

**Minutes of the 2009 General Assembly Meeting
held on 21 August 2009
at the Royal Danish Yacht Club, Rungsted, Denmark**

This version takes into consideration all comments received from attendees and delegates and will be subject to the General Assembly approval at its 2010 Meeting to be held during the 201 470 World Championships on 10 July 2010 in The Hague, Netherlands.

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APPENDICES

These were the supporting papers circulated to meeting delegates and are available on request:

1. Report of the President (supporting paper 4(a) to GAM Agenda)
2. Report of the Technical Committee Chairman (supporting paper 4(b) to GAM Agenda)
3. Report of the Promotional and Development Committee (supporting paper 4(c) to GAM Agenda)
4. Report of the Secretary General and Class Manager (supporting paper 4(d) to GAM Agenda)
5. Accounts for 2008 (supporting paper 4(e) to GAM Agenda)
6. Assets and Liabilities (supporting paper 4(e) to GAM Agenda)
7. Provisional Accounts for 2009 as at 30 June 2009 (supporting paper 4(e) to GAM Agenda)
8. Auditor's Report (supporting paper 4(f) to GAM Agenda)
9. Proposed Change to By-Laws (supporting paper 7(a)(i) to GAM Agenda)
10. Budget for 2010 (supporting paper 7(b)(i) to GAM Agenda)
11. Championship Organization Chart (supporting paper 7(d) to GAM Agenda)

MEMBERS WITH RIGHTS TO VOTE, ATTENDING OR REPRESENTED

470 NCA delegates

ARG, AUS, BUL, DEN*, FRA, GRE, HKG, ISR, JPN, NED, POL, QAT, ROU, RUS, SLO, SUI, UKR, USA

18 members present

470 NCAs appointing proxies

BRA (to ARG), CHI (to ARG), CYP (to BUL), SIN (to AUS)

4 members represented

Individual Members present

None

Individual Members appointing proxies

None

Total number of votes present or represented = 474

** Note: DEN joined the meeting from Agenda Item 7(d) onwards, so the vote tally was 454 prior to that point and 474 afterwards.*

Other attendees without rights to vote

Management Committee members: Stanislav Kassarov (President), Nino Shmueli (First Vice-President, Alain Corcuff (Secretary General), Martin Steiger (Treasurer), Dimitris Dimou (Chairman of the Technical Committee), Iulia Negoescu, Fernnada Sesto

Auditor: Erico Hoffmann

Class Manager: Luissa Smith

Invited representatives of the venues bidding to host future 470 Championships.

Apologies

Marta Weores

The checking of attendance and examination of proxies was performed by the Ad-Hoc Committee (Erico Hoffmann as Chairman, Alain Corcuff and Luissa Smith).

The meeting was declared open at 1500 hours by the President Stanislav Kassarov who confirmed that the quorum (14 members present required) had been reached.

1. WELCOME AND REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Stanislav Kassarov welcomed the appointed delegates and the invited attendees to the first International 470 Class Association GAM with Stanislav in the role of President. The President introduced the Management Committee members, noting that there were four new members elected in November 2008, being: Stanislav Kassarov, Iulia Negoescu, Fernanda Sesto and Nino Shmueli.

Stanislav Kassarov introduced the new Class Manager, Luissa Smith, who had commenced the role on 1 April 2009.

The President presented his report (reference Appendix 1) and highlighted the objectives of the 470 Management Committee. It was noted that particular emphasis will be put on the use of technology, development of a new class website and media operations for all 470 Championships.

Stanislav advised that it was planned to hold future GAM's at a 470 Class Championship to support the attendance of National 470 Class Associations (NCAs) and Individual Members.

2. REPORT OF THE AD-HOC COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Ad-Hoc Committee appointed to check the registration of the members present or represented at the meeting confirmed that 17 National Class Associations were present, with an additional 4 NCAs represented by proxies, carrying a total of 454 votes.

The delegate from Denmark joined the meeting from Agenda Item 7(d) forwards and the vote tally was then revised to 474.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2008 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Decision

The minutes of the General Assembly meeting held on 16 November 2008, posted on the Website, were unanimously approved.

4. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

(a) **President's Report – Stanislav Kassarov**

The meeting noted the report of the President (reference Appendix 1) which emphasized the activities undertaken in administration, sports issues and the various class development programmes as well as looking ahead to the 2016 Olympics.

