



Minutes 2021 General Assembly Meeting

The General Assembly Meeting of the 470 Internationale took place in two separate sessions, on Friday 5 March and Saturday 6 March 2021 at Vilamoura, Portugal

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

Angola	Nuno Reis	Japan	Proxy to Bulgaria
American Samoa	Tyler Paige	Latvia	Proxy to Lithuania
Argentina	Gonzalo Heredia	Lithuania	Antanas Juodsnukis
Australia	Proxy to Bulgaria	Mozambique	Proxy to Angola
Austria	Lukas Maehr	Netherlands **	Afrodite Zegers
Bulgaria	Emilia Tsoulfa	Poland	Zizi Staniul
Cyprus	Proxy to Israel	Portugal *	Rui Reis
Estonia *	Andrus Poksi	Romania	Proxy to Greece
France	Gildas Philippe	Russia	Mikhail Zabolotnov
Great Britain *	Jonny McGovern	Sweden ***	Anton Dahlberg
Greece	Andreas Kosmatopoulos	Switzerland	Linda Fahrni
India	Shweta Shervegar	Turkey	Tayfun Erey
Israel	Nino Shmueli,	Ukraine	Volodymyr Kyselov
Italy	Leonardo Zaggia	USA	David Hughes

The 1st session started at 18:25 on 5 March with 25 members present.

(*) Portugal, Estonia and Great Britain delegates joined the meeting at 18:30, 18:40 and 19:00 so at 19:00 there were 28 members present (22 direct representations, 6 proxy representations).

(**) Netherlands left the 1st session meeting on 5 March at 20:00

(***) Sweden did not participate at the 2nd session on 6 March, so 27 members were present on that day (21 direct representations, 6 proxy representations).

470 NCAs appointing proxies:

- Australia appointed Bulgaria as their proxy**
- Cyprus appointed Israel as their proxy**
- Japan appointed Bulgaria as their proxy**
- Latvia appointed Lithuania as their proxy**
- Mozambique appointed Angola as their proxy**
- Romania appointed Greece as their proxy**

Other attendees without rights to vote:

Management Committee members: Agnieszka Skrzypulec (POL), Haluk Suntay (TUR). Vincenzo Losito (ITA) on Zoom connection

Principal Auditor: Robert Austin (FRA) on Zoom connection

Class Executive Director: Dimitris Dimou (GRE)

Participating on Zoom

5 & 6 March: Ikuko Horikawa (JPN), Stanislav Kassarov (BUL).

6 March: Alastair Fox (GBR), Max Pleger (GER) Alain Champy (FRA), Jens Kath (GER), Peter Ramke (GER), Lionel Boettner (GER)

Apologies

Iulia Fulicea (ROU) - Management Committee Member

Fernanda Sesto (ARG) - Management Committee Member

Session 1, March 5 2021

1. Welcome by the Acting President

The Acting President, Nino Shmueli, welcomed delegates and observers to the meeting, noting that he was retiring after 12 years in the Management Committee as per the Constitution. He thanked all delegates, the Management Committee, NCAs, sailors and coaches for their support, and Nuno Reis, organizer of the 2021 World Championship for his help in organizing the GAM venue.

2. The Executive Director made a roll call of the members present and announced the number of votes. At 18:25 there was a total of 236 votes, which increased to 260 votes at 19:00 with the addition of 3 late-arriving member delegates, for a simple majority of 131 votes and increased majority of 175 votes. The following persons were appointed as the Ad-Hoc Committee, responsible to oversee the count and validate votes:

Agnieszka Skrzypulec (POL)

Haluk Suntay (TUR)

David Highes (USA)

3. Management of the 470 Internationale undertaken by the Management Committee since the 2020 Online General Assembly meeting of 27 December 2020:

(a) Report of the Acting President.

Nino Shmueli explained that he had become the Acting President in the middle of January 2021 when Dimitris Dimou resigned as President of the Class, following his appointment by the Management Committee as the new Executive Director.

(b) Report of the Technical Committee Chairman.

Haluk Suntay explained that the carbon mast project could not be concluded successfully for the 2024 Olympic Games because the testing period had been disturbed by the Covid-19 pandemic so the final specifications could not be prepared in time. Therefore the project has to be delayed for the 2028 Olympic Games and the existing aluminium masts will have to be used at least until the 2024 Olympics.

(c) Report of the Secretary General and the Class Executive Director about administration.

The Executive Director described his role and terms of reference, explaining his supporting role to the Management Committee. It was noted that there are currently 36 NCAs and 3 nations with individual members paid up and in good standing, with another 2 NCAs not having paid their fees. NCAs were reminded to submit their annual activity reports to the International 470 Class Association as required by Byelaw 8.1, to ensure the NCA contact details are up to date and to pay their fees only after they receive their invoice.

