmes
- 420 Support Programme

Future plans include:

- Coaches Seminar – a high level coaching seminar

Andreas Kosmatopoulos noted the intention to evolve the development Plan for 2015, with a complete review planned for 2016 onwards.

(f) SPORT ISSUES**(i) General Update**

- Rio 2016 Olympics – noted that the racing format is 5 days of racing (10 races plus a medal race).
- 2014 ISAF Worlds, Santander – noted that the racing format is 5 races in qualification, 6 in finals, and a medal race. Discard after 3 races. UFD will only be used in large fleets.
- OCS – requests from the delegates from Austria and Croatia noted advised their wish to film the start to record OCS in order to achieve fair sailing. It was felt such an approach would also encourage teams to be less dominant at the start. It was noted that the ISAF Coaches Commission has requested ISAF to work on fair starts. Nino Shmueli advised that the 470 Class can implement such protocols, and is happy to discuss options for the 470 Class.

(ii) ISAF – Sport and Competition

There were no specific issues raised regarding sport and competition issues not covered elsewhere on the Agenda.

(iii) Update on 2015 Championships

- **2015 470 World Championships – Haifa, Israel – 7-14 March 2015**
Noted that representatives from the Organizing Committee are on site in Athens to address any questions, together with representatives from the accommodation agency.

- **2015 470 European Championships - Aarhus, Denmark – proposed dates 27 June – 4 July 2015**

It was noted that Aarhus is the venue for the 2018 ISAF Sailing World Championships. The scheduling was such that there was enough time between the end of the 470 Europeans and the 2016 Test Event in Rio de Janeiro.

- **2015 470 Junior World Championships - Nautical Club of Thessaloniki, Greece - dates 24-31 July 2015**

The President of the host club gave a brief presentation and it was noted that the dates have changed to 24-31 July 2015.

- **2015 470 Junior European Championships – Bourgas, Bulgaria – 8-16 August 2015**

Nino Shmueli reported on his site visit. The President noted that the idea for the 2015 Junior Worlds and Junior Europeans was to bring the dates and venues closer together, and that the driving distance between Thessaloniki and Bourgas was about six hours.

(iv) Confirmation of venues for the 2016 470 Championships

The General Assembly reviewed the progress on the arrangements and venues for the 2015 470 Championships.

- **2016 470 World Championships - Club Nautico San Isidro, Argentina - proposed dates second half of February 2016. Currently looking at 18-25 February 2016, although waiting for ISAF to announce the dates for the ISAF Sailing World Cup Miami.**

The delegate from Croatia asked if any special arrangements would be put in place for shipping between Argentina and Brazil.

Decision

The venue of Club Nautico San Isidro, Argentina was approved (385 votes in favour).

- **2016 470 European Championships - Club Nautic Arenal, Mallorca, Spain – 18-25 March 2016**

Decision

The venue of Club Nautic Arenal, Mallorca, Spain was approved (385 votes in favour).

(v) Bids Received

The General Assembly received bids and approved the venues for future Championships:

- **2015 470 Masters' Cup**

Bids Received:

Tihanyi Hajós Egylet, Lake Balaton - Hungary

Decision

The venue of Tihanyi Hajós Egylet, Lake Balaton, Hungary was unanimously approved with proposed dates during September 2015.

- **2016 470 Junior World Championships**

Bids Received:

Tihanyi Hajós Egylet, Lake Balaton – Hungary,
Baku - Azerbaijan

Decision

The venue of Baku, Azerbaijan was approved (254 votes for Azerbaijan, 61 votes for Hungary).

- **2016 Junior European Championships** (final decision with 420 Class)

Bids Received:

Spartcus Sailing Club - HUNGARY- 2-10 July 2016 or 9-17 July 2016

Circolo Velico Marsala, Marsala – ITALY - between May - end of September 2016

The President noted that it was up to the International 420 Class Association to decide the venue for the 2016 Junior European Championship.

- **2016 470 Masters' Cup**

Bids Received:

Fraglia Vela Riva - Italy

Circolo Nautico Caposele, Formia - Italy

Decision

The venue of Circolo Nautico Caposele, Formia, Italy was unanimously approved.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business, the meeting closed.

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Secretary General

Stanislav KASSAROV
President