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MINUTES

2012 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

Minutes of the 2012 470 Internationale General Assembly Meeting held on 8 November 2012 at the Royal St George Yacht Club, Dun Laoghaire, Ireland.

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Supporting Papers

All papers are available to NCAs on request:

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

Item 4(c) - Report of Promotion and Development

Item 4(d) - Report of the Secretary General and Class Manager

Item 4(e) - Accounts for 2011, the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2011, Profit and Loss Statement for the period 2009-2012, Revised Budget 2011

Item 4(f) - Auditor's Report

Item 5 - Submissions 01-12, 02-12, 03-12, 04-12, 05-12

Item 8(b) - Budget 2013

Item 8(c) - Submissions 08-11, 09-11, 11-11

Item 8(c)(i) - Class Rule Changes

Item 8(d) - Submission 06-12

Item 8(e) - 2012-2016 Development Plan

Item 8(f)(iii) - Submission 07-12 and other changes to the Championship Manual

470 INTERNATIONALE

Before commencing the meeting, delegates stood in remembrance of Darren Dunkley Smith, 470 Internationale President from 2002-2005, who had passed away in June 2012. Verbal tributes were delivered by Dimitris Dimou and Victor Kovalenko.

MEMBERS WITH RIGHTS TO VOTE, ATTENDING OR REPRESENTED

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

Argentina	Fernando Sesto	Lithuania	Antanas Juodsrukis
Australia	Mat Belcher	New Zealand	Dave Mackay
Austria	Helmut Czasny	Poland	Slawomir Baranowski
Bulgaria	Stanislav Kassarov	Portugal	Pedro Rodrigues
France	Robert Austin	Romania	Iulia Fulicea
Germany	Rüdiger Schuchardt	Russia	Victor Kovalenko
Greece	Dimitris Dimou	Turkey	Selma Altay Rodopman
Israel	Dorith Stierler	USA	Kevin Burnham
Japan	Chako Tobar		

17 members present

Voting Notes:

* The delegate for Israel left the GAM from Agenda Item 4(f) forwards and gave the votes to Nino Shmueli

** The delegate for Austria left the GAM from Agenda Item 8(f)i forwards and gave the votes to Israel.

*** The delegate for Turkey left the GAM from Agenda Item 8(f)i forwards.

**** The Austrian delegate (21 votes) was absent from the room for items 6(a), 6(b)(i), 6(b)(ii) and 7.

470 NCAs appointing proxies: Italy and Spain appointed Greece as their proxy

Individual Members present: None

Individual Members appointing proxies: Chile and Ecuador appointed Argentina as their proxy

Total number of votes present or represented at start of GAM = 432

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

Management Committee members:

Elected: *Stanislav Kassarov (President), Nino Shmueli (First Vice-President), *Dimitris Dimou (Secretary General), *Iulia Fulicea, *Fernanda Sesto, *Kevin Burnham

Class Manager: Luissa Smith (GBR)

Marcelien de Koning (NED)

Teresa Rios (ESP)

Lukasz Formella (POL)

Alain Champy (FRA)

Gildas Pouliquen (FRA)

Tomoaki Tsutsumi (JPN)

Apologies

Alain Corcuff (FRA) – Management Committee Member

Martin Steiger (SUI) – 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.

470 INTERNATIONALE

1. WELCOME BY THE PRESIDENT

The President welcomed delegates and observers to the meeting.

2. AD-HOC COMMITTEE

The Class Manager reported that for voting purposes, 17 National Class Associations were present in person, 2 National Class Association represented by proxy, 2 Individual Members represented by proxy for a total of 432 votes.

3. MINUTES OF THE 2011 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Decision

The minutes of the General Assembly meeting held on 31 July 2011 were unanimously approved.

4. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

(a) President's Report – Stanislav Kassarov

The President gave a verbal summary of his previously circulated written report highlighting issues on Administration, Sports, Development, Sailors, 2012 and 2016 Olympics.

The President applauded all the Olympic sailors and in particular paid tribute to the Olympic medallists.

(b) Technical Committee Chairman Report – Dimitris Dimou

The Technical Committee Chairman gave a verbal overview of his previously circulated written report highlighting the following areas:

Class Rules – reported that all builders would be using the new measurement process from 1 January 2013 and that all boats used at the 2016 Olympic Games will use the new mould and all measurement sections.