(b) **Technical Committee Chairman Report – Dimitris Dimou**

In presenting his report, Dimitris Dimou noted the changes to the 470 Class Rules voted at the last GAM, approved by ISAF and published in July 2009, use of the new measurement forms, digitising of technical data and drawings, ISAF communications and In-House Certification (IHC).

Dimitris asked the NCAs to forward details of national measurers to the class, in order that communication and activities can be better supported.

(Reference Appendix 2 for the full report).

(c) **Promotional and Development Report – Iulia Negoescu and Fernando Sesto**

The development activities undertaken by the class were noted, including:

- 470 International Solidarity Programme (ISP)
- You can Help! Raised of used Equipment
- GO SAIL! Olympic Pathway Solidarity Grant (OPSG)
- Andre Cornu Grant
- Junior Support Programme
- Junior Clinic - by Andreas Kosmatopoulos
- Eastern European Clinic - by Karlo Hmeljak

Iulia Negoescu advised that the first Eastern European Clinic would be held from 31 August-2 September 2009 on the Danube River in Serbia.

The commitment to development initiatives and training clinics continues to grow with a total of EUR10,000 being committed to projects in 2009, although the final expenditure would not be confirmed until later in the year.

Based on feedback so far during 2009, future training clinics will be structured to cater both for those new to international racing and the more experienced athletes. The 470 Internationale is planning to collaborate with the International 420 Class Association to run joint training programmes during 2010.

Any NCAs wishing to host a 470 training programme or clinic were welcomed to contact the class.

A representative from New Zealand encouraged partnerships with sponsors to further support the training programmes.

(Reference Appendix 3 for the full report).

(d) Secretary General and Class Manager Report – Alain Corcuff and Luissa Smith

Alain Corcuff and Luissa Smith reported on the administrative activity to date, noting the status of NCAs and Individual Members, communications with stakeholders, updates on the Championships held so far in 2009 and progress reports on the 2010 Championships.

(Reference Appendix 4 for the full report).

(e) Treasurer's Report – Martin Steiger

Martin Steiger presented a report on the Accounts for the period 1 January – 31 December 2008 (Reference Appendix 5), which recorded a positive balance of EUR3,782 for the period. The statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2008 was noted (Reference Appendix 6).

Presenting the half-yearly revenue and expenses statement to 30 June 2009 (Reference Appendix 7), Martin Steiger reported that the position was according to projections.

A member requested that in future the presentation of the statement of revenue and expenses could be shown alongside past years, so as to enable an easy comparison year on year.

(f) Auditor's Report – Erico Hoffmann

Erico Hoffmann reported that the accounts for the period 1 January to 31 December 2008 were an accurate and true record. (Reference Appendix 8).

Erico Hoffmann recorded a vote of thanks for the work undertaken by the Treasurer, Martin Steiger.

Decision

The accounts for the period 1 January to 31 December 2008 were unanimously approved.

(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 2008 General Assembly meeting.

Decision

The GAM unanimously approved the management of the 470 Internationale done by the Management Committee for the year 2008.

5. PROJECT 2016

Stanislav Kassarov gave a verbal report on the status of Project 2016 which was now being directly co-ordinated by the Management Committee.

The first meeting was held at the 470 European Championships attended by Management Committee members, sailors and coaches. A wide range of feedback was generated on technical issues, competition format and media.

A further meeting would be held during the 2009 470 World Championships.

Stanislav reported that more structured meetings would be held during 2010, with the three specific project groups responsible for technical, competition and media.

Those interested in joining any of the project groups were welcomed to do so and to contact the Class Manager.

Decision

The GAM unanimously approved that:

- 1. The Management Committee be responsible for the co-ordination of Project 2016.**
- 2. That a budget of EUR20,000 be allocated to Project 2016 for 2010.**

6. STATUS OF THE “BRAND NAME” PROJECT

Stanislav Kassarov reported that the EGA in 2007 had approved the introduction of the “Brand Name” project and a related budget of EUR40,000. With the subsequent economic crisis and after receiving advice from the “Brand Name” project company the Management Committee recommended freezing the project.

No money from the allocated budget, which was supposed to be taken from the reserves out of the 2008 budget, was spent.

Decision

The GAM unanimously approved that the Brand Name project be frozen.

7. PLANS FOR COMING YEARS

(a) Management and Administration issues

Alain Corcuff presented the change to the 470 By-Laws proposed by the Management Committee and which was deferred by the GAM in 2008 (Reference Appendix 9 for the full report). . The proposal aimed at enlarging the power of the Management Committee to entrust people to fulfil identified tasks.