(d) Report of the Treasurer on the accounts of 2020.

The financial situation of the class was presented, including:

- Assets and Liabilities for 2020 – noting that at the end of the year 2020 funds on credit totalled approx. EUR 256,000.
- Profit and Loss for 2020 – noting that even without events run in 2020 the Class still managed to make a small profit thanks to a last minute order of sail stickers.
- Revenue and Expenses for 2020 – noting that the cancelled events still caused non-refundable expenses to the class, especially the World Championship which was postponed at the last minute when some officials had already traveled and all preparations had been made.

(e) Report of the Auditor on the accounts of 2020 and vote for approval.

Robert Austin joined the GAM through Zoom and declared that he inspected the 2020 accounts for the 470 Internationale and that these present a true and fair reflection of the financial activity of the Class Association, adding that a lot of effort had been made to clarify contracts with third parties, to obtain and file proper receipts and justification documents for all transactions and that everything is in order. However he advised that a commercially available approved accounting system is adopted by the Class, to avoid the risk of errors from the use of the Excel based solution that has been used for the last 16 years.

Decision

On a proposal by the Acting President, the 470 Internationale accounts for 2020 were unanimously approved.

- (f) Vote for approval of the management of the 470 Internationale undertaken by the Management Committee since the 2020 Online General Assembly Meeting.

Decision

The Management Committee activities were unanimously approved.

4. Granting of Honorary Membership

No proposals for granting Honorary Membership were considered. However, the Class mourned the passing away of Jean Morin, the first official boatbuilder of the Class, who worked together with Andre Cornu to develop the first boats. The obituary written by Alain Corcuff was presented and afterwards published on the Class website. The GAM delegates honoured Jean Morin with a moment's silence.

5. Plans for Coming Years

- (a) Proposal for the 2021 budget and vote for approval.

Decision

The 2021 Budget was presented with a note that it reflects a normal year without Covid-19 disruptions to the class event, and was unanimously approved.

- (b) Proposals/Submissions

The following submissions received by the 470 Internationale Management Committee and National Class Associations were considered, noting that a change to the Class Rules or Constitution/By-Laws (submissions 2-21 to 9-21) required a two-thirds majority (ie 175 votes in favour to pass):

- i. Submission 1-21 from GBR - Age limits on Junior events in 2021

Submission 1-21 was approved (146 in favour, 88 against, 26 abstain).

- ii. Submissions 2-21 and 5-21 from AUS - RR42 modifications

Following discussion on the subject of RR42 and the future of the 470 with mixed crew at the 2024 Olympic Games, it was agreed that there can be no decision at this stage, without testing of various options at the upcoming events and a working party set to study the results.

Submissions 2-21 and 5-21 were unanimously deferred, with a decision on RR42 modifications in the class rules to be taken by the end of 2021 at the next GAM or EGAM.

- iii. Submissions 3-21 and 4-21 from AUS – Carbon masts

Following the report of the Technical Committee Chairman on the carbon mast project, it was agreed that the essence of these submissions had been already accepted since there will be no carbon mast permitted for the 2024 Olympic Games.

- iv. Submission 6-21 from GRE – Jib head adjustment

Decision

Submission 6-21 was unanimously approved with the note that the Technical Committee will examine the text to ensure it is clearly covering the intended modification, and that the rule will come into effect after the Tokyo Olympic Games.

- v. Submission 7-21 from the Management Committee – Electronic GAM,
Submission 8-21 from the Management Committee – MC terms of office,
Submission 9-21 from the Management Committee – Housekeeping

The Executive Director presented the proposed changes to the Constitution and the By-Laws, explaining the reasons for the addition of electronic GA meetings, the clarification on the terms of office of the Management Committee and the need for small housekeeping changes in both documents.

Decision

Submissions 7-21, 8-21 and 9-21 were unanimously approved.

(c) Development Issues

Andreas Kosmatopoulos explained that the 470 Development Plan for the period 2021 – 2022 had been presented at the last meeting in December 2020 and repeated that the class will try to agree with the sailmakers to extend the sails support programme into 2021, and also to organize coaching clinics at the Junior events, if the situation with Covid-19 improves.

(d) Sport Issues

(i) Tokyo 2021 Games Update

This item was deferred for the 2nd session on March 6 and was taken as the 1st item on the agenda for that day.

(ii) Status of the 2021 Championships:

- 2021 470 European Championship, Hyeres, France.

It was explained that with the recent developments in France regarding Covi-19 restrictions and the subsequent cancellation of SOF, the possibility of running the European Championship as planned was extremely low. The Class would contact COYCH in the next days to discuss the matter and get their opinion, and consider other solutions if it actually proves impossible to run the event at Hyeres. A final decision would be taken before the end of the World Championship, in order to inform the teams as soon as possible and before they leave Vilamoura.

