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MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 2. 1996 IN BRIGHTON

Attending:

Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Portugal, Qatar, Spain, Singapore, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, USA.

General council members:

Heinz Staudt (President), Alain Corcuff (Vice President), James Appel (Vice President North America), Sergio Santella (Vice President Mediterranean Area + Junior), Morag Champy (Treasurer), Martin Steiger (Secretary General), Colin Brewer, Mohib Abdel - Aziz Fahmy, Yalcin Gürkan, Georg Fundak, Erico Hoffmann, Hiroshi Mozawa, Michel Petit, Sami Abu Shaikha, Georg Tallberg.

The designer: André Cornu

1.) WELCOME BY THE PRESIDENT

Heinz Staudt welcomes all present and especially André Cornu the architect of the 470. The number of nations, delegations and councils attending is 37 totalling 645 votes.

2.) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 1994

Approved unanimously.

3.) REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Enclosed.

4.) REPORT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

Alain Corcuff reports about the changes in the Class Championship Organisation Manual:

- IYRU to be changed to ISAF.
- National laws shall not prevent participation of some countries.
- Consequences of olympic status requested by ISAF concerning ISAF logo and flag.
- Medical assistance shall be provided by organisers.
- Final phase has to be sailed in 5 days without spare day.
- Two minor changes in the standard sailing instructions.
- The phone n° indicated in the notice of race shall be attended by a person who speaks english.
- Increase the age of Juniors from 20 to 21.
- Inclusion of the Regatta measurement manual.

Alain continues his report with statistics of Class Championships. He explains how penalties for „no shows“ were handled. After a positiv result of a questionnaire to the national associations a European Junior Championship shall be held for the first time in 1997 at Koper in Slovenia.

5.) REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Michel Petit explains the principal tasks which were handled during the last two years:

- Sail measurement according to ISAF sail measurement rules.

- Cunningham for the jib.
- Request of ISAF to eliminate the weight jackets.
- Proposal from Argentine to limit use of exotic materials for rudder, and control of personal bouyancies

Hiroshi informs that the new measurement form which he worked out was tested by Yamaha and Marten. The manual was sent to ISAF for approval.

As part of the Class Championship Organisation Manual we have now a measurement manual which was elaborated by Heinz.

6.) REPORT ABOUT MARKETING

Sami reports about this job he took over three years ago. In Qatar the yearly „Sail the Gulf“ are hosted. This year the Asian Championship and the World Master's Championship were successfully organised. A lot of officials were contacted in the region. The Emirates would like to start with the ISAF 98 Championship to be held in Dubai with supplied boats. Sami wrote to 470 builders about sponsored boats for the ISAF Championship but only Japan answered. The 470 is for such events very expensive.

Qatar is prepared to host the World Championship in 1999 or 2000.

6a.)INTERNET - Erico reports:

An average of 50 persons look at our page each day. To include new E-mail addresses just click on Erico's address and send a message to him.

New points to be included in our page:

- Class rules as file (needs authorisation of ISAF)
- The manual as file
- Open forum for the Class
- Mailing list with one address with which a mail can be transmitted to all addresses included in the list.

The GA applaudes Erico for the exceptional work he is doing with the 470 page on internet.

7.) DISCUSSION ON THE REPORTS

No discussion.

8.) OLYMPICS 2000

The President gives a brief description on the development of the description for the evaluation of the 2000 Olympic Class boats beginning in Warsaw 4/95, Hamburg 11/95 and Cape Town 5/96. In Torbole there was an evaluation event in 9/96 for the high performance dinghy. He passed around a letter from Paul Henderson confirming that with the 470 there is no problem. The latest tendency now is to vote the least popular Class first and throw it out. Heinz points out once again the advantages of the 470 as described in his paper second edition and asks everybody to lobby as much as possible for the 470.

The architect André Cornu has a speech about the 470.

The President explains the ISAF contract to be signed with olympic Classes. We will sign it with modifications. The discussion arouse about the point of supplied material and our position about this matter. He informs that the General Council is unanimously against supplied material. The GA is also unanimously against supplied boats.

However it should be considered that supplied boats are an excellent promotion vehicle. For top level sailors supplied boats cost definitely more because they are obliged to buy an other boat for training equal to the supplied boat.

Situation in Sydney:

Darren reports about the preparations being made actually for Sydney 2000.

9.) FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEARS 1994 AND 1995

Morag reports and distributes following papers:

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Erico as auditor has reviewed and checked the statements of the treasurer and recommends them for approval.

In the following votation the accounts 1994 and 1995 were approved unanimously by the GA.

10.) APPROVAL OF MANAGEMENT

-Management committee: Approved unanimously

-General Council: Approved unanimously.

11.) ELECTION OF GENERAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

The following persons were elected, respectively reelected:

Asia: Fusako (Chako) Tobar (JPN) till 2000 and Hiroshi Mozawa (JPN) till 1998 (extension only for two years in order to achieve an overlap of both terms for Asia. The GA accepted this change unanimously).

