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MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 31ST 1998 IN PALMA DE MALLORCA

Attending:

Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Israel, Italy, Japan, Qatar, Russia, Switzerland, Turkey, 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), Darren Dunkley - Smith, Yalcin Gürkan, Georg Fundak, Erico Hoffmann, Hiroshi Mozawa, Michel Petit, Alberto Predieri, Marco Predieri, Sami Abu Shaikha, Georg Tallberg, Chako Tobari.

1.) WELCOME BY THE PRESIDENT

Heinz Staudt welcomes all present council members and the representatives of the National Associations. The number of present or delegated nations and councils attending amounts to 38 nations totalling 657 votes.

At this point Alain Corcuff reports of his contact with André Cornu, the architect of the 470, who was not able to attend at this meeting. André Cornu has sent a letter to ISAF asking to decrease his building fee share in favour of the share for 470 Internationale.

	A. Cornu	470 Int.	ISAF
Current share:	15/36	11/36	10/36
Future share:	13,5/36	12.5/36	10/36

At the World's André Cornu presented each a mainsail to the men and women Champion. He wishes to continue to give prizes to first placed men and women at future championships. The President Heinz Staudt and all the present at the General Assembly thanked André Cornu officially for his donations.

2.) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 1996

Approved unanimously.

3.) REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Report of the President Heinz Staudt enclosed.

4.) REPORT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

Report of Alain Corcuff enclosed.

5.) REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Michel Petit reports. No changes shall be proposed before the Olympics. For the next rule changes the reduction of price of the boat will be the main point of discussion.

6.) DISCUSSION ON THE REPORTS

There was no specific discussion.

7.) FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEARS 1996 AND 1997

Morag reports and distributes following papers:

- Balance 1996 and Results 1996
- Balance 1997 and Results 1997.

In the following voting the accounts 1996 and 1997 were approved unanimously by the GA.

8.) APPROVAL OF BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1998

Approval of the budget 1998: The GA approved the budget unanimously.

9.) APPROVAL OF MANAGEMENT

- a) Management committee: Approved unanimously by the GA.
- b) General Council: Approved unanimously by the GA.

10.) ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT

The election of the President was chaired by the Vice President Alain Corcuff.

Before the voting the two candidates Heinz Staudt and Darren Dunkley - Smith presented their programme they propose for the next 4 years.

Result of voting: Heinz: 538 votes, Darren: 367 votes, void: 52.

The General Assembly has elected Heinz Staudt as President for the next 4 years.

11.) ELECTION OF GENERAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

The following persons were elected, respectively reelected:

Asia: Hiroshi Mozawa (JPN) - 2002 with 887 votes

South West Pacific: Darren Dunkley Smith (AUS) - 2002 with 832 votes

North America: Judy Lugar (CAN) - 2002 with 622 votes

Central Europe: Lutz Patrunky (GER) and Georg Fundak (AUS) - 2002 with 803 respectively 560 votes

Southern Europe: Sergio Santella (ITA) and Alberto Predieri (ITA) - 2002 with 786 respectively 928 votes

Western Europe: Alain Corcuff (FRA) - 2002 with 832 votes

Eastern Europe: Viktor Kovalenko (UKR) - 2002 with 926 votes

12.) VOTE ON ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 1998 (TO BE PAID IN JANUARY 1999) AND 1999 (TO BE PAID IN 2000)

- A strong majority of the General Assembly accepted to change our accounts from French Francs to Euro from 2000 on.

- Annual membership fees for 1998: Remain unchanged.

- Annual membership fees for 1999 were voted on and accepted as follows:

Increase from 40 to 45 French Francs per member of a National Class Association corresponding to 7 Euro (to be paid in 1999).

- Increase from 1000 to 1125 French Francs minimum fee per National Class Association corresponding to 175 Euro (corresponds to 25 boats).

- Maximum fee 20000 French Francs maximum per National Class Association corresponding to 3100 Euro.
- An individual member of the 470 Internationale Class costs 50 Euro where no National Class Association exists.
- The President informs that the Treasurer proposed to change the sail button fee which is now 40 FF to 6 Euro.
- A strong majority of the General Assembly was in favour of allowing to hire a part time administrator if the resources are found to finance one. The recommendation may come from the Management Committee.

13.) APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET 1999

Approved with one abstention.

14.) SPORTS QUESTIONS

Alain Corcuff presented the situation of upcoming regattas.

1999:

Melbourne - Worlds, good preparation by the organiser.

Zadar - Open European Championship, the organiser gave a personal presentation with video.

Rostock - Euro Juniors: Agreement with the organiser signed. Preliminary notice of race should be issued soon.

Junior Worlds and Master's in New Zealand. 9 charter boats from Nautivela, 6 charter boats from NZL. Final format to be issued by end of December / beginning of January. 15 Juniors and 9 Master's have given their intention to race up to now.

2000:

Balaton - Worlds.

St. Moritz - Euro, preliminary notice of race was distributed.

The other events were discussed, see enclosed Class Championship Organisation schedule.

Alain reports on the decisions made by the General Council concerning:

- Quota system with more weight on amount of annual fees.
- Entry fees for World championships to be received directly by the Class who pays 80% to the organiser
- Addition of a three loop course to the Manual
- Change to Standard Sailing instructions concerning admission of coach boats to the racing area.

15.) TECHNIQUES

The proposed changes of the Working Group for fittings were given to the Management Committee for minor changes. No changes shall be made before the Olympics 2000.

Secretary General

The President

Martin Steiger

Heinz Staudt