Technical Archive – noted the plan to scan all archives held by ISAF, and as appropriate the archive files held by Heinz Staudt in Germany.

Builder Controls – the builder inspections started in 2011 with all the major builders now visited.

Construction of Boats – the high level of inspection scrutiny in place at the Olympics was noted. 470 Sails are now in-house certified.

Class Measurers – two former 470 sailors have been approved as ISAF International Measurers, Haluk Suntay (TUR) and Agnes Lill (EST). Agnes is the first female 470 Measurer to be approved since the introduction of separate women fleets.

Sail and Foil Development – Dimitris Dimou reported that there will be no changes to sails or foils for the 2016 Olympic Games. He noted that in past years there had also been discussions on how to reduce costs of building 470s, but he does not believe it is possible to reduce costs and the durability of boats is high.

The meeting noted that Dimitris Dimou is responsible to manage and develop the training programmes for the 470 Class.

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

Iulia Negoescu Fulicea and Fernando Sesto reported on the range of development programmes implemented during 2012, including the support programmes and clinics, and respective budgets. The previously circulated report was noted.

Responding to a question regarding evaluating the success of the development programmes against the expenditure Iulia Negoescu Fulicea noted that the success can

be measured by the sailors who continue to compete in the class. In addition, it was agreed that a report evaluating the development programmes will be prepared for the future. The report will include the evaluation of political goodwill, sailor benefit, cost and long term impact.

Fernando Sesto gave a brief overview of 470 sailing in South America.

(d) Class Administration – Dimitris Dimou and Luissa Smith

The 470 Class Manager noted the key points from the Class Administration Report and requested the NCAs to provide improved feedback on their activities throughout the year. The Annual Class Activity Report for 2012 will be due at the end of the year, together with payment of the 2013 Annual Class Fees and it was requested that NCAs should use the Class Administration System to complete reports and make payment.

Dimitris Dimou emphasized that 470 Class needs to be better informed about the activities of and 470 sailing in each National Class Association and that improved communication is encouraged.

(e) Treasurer's Report – Martin Steiger

On behalf of the Treasurer, the President presented the Treasurer's Report on the Accounts for the period 1 January – 31 December 2011, the statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2011, the profit and loss statement for the period 2010-2012, the budget for 2012 and proposed budget for 2013.

Robert Austin requested that in future the financial papers be circulated in advance of the meeting and the President confirmed that this would happen in future.

(f) Auditor's Report – Rüdiger Schuchardt

The General Assembly noted the report from Rüdiger Schuchardt confirming that the accounts for the period 1 January to 31 December 2011 are in order and recommending General Assembly approval.

The Auditor thanked Martin Steiger for all his excellent work.

Decision

The GA approved the accounts for the period 1 January – 31 December 2011. (408 in favour, 0 against, 24 abstain (FRA))

(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 2011 General Assembly meeting.

Decision

The GA unanimously approved the management of the 470 Internationale done by the Management Committee since the 2011 GAM.

5. AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Submission 01-12 – Bulgaria: Constitution Articles 2, 7.4, 7.5, 7.7, 7.8, 8.1, 8.2, 8.6, 9.1, 11.1

The President introduced the submission and reasons for the proposed changes.

Decision

The GA approved the changes to the Articles as detailed in Submission 01-12 as follows:

Article 2 – Aims (Vote: Unanimous in favour)

Article 3 – Terms and Definitions, Executive Officer, Official Position (Vote: Unanimous in favour)

Articles 7.4, 7.5, 7.7, 7.8 – The General Assembly (*Vote: Unanimous in favour*)
Article 8.1 – The Management Committee (*Vote: 408 in favour, 0 against, 32 abstain (GER)*)
Articles 8.2, 8.6 – The Management Committee (*Vote: Unanimous in favour*)
Article 9.1 – The Executive Officers (*Vote: Unanimous in favour*)
Article 11.1 – The Technical Committee (*Vote: Unanimous in favour*)

Submission 02-12 – France: Constitution Article 2

Submission 02-12 was automatically approved, as the content was the same as the proposal in Submission 01-12 regarding Article 2.

Submission 03-12 – Bulgaria: By-Law Articles 3.3, 4.5, 4.7, 4.8, 5.2, 5.3 and 5.6

The President introduced the submission and reasons for the proposed changes.

