



MINUTES
2018 General Assembly Meeting

The General Assembly meeting of the 470 Internationale took place on Saturday 19 May 2018 at the Yacht Club Port Bourgas, Bourgas, Bulgaria.

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Supporting Papers

All papers are available to NCAs on request:

Item 4(a) - Report of the President

Item 4(b) - Report of the Technical Committee Chairman

Item 4(c) - Report of Promotion and Development

Item 5(e) - Treasurer's Report

Item 6(d) - Submissions 01-18, 02-18

Note: The meeting was scheduled for 1730 hours local time on Saturday 19 May 2018 and commenced at 1755 hours.

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

Argentina	Gonzalo Heredia	Italy	Gabrio Zandona
Austria	Lukas Mahr	Japan	Proxy to BUL
Bulgaria	Yana Vasileva	Poland	Zdzislaw Staniul
Croatia	Goran Martinovic	Romania	Dan Mitici
Finland	Proxy to SWE	Russia	Michail Zabolotnov
France	Camille Hautefaye	Slovenia	Riccardo de Felice
Germany	Philipp Authenrieth	Sweden	Anton Dahlberg
Great Britain	Jonny McGovern	Switzerland	Gregoire Stewart
Greece	Makis Orogas	Turkey	Haluk Suntay
Hungary	Tomas Copi	Ukraine	Volodymyr Kyselov
Israel	Nino Shmueli	USA	Dave Hughes

22 members present (20 direct representation, 2 proxy representation)

470 NCAs appointing proxies:

Finland appointed Sweden as their proxy
Japan appointed Bulgaria as their proxy

Total number of votes present or represented = 476

Other attendees without rights to vote (apart from those representing NCAs):

Management Committee members: Andreas Kosmatopoulos, Agnieszka Skrzypulec.

Apologies

Vincenzo Losito (ITA) - Management Committee Member
Iulia Negoescu (ROU) - Management Committee Member
Fernanda Sesto (ITA) - Management Committee Member
Luissa Smith (GBR) - Class Manager

1. WELCOME AND REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The GAM was opened. A last minute appeal from the AUT representative for voting rights was allowed upon payment of annual class fees. The payment was made in cash at this time.

2. REPORT OF THE AD-HOC COMMITTEE

The Ad-Hoc Committee reported that for voting purposes, 20 National Class Associations were present in person and 2 National Class Association were represented by proxy, for a total of 476 votes.

3. MINUTES OF THE 2016 GENERAL ASSEMBLY**Decision**

The minutes of the General Assembly meeting held on 8 July 2017 were approved
(Unanimous in favour).

4. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**(a) President's Report**

The President, Dimitris Dimou, presented and explained the previously circulated report. He focused the discussion on media, the class's new instagram account, the

YouTube channel, and Flickr account. Dimitris expressed concern over poor entry numbers at the 2017 and 2018 Europeans. He also highlighted the pending concerns for 470 attendance at the Aarhus Worlds in August 2018. The exact numbers of the Worlds were not discussed. Dimitris expressed that each NCA needs to bolster numbers of attendees. He asked members to speak with their NCAs directly. Finally, Dimitris asked that everyone keeps fighting for the 2024 Olympics as things are still very much in flux. Questions from the audience centered on whether or not 470 Internationale should focus on mixed or continue to fight for men's and women's at the 2024 Olympics. Dimitris offered that the mixed option seems the best, though he is open to a slight chance of men and women as separate. However, it seemed clear that energy spent on promoting separate events might be wasted focus. The question presented: "can we (the 470 class) manage to be men and women (at the Olympic Games) or do we gamble and risk loss of all Olympic options?"

Also, during this time, Dimitris mentioned the upcoming May-25 EU deadline regarding email subscription cancellations and renewals.

(b) Technical Committee Chairman Report

The report was presented, with brief discussion on the carbon mast. The Technical Committee Chairman offered that the 'carbon mast project progress be put on hold until the 2024 debate is cleared'. Other updates included that Japanese builder Persson Marine will create it's second and third moulds.

(c) Development Report

Andreas Kosmatopoulos discussed the need for clinics leading into junior events. All at the GAM supported this concept. He listed BRA, ARG and NED as success stories of junior/development for the upcoming Aarhus 2018 Worlds. In 2017, the development program budget was 21,000 Euro; however, Andreas would like to see that rise to 30,000 Euro for 2018, including what has already been spent. Comment from the floor suggested that there should be no cap as to what is spent.