South America: Erico Hoffmann (ARG) - 2000

Southern Europe: Yalcin Gürkan (TUR) - 2000

Central Europe: Martin Steiger (SUI) - 2000

Western Europe: Michel Petit (FRA) - 2000, Nigel Biggs (GBR) - 2000

Scandinavia: Georg Tallberg (FIN) - 2000

Africa and Middle East: Sami Abu-Sheikha (QTR) - 2000

Colin Brewer (GBR) resigned and Mohib Abdel-Aziz Fahmy (EGT) was not reelected as General Council member. Heinz thanks them a lot for the valuable contributions they had given to the Class.

12.) VOTE ON ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 1996 (TO BE PAID IN JANUARY 1997) AND 1997 (TO BE PAID IN 1998)

Annual membership fees for 1996 were voted on and accepted unanimously. It remains the same i.e. :

25 French Francs per member of a National Class Association

750 French Francs minimum fee per National Class Association (corresponds to minimum 30 boats)

20000 French Francs maximum per National Class Association.

For 1997 the GA decided to increase the fees as follows:

40 French Francs per member of a National Class Association

1000 French Francs minimum fee per National Class Association (corresponds to minimum 25 boats)

20000 French Francs maximum per National Class Association.

The President informs that the sail button fee was increased from 35 to 40FF by the General Council with validity starting November 2nd, 1996

13.) APPROVAL OF BUDGET FOR THE YEARS 1996 AND 1997

-Budget 1996: accepted unanimously.

-Budget 1997: Several modifications were discussed and introduced (see enclosed revised budget sheet). Accepted unanimously.

14.) SPORTS QUESTIONS

Class Championships for 1997 - 2000:

World Championship 97 in Tel-Aviv:

Dorit Stierler informs that it will be held at a marina in Tel-Aviv. A wide range of hotels is available. A „carnet de passage“ for customs is recommended. Eventually a customs broker for the whole WC could be provided. Rebates for sea-freight are offered by the company ZIM. Upon some questions of George Fundak about the safety measures being provided Dorit assured that all provisions shall be taken to guarantee a safe championship. Letters of Israel yachting association and ZIM are enclosed.

European Championship 98 in Turkey:

Yalcin informs that the definitive candidate is Istanbul. Wind force 3 - 5, 20 - 30cm waves, air temperature 30 - 32°C, water temperature 22 - 24°C. A 25% discount for the ferry from Trieste to Istanbul can be offered. Free camping site for tents and campers with free electricity is at disposition. All thinkable infrastucture is available including 15 charter boats 0 - 3 years old at a first application - first choice base.

World Championship 98 in Mallorca:

Theresa informs about the usual well known scheme with the transportation of the boats by the marine.

World Championship 99

Darren informs about the planned Combined Olympic Class World Championship 99 in Melbourne and distributes a brochure. The following vote to change the planned WC 99 in Doha to Australia came out clearly in favour of Australia.

New proposals to perform the WC 00 in Hungary or Spain as well as proposals from Switzerland, Spain and Finland for the European Championship in 00 came up Italy and Portugal made late candidatures too. The results of the voting is following:

-Vote on late candidatures of Italy and Portugal

190 yes

309 no

-Vote on WC 2000

Qatar 229

Spain 60

Hungary 296

-Vote on EC 2000

Spain 20

Switzerland 315

Finland 189

Other allocations were discussed and approved. The updated Class Championship organisation sheet is enclosed as well as the fixture list for 97.

15.) TECHNIQUES

The G.A. voted on following changes respectively modifications of the Class Rules proposed by the technical committee:

-Sail measurement according to ISAF sail measurement rules.

Accepted unanimously

-Jib cunningham with the inclusion of one shackle and one fairlead.

Accepted unanimously

-Weight jacket

310 no

223 yes

As the necessary 2/3 majority was not achieved the rule change is not accepted. However it has to be noted that if ISAF issues a general rule against weight jackets, we would have to accept it as superposed rule.

Enclosed to these minutes is our application to ISAF.

-Heinz informs that camel backs are part of weight jackets according to our understanding. ISAF will have to issue a general interpretation on this matter.

16.) ITEMS BROUGHT ON THE AGENDA BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Proposals of Argentine: (See enclosure)

A) It was decided not to treat the mast controller as the technical committee was against this proposal, having just changed this rule with the last rule changes.

B) For limitation of price of fittings and fittings in general a working party was created which will send their proposal to the technical as well as the management committee. The members of this working party are: Viktor Kovalenko, Dominik Liener and Martin Steiger. Two other active sailors may be chosen for this group.

C) It was decided to pass the buoyancy questions to ISAF as this problem is considered to be consistent for all classes and a general prescription is indicated.

-Alain asks the technical committee to elaborate a new proposal for „personal“ or reduced sail numbers.

-Heinz asks the technical committee to include in the rudderhead rule low friction material for filling up the play between the rudderblade and the rudderhead.

17.) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Marco Predieri presents a draft of a contract for a 470-VISA credit card. It seems quite an interesting project and details have to be studied by the management committee.

The original 470 flag by André Cornu in 1963 is available from Alain for 120FF at the GA.

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price later will be 180FF.

James Appel found several differences between the Constitution and the By - Laws in reference to voting and decision making. He will have a look at this problem and bring it up at the next council meeting.

Secretary General

The President

Martin Steiger

Heinz Staudt