Decision

The GA approved the changes to the Articles as detailed in Submission 03-12 as follows:

Article 3.3 – Agenda (*Vote: Unanimous in favour*)
Articles 4.5, 4.7, 4.8 – The Management Committee (*Vote: Unanimous in favour*)
Article 5.2 – Executive Officers (*Vote: Unanimous in favour*)
Article 5.3 – Executive Officers – was approved with the deletion of Article 5.3(ii) (*Vote: Unanimous in favour*)
Article 5.6 Executive Officers (*Vote: Unanimous in favour*)

Submission 04-12 - Greece: Constitution Articles 2, 3, 7.4, 7.5, 7.7, 7.8, 8.1, 8.2, 8.6, 9.1 and 11.1

Submission 04-12 was not considered as it reflected exactly the same changes to the Constitution as proposed by Submission 01-12 which had already been approved by the General Assembly.

Submission 05-12 – Greece: By-Law Articles 4.5, 4.7, 4.8, 5, 5.3 and 5.6

Submission 05-12 was not considered as it reflected exactly the same changes to the Constitution as proposed by Submission 03-12 which had already been approved by the General Assembly.

6. ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

(a) Election of the President

Decision

Stanislav Kassarov was elected as the President (*Vote: 391 in favour, 0 against, 20 Abstain (BUL)*).

Note: The Austrian delegate (21 votes) was absent from the room for the vote.

(b) Management Committee

(i) Number of Members

On a proposal by Nino Shmueli and seconded by Dimitris Dimou the General Assembly voted on increasing the number of Management Committee members to 9, plus the President, for a total of 10 members.

Decision

It was agreed to increase the total number of Management Committee members to 10 persons (*Vote: 343 in favour, 36 against, 32 abstain (GER)*).

Note: The Austrian delegate (21 votes) was absent from the room for the vote.

(ii) **Election of Management Committee Members**

The following candidates were elected:

Mat Belcher (AUS)
Kevin Burnham (USA)
Alain Champy (FRA)
Dimitris Dimou (GRE)
Iulia Fulicea (ROU)
Andreas Kosmatopoulos (GRE)
Fernanda Sesto (ARG)
Nino Shmueli (ISR)
Tomoaki Tsutsumi (JPN)

(Vote: 411 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstain)

Note: The Austrian delegate (21 votes) was absent from the room for the vote.

7. APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITORS

Decision

In accordance with Article 10.1 of the Constitution, Rüdiger Schuchardt and Robert Austin were appointed as the 470 Internationale principal Auditor and substitute Auditor respectively for the next two years.

Vote: 355 in favour, 0 against, 56 abstain (GER and FRA)

Note: The Austrian delegate (21 votes) was absent from the room for the vote.

8. PLANS FOR COMING YEARS

(a) Financial Issues

There were no specific items discussed under 8(a) not already covered elsewhere in the Agenda.

(b) 2013 Budget

The President presented the 2013 Budget.

Nino Shmueli highlighted the need to increase revenue streams and work to attract a class sponsor. It was noted that a marketing document and proposals would be prepared by the Class, and if any delegates or NCAs had any input to send an email to: office@470.org

Decision

The 2013 Budget was approved. (Vote: 408 in favour, 0 against, 24 abstain (FRA)).

(c) Technical Issues

(i) Proposals for 470 Class Rules changes

The General Assembly considered the following submissions proposing class rule changes:

- **Submission 08-11 – Australia – Country Flags and Competitor Names on Sails**

Dimitris Dimou reported on the work undertaken since the original submission and presented the report of the Technical Committee on the position, size, materials and purchasing policy for the application of mainsail flags and competitor names.

Dimitris Dimou noted that the national flags are not currently permitted by the Class Rules, as the class operates “closed rules” meaning unless specifically detailed in the class rules, then it is not permitted.

The President noted that the 470 Class must come to a consensus with ISAF on the location of the nation flags and competitor names.

The content of Submission 086-12 regarding nation flags at the ISAF Sailing World Championships and ISAF Sailing World Cup regattas was also noted.

Decision

1. **The General Assembly unanimously agreed to authorise the 470 Class Technical Committee to change the class rules to permit nation flags and competitor names on sails.**
2. **The General Assembly agreed that the recommendation to ISAF on the location of the nation flags should be as proposed by Submission 08-11. (Vote: 411 in favour, 21 against, 0 abstain).**

- Submission 09-11 – USA – Class Rules A.10.1 and G.5.2

Submission 09-11 was not discussed as it was superseded by the discussion under Submission 08-11.

