



MINUTES 2020 Online General Assembly Reporting Meeting

The online General Assembly reporting meeting of the International 470 Class Association took place on 27 December 2020, 12pm UTC, via Webex.

Minute Contents

1. Welcome
2. Obituaries
3. Approval of the minutes of the 2019 GAM
4. Report of the President for the period since the 2019 GAM
5. Report of the Secretary General
6. Report of the Treasurer on the 2019 accounts
7. Report of the Auditor on the 2019 accounts
8. Report of the Chairman of the Technical Committee
9. Presentation of the Class Website/Social media situation by the class media manager.
10. Vote for approval of the administration of the 470 Internationale in 2019
11. Presentation by the President of the current situation about the Olympic status of the 470, the future of the class and the plans regarding the upcoming GAM: future events, class rule changes and the Management Committee elections.
12. Any other business

Supporting Papers

The following papers were distributed by email

Item 4 - President's Report

Item 4 - Promotion and Development Report

Item 6(e) - 470 Media Report

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

Argentina	Gonzalo Heredia (MC)	Netherlands	Erik Van Leeuwen
Angola	Nuno Gomes	Philippines	Michael Jeremy Rollin
Austria	Lukas Mahr	Poland	Agnieszka Skrzypulec (MC)
China	Xiaodong Zhang	Romania	Iulia Fulicea
Cyprus	Demetris Demetriou	Russia	Michail Zabolotnov
Estonia	Ott Kallas	Slovenia	Mitja Mikulin
France	Robert Austin (Auditor)	Turkey	Tayfun Erey
Germany	Max Pleger	Ukraine	Oleksandr Gerasymenko
Greece	Dimitris Dimou (President)	USA	Dave Hughes (MC)
Israel	Eli Zukerman		
Italy	Vincenzo Losito (MC)		
Japan	Ikuko Horikawa		
Canada	Jacob Saunders		

21 members present

Other attendees without rights to vote

Haluk Suntay (TUR) – Technical Committee Chairman

Nino Shmueli (ISR) – Class Vice President

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Andreas Kosmatopoulos (GRE) – Class Treasurer
Konstantinos Tsigkaras (GRE) – Media Manager

1. WELCOME BY THE PRESIDENT

The President welcomed delegates and observers to the meeting.

2. OBITUARIES

The President gave a short speech about the loss of two of the 470 Class legends, David Barnes in October 2020 and Kevin Burnham in November 2020. A moment of silence was observed in the memory of these two great 470 sailors.

3. MINUTES OF THE 2019 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Decision

The minutes of the General Assembly meeting held on 6 May 2019 were unanimously approved.

4. PRESIDENT REPORT

The President verbally presented his report, covering the administration of the class, the events the class organized after the previous GAM, with particular mention of the various regional and continental championships, the development and support programs in 2019-2020, the new era in the 470 Class with the deletion of the Men and Women events in the Olympics and the inclusion of the Mixed event, the media management of the class and finally the future of the class and the need to create an Open fleet in parallel to the Mixed.

Development Report

In giving a verbal report on the 470 Class development programme, Andreas Kosmatopoulos explained the programme initiatives, especially the sails support programme and the clinics done for the Junior fleet.

5. SECRETARY GENERAL

An overview of the NCA data and membership information collated by the President. Dimitris Dimou advised NCAs to respond to his email requests, but equally requested that NCAs not make payment of the annual fees until the respective invoice has been issued.

6. TREASURER REPORT

The following tables were presented:

- Assets and Liabilities for 2019
- Profit and Loss for 2019
- Revenue and Expenses for 2019

7. AUDITOR'S REPORT

Bob Austin presented the Auditor's Report and reported approval and recommended to use a generic accounting system that is approved by tax authorities

Decision

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The International 470 Class accounts for 2019 were unanimously approved.

8. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Haluk Suntay reported on the status of the carbon mast development and explained the delays in the project and that most probably it cannot be implemented for 2024.

9. MEDIA MANAGERS REPORT

Konstantinos Tsigkaras presented a detailed report on the website and social media of the class, and explained what needs to be done by the event organizers and the NCAs to help promote their events and the class activity.

10. APPROVAL OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Dimitris Dimou invited delegates to approve the management of the 470 Internationale undertaken by the Management Committee since the 2019 General Assembly meeting, with the exception of any financial matters.

Decision

The Management Committee activities were unanimously approved.

11. PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON THE FUTURE OF THE CLASS FOR 2024

Dimitris Dimou described the potential problems that the class will face in the transition to the Mixed event, especially highlighting the need to modify the class rule on RR42, possibly to stop the upwind pumping, or other solutions, in order to equalize as much as possible the performance of men and women crews. And for the future growth of the class there must be a way to reactivate fleets in areas that have low activity via the Open fleet, and regional championships and events. He also explained that there must be a normal GAM at the earliest possible opportunity, in order to vote for the necessary changes to the constitution and then elect a new Management Committee.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The President thanked the delegates and the management committee members, as this would be his last full report for his term of office as President of the Class. Having no other item for discussion, the meeting closed at approximately 15:00 UTC.