- 2021 470 Junior World Championship, Sanremo, Italy
- 2021 470 Junior European Championship, Formia, Italy
- 2021 Masters' Cup, Anguillara Sabazia, Italy

The preparations for both Junior events and the Master's Cup continue normally with the expectation that the Covid-19 situation will be vastly improved in July 2021.

(iii) Bids Received:

The GAM considered bids received for the following 470 Championships:

- 2022 World Championships

Bids from Bulgaria (Burgas), Germany (Travemunde) and Israel (Sdot Yam) were received. The Bulgarian bid was withdrawn before the voting and the delegate from Netherlands had left the meeting before so the total number of votes available was 248.

Decision

Sdot Yam, Israel was selected as the venue for the 2022 470 World Championship (206 in favour of Israel, 42 in favor of Germany).

The meeting was closed for the day at around 21:00 according to the schedule in the agenda.

Session 2, March 6 2021

The Executive Director made a roll call of the members present and announced the number of votes. At 18:20 there was a total of 252 votes from 27 members, for a simple majority of 127 votes.

6. Alastair Fox gave an update on the Tokyo 2021 Games, an item deferred from the 1st session.
7. Vote for approval of the minutes of the 2020 Online General Assembly meeting held on 27 December 2020. The minutes of that meeting were presented to the delegates.

Decision

The minutes of the Online Assembly meeting held on 27 December 2021 were unanimously approved.

8. Future event bids, 2nd session

The GAM continued with the remaining bids for future events. The 2024 World and European championships decisions were deferred to the next GAM, according to the class policy since there was only one bid for each event

The Acting President proposed the selection of venues for the remaining as a block, considering a distribution as follows:

- 2022 Open European Championships to Turkey, Cesme
- 2023 Open European Championships to Germany, Warnemünde
- 2023 Junior World Championships to Lithuania, Nida
- 2023 Junior European Championships to Russia, St. Petersburg
- 2023 Master's Cup to Germany, Warnemünde

The 2024 Junior World Championships would be decided at the next GAM since all bids for that event were for venues already allocated an event by the above proposal.

Decision

The proposal for the allocation of the remaining events in 2022 and 2023 was approved, with the noted objection of Ukraine regarding the 2023 Junior Europeans venue.

9. Election of the 2021-2024 Management Committee

(a) Election of the President.

The candidates standing for President were confirmed as:

Robert Austin (FRA)

Gonzalo Heredia (ARG)

Andreas Kosmatopoulos (GRE)

Andreas Kosmatopoulos and Gonzalo Heredia advanced to the second round after the first vote.

Decision

Andreas Kosmatopoulos (GRE) was elected as President, starting from 6 March 2021 (148 votes in favor).

(b) Proposal for the number of Management Committee members and vote for approval.

Decision

It was agreed that the membership of the Management Committee would remain at ten, being one President and nine Management Committee members.

(c) Election of the members of the Management Committee

Prior to commencing this item on the Agenda, Gonzalo Heredia (ARG) withdrew his candidacy as member of the Management Committee. The following persons were appointed as the Election Committee, responsible to oversee the election, count and validate votes:

Agnieszka Skrzypulec (POL)
Nino Shmueli (ISR)
Gonzalo Heredia (ARG)

The candidates standing for membership of the Management Committee were confirmed as:

Robert Austin (FRA)
Oliver Bone (CAN)
Alain Champy (FRA)
Pinar Coşkuner Genç (TUR)
Ikuko Horikawa (JPN)
David Hughes (USA)
Agnes Lill (EST)
Vincenzo Losito (ITA)
Lukas Maehr (AUT)
Jacob Saunders (CAN)
Haluk Suntay (TUR)

Decision

The following persons were elected to the Management Committee starting from 6 March 2021: Alain Champy (FRA), Pinar Coşkuner Genç (TUR), Ikuko Horikawa (JPN), David Hughes (USA), Agnes Lill (EST), Vincenzo Losito (ITA), Lukas Maehr (AUT), Jacob Saunders (CAN) and Haluk Suntay (TUR). The new Management Committee shall remain in office until the 2024 GAM or the end of 2024 at the latest, as per the new Constitution article 8.1.

(d) Appointment of the Auditors for the accounts of 2021 and 2022

In accordance with Article 10.1 of the Constitution the Auditors for 2021 and 2022 were considered.

Decision

Evgeniy Mavrodiev (BUL) was appointed as the primary Auditor and Nino Shmueli (ISR) as the second Auditor. Nino Shmueli cannot audit the accounts of 2021 as he had been a member of the Management Committee during part of that year.

10. Any Other Business

There being no further business the meeting closed at approximately 20:50 hours.

**Agnes LILL
Secretary General**

**Andreas KOSMATOPOULOS
President**