In discussion concern was expressed that this change may allow members of the Management Committee to be paid for their services to the 470 Internationale. Both the President and Secretary General emphasized that the intent of the 470 Internationale is to be totally voluntary, however such a change will allow a Management Committee member to be paid for additional activities out of their duties as elected member and gave the example that in 2007 Marta Weores had undertaken coaching sessions in Cascais, but was not allowed to be paid for her work due to this by-law.

They clarified that any payment to a Management Committee member would have to be put before and approved by the GAM and for a specific project.

Decision

The GAM approved the change to By-Law 4.3.

(Vote: 192 in favour, 143 against, 119 abstain = 454 votes)

(b) 2010 Budget

Martin Steiger presented the proposed budget for the period 1 January to 31 December 2010.

Stanislav Kassarov emphasized that the aim in 2010 was to put increased resource and financial investment towards the sailors and development activity.

(Reference Appendix 10 for the full report).

Decision

The GAM unanimously approved the:

1. Proposed budget for 2010.
2. That in addition a further EUR20,000 expenditure in 2010 could be allocated for Project 2016 and/or for promotional activities.

(c) Technical issues

This item was covered under minute 4(b).

(d) Sport issues

(i) 2010 470 Championships

Alain Corcuff informed the General Assembly that the five contracts between the organisers and the 470 Internationale had been signed and gave the following report on the 2010 470 Championships:

- 2010 470 World Championships – a site visit was recently made by Alain Corcuff and the Organizing Committee is resolving some concerns over the slipway and boatpark. Dick Coster (delegate of the Dutch 470 CA) reported that a group of sailors and coaches were involved to ensure the concerns were resolved.
- 2010 470 European Championships – organization in hand and nothing specific to report.
- 2010 Junior World Championships – a site visit was made at the end of June by Nino Shmueli and all arrangements are progressing well. A request to change the dates of the Championship to an earlier date in December has been made and would be confirmed soon. The Organizing Committee will be supplying all equipment, so a boat rotation system will be introduced with a focus on maximising the racing time. Nino emphasized the opportunity to develop sailing in the region and the excellent sailing conditions.
- 2010 Junior European Championships – organization in hand and nothing specific to report.
- 2010 Masters' Cup – Alain Corcuff advised that at the 2008 GAM no bids had been received for the 2010 Masters' Cup, so the Management Committee had been charged to resolve a venue and was pleased to report a bid from Biscarosse, France. The organizing is all in hand.

(ii) Confirmation of Venues for the 2011-2012 Championships (already decided):

Alain Corcuff reported on the following Championships:

- **2011 470 European Championships, Helsinki, Finland** – the GA in 2008 selected Helsinki for 2011, to be confirmed at the 2009 GAM under the condition that a contract be signed between the organisers and the 470 Internationale. Alain Corcuff reported that no contract had been even discussed yet in spite of numerous reminders from the 470 Internationale. This status was noted with concern expressed at the lack of communication from the Organizing Committee regarding arrangements and a proposed contract. It was noted that the majority of the other Olympic Classes have reported a similar situation.

Decision

The GAM approved the Management Committee proposal to continue to maintain pressure on the organisers and empowered the Management Committee to look at an alternate venue (including to come back to the initial choice of the GA of Largs) if a contract could not be signed in short term.

(Vote: 451 in favour, 0 against, 23 abstain = 474 votes)

- **2012 470 European Championships, Largs, Great Britain** – the GAM noted that Largs had been moved by the GA in 2008 as the venue for the 2011 Europeans to 2012, and that final approval is subject to a site visit, which will take place before the 2010 GAM. On that basis, selection of Largs as the confirmed venue will be deferred until 2010.

Decision

The GAM unanimously approved that the confirmation of Largs as the venue for the 2012 470 European Championships be deferred until the 2010 GAM.

- **2011 Junior World Championships, Netherlands** – the GA selected in 2008 The Netherlands with two potential options on venues, The Hague or Medemblik, to be chosen in 2009. The GAM noted that the Management Committee proposes to choose Medemblik, to avoid in the same year the two Junior events being held in very similar sailing conditions (Nieuwpoort and The Hague). In addition, Medemblik seems a more appropriate venue for Juniors than The Hague. Dick Coster (delegate of the Dutch 470 CA) confirmed that Medemblik seems more appropriate than The Hague for a Junior event.