- Submission 11-11 – Bulgaria – Class Rule G.5.2

Submission 11-11 was withdrawn by the Bulgarian delegate and was not therefore discussed.

- Class Rule Change Proposals by the Chairman of the Technical Committee

Decision

The General Assembly unanimously approved the Class Rules Changes as proposed by the Technical Committee.

(ii) Technical Issues with ISAF

There were no additional technical issues discussed, which were not already covered under item 4(b).

(d) Other Submissions

Submission 06-12 – Spain – Setting up an electronic measurement form database

Dimitris Dimou advised that he would have discussions with the Finn Class regarding their online database to investigate the options.

Decision

The General Assembly agreed in principle to establishing an online database of measurement forms and the Management Committee will investigate the options.

(e) Development Issues

Iulia Fulicea introduced the revised 2012-2016 Development Plan, which covered the 470 Class Clinics, 470 Class Development and Supporting Programmes, 470 Class Judges Programme, 470 Class Measurement Programme, Technical Evolution, New Regatta Format and Course Types, Media Relationships and the related budget.

Decision

The General Assembly unanimously approved the 2012-2016 Development Plan.

(f) Sport Issues

(i) Championship Format

Nino Shmueli reported on the feedback received on format options to 470 Internationale by sailors and coaches. It was noted that during 2013 ISAF hoped that event organizers and classes would test different options in order that

decisions can be made at the 2013 ISAF Annual Conference on the format for the 2016 Olympic Games.

The feedback sent to ISAF would be circulated to the delegates present at the meeting.

(ii) ISAF

There were no additional issues to be discussed under Item 8(f)(ii) which were not already covered elsewhere.

(iii) Championship Manual

The General Assembly considered Submission 07-12 from the Management Committee proposing changes to the Championship Manual regarding removing the “mixed” category from 470 Championships and proper definition of where the European Championships can be hosted.

Decision

The General Assembly approved Submission 07-12. (Vote: 215 in favour, 133 against (FRA, GER, NZL, ARG), 64 abstain (AUS, POL, ROU, RUS).

The General Assembly approved the following additional changes to the Championship Manual:

Clause 3.6 (Vote: 380 in favour, 0 against, 32 abstain).

Clause 7 (Vote: 412 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstain).

Note: The Turkish delegate (20 votes) had left the meeting.

(iv) Status of the 2013 Championships

The General Assembly noted the status of the future 470 Championships:

- 2013 470 World Championships - La Rochelle, France
- 2013 470 Junior Worlds Championships - La Rochelle, France
- 2013 470 Masters' Cup - La Rochelle, France
- 2013 470 Junior Europeans - Pwllheli, Great Britain
- 2013 470 Europeans - Formia, Italy

It was noted that the dates of this Championship would now have to move to the first or second week of June 2013, due to the 2013 test event for the 2014 ISAF Worlds in Santander, Spain which would clash with the current dates for the 2013 470 Europeans.

A member raised an issue on non-European teams being able to win the overall European Championship title and it was noted that any changes to the current policy as set out in the Championship Manual would require a submission for the next General Assembly Meeting.

(v) Confirmation of the venues for the 2014 470 Championships

The General Assembly reviewed the progress on the arrangements and venues for the 2014 470 Championships.

- 2014 470 European Championships - Athens, Greece

Decision

The venue of the Nautical Club of Tzitzifies Kallithea, Athens, Greece was approved subject to a site visit.

- 2014 470 Junior Worlds Championships - Cervia, Italy

Decision

The venue of Cervia, Italy was approved.

- 2014 470 Junior European Championships - Gdynia, Poland

The General Assembly noted that it was the right of the International 420 Class Association to approve the venue for the 2014 420 and 470 Junior European Championships.

Decision

The venue of Gdynia, Poland was approved subject to a site visit.

- 2014 Masters' Cup

Decision

The General Assembly authorized the Management Committee to select the venue for the 2014 Masters' Cup.

Looking ahead to the 2015 470 Championships, it was noted that the intention is to organize the 2015 470 Junior World Championship in Asia.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The President gave thanks to the dedication and long serving work and support contributed by retiring Management Committee Members, Alain Corcuff and Martin Steiger, who have served the International 470 Class Association for many years.

There being no further business the meeting closed at approximately 1745 hours.

Iulia FULICEA
Secretary General

Stanislav KASSAROV
President