

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

LIMASSOL, 9 NOVEMBER 2002

National Class Associations attending (total 26):

Argentina, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Cyprus, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Netherland, New Zealand, Poland, Qatar, Russia, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukrain, USA.

General Council members:

Heinz Staudt (President), Chako Tobarı (Vice President), Sergio Santella (proxy to Alberto Predieri), Alain Corcuff (Vice President), Darren Dunkley-Smith (Vice President), Alberto Predieri (Secretary General), Martin Steiger, Yalcin Gürkan (proxy to Alberto Predieri), Erico Hoffmann, Victor Kovalenko, Judy Lugar (proxy to James), Sami Abu Shaika.

The meeting opens at 10.30 a.m.

1) WELCOME

The President welcomes all the participants and thanks Philippos Georgatis for the work he has done to make this meeting possible.

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTE OF THE 2000 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING IN MILAN (ITA)

Approved unanimously by the GA.

3) REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Please see the enclosed.

4) REPORT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

Please see the enclosed.

5) REPORT FROM TECHNICAL COMMITTEE AND MEASUREMENT

No report.

6) DISCUSSION ON THE REPORTS

All the reports were approved unanimously.

7) FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEARS 2000 AND 2001

Report from James Appel.

Financial statements 2002: questions from Alain Corcuff, Sami Abu Shaika, BUL, Alberto Predieri, Rick Van Vijnngaarden about the bank charges, annual fees, marketing (Times), saving accounts.

Alain raises the problem that for 2001, the Treasurer has charged the National Association for 7 Euro for each members, while the AGM 2000 has decided to charge 8 Euro each. The MC apologised. The AGM decided that there will not be a further charge.

About the saving account in France James is not able to give information about this account as he did not investigate into that.

Sami Abu Shaika asks that the new Treasurer investigates into the savings account and circulates information to National Association about that.

Financial statements 2000: Erico Hoffmann asks to approve the financial statements for 2000, that has been checked by an independent auditor in USA. He did not receive nothing for 2001. AGM approved the financial statements for the year 2000 (France and Greece against).

Financial statements 2001: Darren Dunkley Smith proposes that by 31st January 2003 James Appel will send the all the documents for the 2001 to Erico Hoffmann and Erico Hoffmann will make his audit by 15nd February 2003 and the MC will circulate the report for 2001 to the National Class Association. The AGM agrees on that.

8) APPROVAL OF BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2001 AND 2002

James shows the tables for year 2001 and 2002. The AGM approves them unanimously.

9) APPROVAL OF MANagements OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND GENERAL COUNCIL

The managements of MC is approved (with abstention of the MC and France, Alain Corcuff).

The managements of GC is approved (with abstention of Argentina and Brasil).

10) ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Darren Dunkley Smith is acclamated unanimously President. Darren thanks Heinz and Linda for the great job they have done and informs about the guidelines for the future quadriennium.

Heinz Staudt, according to Title VI letter b) of the Constitution, asks to become automatically Council Member. The AGM takes note of that.

11) ELECTION OF GENERAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

The election takes place with the following results.

For acclamation (as the following candidates were the only ones in their respective area):

- Li Quanhai
- John Clinton
- James Appel
- Victor Kovalenko
- Alain Corcuff
- Alain Champy

After the votation (655 votes given):

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| - Alberto Predieri | 639 | |
| - Marta Weores | 475 | |
| - Laia Tutzo | | 445 |
| - Arthur Thuringer | 411 | |
| - Rudiger Schuchardt | 342 | not elected |
| - Marco Predieri | 164 | not elected |

All the above General Council member will remain in charge until the AGM in 2006.

Alberto proposes to grant Heinz Staudt, Linda Staudt and Sergio Santella the honorary membership for the work they have done over the past almost 20 years. Qatar and Japan proposes this honorary membership for them, but all the other National Associations agree on that. The next General Council meeting will decide on that.

12) VOTE ON ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE FOR 2003 (TO BE PAID IN JANUARY 2004) AND 2004 (TO BE PAID IN 2005)

Darren proposes to keep the fees at the actual level and not to increase until the next AGM (8 Euro per sailors, minimum 200 Euro, maximum 3.500 Euro). The AGM agrees on that.

13) APPROVAL OF BUDGET FOR THE YEARS 2003

James Appel shows the table of the 2003 budget and goes through each line, giving comments on each of them.

Questions and comments are submitted by Stanislav Kassarov about the Times.