Decision

The GAM unanimously approved Medemblik as the venue for the 2011 Junior World Championships.

- **2011 Junior European Championships, Nieuwpoort, Belgium** – the GAM noted that Management Committee proposes to confirm Nieuwpoort as the venue.

Decision

The GAM unanimously confirmed Nieuwpoort as the venue for the 2011 Junior European Championships.

(Reference Appendix 11 for the Championship Organization Chart).

(iii) Bids For Future 470 Championships

The GAM received the following bids to host future 470 Championships. Each bidder received questions from the floor and discussion on the bids was held. Prior to voting to select the venues, the GAM agreed that voting would be by secret ballot:

2012 World Championships

The GAM noted that the 2012 470 World Championships will be the final qualifying event for the 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition:

- Luebecker Yacht Club (GER)
- Sdot Yam Sailing Club (ISR)
- Club Nautic S'Arenal (ESP)
- Real Club Nautico de Barcelona and Real Club Maritim de Barcelona (ESP)
- High Sport Centre for Sailing in Murcia (ESP)

Decision

The GAM approved the Real Club Nautico de Barcelona and Real Club Maritim de Barcelona (ESP) to host the 2012 470 World Championships, subject to confirmation by the next GAM based on a report of a site visit by the Management Committee.

(Vote: 287 – Barcelona, 83 – Israel, 63 – Murcia, 20 – El Arenal, 20 Lubecker = 473 and one vote not cast)

2012 Junior World Championships

- High Sport Centre for Sailing in Murcia (ESP) (just before or after Worlds)
- Takapuna Yacht Club, Auckland, New Zealand 470 Association (NZL)

** From this point forwards, France was allocated the proxy vote for Russia.*

Decision

The GAM approved the Takapuna Yacht Club (NZL) to host the 2012 470 Junior World Championships, subject to confirmation by the next GAM based on a report by the Management Committee.

(Vote: 267 – New Zealand, 207 – Murcia)

2012 Junior European Championships

- Yacht Club Port Bourgas (BUL)

Alain Corcuff reminded that the agreement with the International 420 Class Association for the combined Junior European Championships is to have the choice of the venue done first by the 420 Class Association in even years and then confirmed by the 470 Internationale (and the contrary for odd years). For 2012, the 420 Class Association will make its choice next year only. The two Class Associations received mid-August a declaration of interest from the Nautical Club of Tzitzifies-Kallithea (Athens), which should send a bid. This bid, as well as the one from Yacht Club Bourgas, will be evaluated at the next GAM of the International 420 Class

Decision

The GAM unanimously approved the proposal of the Management Committee to defer the decision after the International 420 Class Association has made its decision.

2013 World Championships

The GAM noted the five potential venues in France who had bid to host the 2013 World Championships, associated with the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the class:

- Deauville (Normandy)
- Crozon-Morgat (Brittany)
- Douarnenez (Brittany)
- Saint-Pierre de Quiberon (Brittany)
- La Rochelle (Charentes)

The GAM noted that all venues in partnership with the AS 470 France were planning to hold celebratory events, including an Anniversary Cup, Gala Dinner, exhibition, racing on a lay day with past champions and heroes from the class. In order to ensure a high level of celebratory activities, it was noted that the AS 470 France would like the International 470 Class Association to make a contribution of around EUR20,000 towards the Championships. In formally requesting this amount, AS 470 France will detail exactly how the budget will be spent.

Decision

The GAM unanimously approved France as the host nation for the 2013 World Championships, with the decision on the venue and approval of a financial contribution by the International 470 Class Association to be made at the 2010 GAM.

(iv) Other Future Championships

Alain Corcuff reported that there were currently no bids received for the Masters' Cup in 2011, 2012 and 2013 and for the European Championships, the Junior European Championships and the Junior World Championships, in spite NCAs were invited to bid to host these events.

With no bids received, the GAM noted the recommendation from the Management Committee to authorize them to be responsible to select a venue for the 2011 Master's Cup and to issue a new call for bids for the other events before the 2010 GAM.

Decision

The GAM unanimously authorized the Management Committee to select the venue for the 2011 Master's Cup.

Decision

The GAM unanimously approved that the venues for the following Championships be decided at the 2010 GAM:

- **2012 Master's Cup**
- **2013 European Championships**
- **2013 Junior World Championships**
- **2013 Junior European Championships**
- **2013 Master's Cup**

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8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1930 hours.

Alain CORCUFF
Secretary General

Stanislav KASSAROV
President