Alain suggests not to use the terms “merchandising sales” for the sail buttons sales, but the term “Royalty sales”.

The AGM approves the budget for the year 2003.

14) SPORTS QUESTIONS

a) Decisions about the Class Championships

- World Championships 2006: China
- European Championships: 2005 Poland, 2006 Hungary
- Junior World Championship 2005: Russia
- Junior European Championship 2005: Estonia
- Master’s Cup 2005: Switzerland

b) Organisation of the class championships up to the above mentioned dates

- Europeans 2003: Alain Corcuff presented the actual situation of the organisation of this events.
- Worlds 2003: Darren informs the AGM about the organisation of these events and in particular about the quota system proposed by Paul Henderson.
- Junior Worlds 2003: Arthur informs the AGM about the organisation of this event. He informs that the organiser proposes to hold the championship from 28th August to 6th September 2003.
- Junior Europeans 2003: Martin informs the AGM about the organisation of this event, in particular about the new venue and the proposed date /from 20th to 27 July 2003).
- Master’s Cup 2003: no particular information from Marta.
- Worlds 2004: Darren informs the AGM with the actual situation about this event.
- Europeans 2004: Rudiger Schuchardt informs the AGM about the organisation of this event. About the date the organiser proposes to hold this championship between Spa and Kiel.

c) General sports questions: no matter arisen.

15) TECHNIQUES

- Approval of the amendements and changes proposed by the Technical Committee, the GC (Rule 26, propulsion) and MC/TC (individual sail numbers): the AGM approves that, with the clarification that the „Individual Sail numbers“ item will be given to a sub-committee in order to prepare a draft of the rule to be approved under the Constitution’s rules.

- Submission from New Zealand –

proposal for a new rule: mast and booms shall be fitted with a lock or stopper system such that the sail cannot extend beyond the black bands. Heinz proposes that the AGM approves the concept and leaves to the MC the duty to prepare a draft of the new rule. The AGM approves unanimously.

- Submission from James Appel and USA –

proposal for a new rule: to allow the use of the electronic compass. The AGM agrees that the Technical Committee shall investigate the issue and go back to the General Council and then to the AGM.

- Submission from General Council –

cross section of the mast: Heinz, Darren and Martin explain the problem submitted by a Finnish Mast builder. Santi has investigated the matter and he proposed to add to rule 11.2 after “...shall be constant” the words “along the mast”. The AGM approves that.

16) CONSTITUTION CHANGE WITH REGARD TO THE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE 470 INTERNATIONALE AND THE NATIONAL CLASS ASSOCIATION

The General Council proposes to add to the Title XI of the Constitution the following paragraph:

French text	English text
e) Toute communication liée à l’application des statuts entre l’Association Internationale et les Associations Nationales doit être envoyée à l’attention du Secrétariat Général par courrier, fax et/ou e-mail. En cas d’utilisation du e-mail, toute communication en provenance de l’Association Internationale est envoyée à l’adresse e-mail de la correspondante Association Nationale (composée par trois lettres du code international – i.e. fra@470.org) ouverte sous le domaine nommé «470.org».	e) Any communication under the Association Constitution between the International Association and the National Associations shall be sent, at the Secretary General discretion, by fax and/or e-mail or/and normal mail. When the e-mail is used, any communication from International Association will be sent to the correspondent National Association e-mail address (composed by three letters of the international code – i.e. fra@470.org) opened under the domain name «470.org».

Les Associations Nationales sont tenues de communiquer au webmaster de l'Association Internationale l'adresse à laquelle les communications doivent être redirigées.	All the National Association will be responsible to communicate to the webmaster of the International Association the address to which all the communication should be redirected.
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The AGM approves unanimously.

17) ITEM BROUGHT BY NATIONAL CLASS ASSOCIATIONS

- Submission from New Zealand:

that the General Assembly be held at the same venue and scheduled to be within one week before or after that years World Championship: the AGM agrees to give to the General Council a strong suggestion to held the AGM at the same venue of the World Championship, but with the uderstanding that the General Council is not obliged to do that.

- Submission from Israel:

to eliminate the word "*mixed*" from the titles of our World and European Championships: Dorith gives to the AGM the background of this submission. The AGM agreed to ask to the GC to delete the word "*mixed*".

18) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nothing was asked to be discussed.

The meeting ends at 6.30 p.m.

The Secretary General
Alberto Predieri

The President
Darren Dunkley Smith