(d) Administration Report

As the Class Manager, Luissa Smith, was not present, the President presented the previously circulated report. The President noted the Class Manager's 9 hour per week contract.

He asked that MNA's file their annual reports, as there are many missing, and this has been the trend for some years. NCAs were reminded that any sailor can contact their NCA at noc@470.org (example: GRE@470.org), which is aliased to "real" emails within each nation. The President emphasized the need for on-time annual fee payments from NCAs. Some discussion from the GAM group was over the option of most teams joining as individual members. Dimitris suggested that if more than three boats in an MNA, it is most cost-effective to join as a class association and constitution prohibits anyway more than 4 individual members in a country. Some argued that the paperwork keeps MNA's from fulfilling their roles. This was discussion only.

(e) Report of the Treasurer

The Treasurer reviewed the posted report, exampling the revenue from entry fees, sail buttons, and boat-builders.

(f) Report of the Auditor

There was a review of the auditor's letter and explanation of the accounts being in good standing to date. The GAM thanked Andreas. One topic of conversation was the pending drop in revenue once the 2024 Olympic cycle begins. Further to that point, there would be another drop in revenue if the 470 is dropped from the Olympic program entirely. However, expenses would also drop accordingly to compensate.

(g) Vote for approval of the management of the 470 Internationale undertaken by the Management Committee since the 2017 General Assembly meeting.

The President invited delegates to approve the management of the 470 Internationale undertaken by the Management Committee since the 2017 GAM.

Decision

The Management Committee activities were unanimously approved.

5. GRANTING OF HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Dimitris discussed this program Honorary Membership, as per Article 4.3 of the Constitution. No memberships were approved at this time. However, discussion centered on the creation of a list/webpage of 470 "legends" or "Hall of Fame," including persons such as Steve Benjamin (505, Fireball, Etchells) and Ian Walker (Star, Volvo Ocean Race). There should be a dedicated place on 470.org highlighting stories of sailors (former, current) "doing great things in our sport".

6. PLANS FOR COMING YEARS**(a) Financial Issues.**

- Major discussion on the policy of selling buttons to sailmakers directly instead of MNA's. This change of policy would result in many thousands of dollars of revenue for the class. Some figures suggest that we lose 4,000 Euro/year because of the existing policy.
- Perhaps we simplify the system for annual fees. This is a constitutional regulation. Dimitris will investigate ideas and report to the MC for an appropriate submission.
- Of note, World Sailing takes a great deal of money from our "potential revenue" by hosting the combined Worlds.

(b) Proposal for the 2018 budgets and vote for approval.**Decision**

The 2018 Budget was unanimously approved.

(c) Technical Issues

Noted the new mould from Mackay has been approved.

(d) Proposals/Submissions**(i) Proposal 01-18 by the USA MNA to increase the Oscar flag wind speed limit to 10 knots (currently 8 knots).****Decision**

Submission 01-18 was rejected. (104 in favor, 395 against, 0 abstain) RUS, SLO, USA, TUR, UKR voted to approve.

Subsequent to the voting, David Hughes discussed the future and potential need to change this rule based on the changes to the class.

(ii) Proposal 02-18 by the USA MNA – Withdrawn

Proposal 02-18 was withdrawn by David Hughes, the USA delegate, since the decision on the 2021 Worlds can be postponed until the GAM in May 2019, as no official bid was delivered for the 2021 Worlds. Of note, Coconut Grove Sailing Club (Miami, FLA, USA) submitted a letter of intent to host the 2021 Worlds. There was great excitement for a Miami based Worlds.

Discussion turned to Junior events, and it was noted that the Management Committee retains the right to decide on junior events if needed.

Nino asked the question “what do we do with the 2021 Worlds? Should it be men/women AND mixed, assuming the possible WS changes to the Olympic format?” This matter would be discussed at the next MC meeting.

(e) Development Issues

Delegates noted the status of implementation of the 470 Development Plan (as approved at the 2017 GAM) for the period 2017- 2020.

Dimitris outlined the recent activities of the 420 in the Oceania and Caribbean regions.

(f) Sport Issues

(i) General Update

Dimitris noted the need to invest in regional regattas, such as in BLR and LTU.

(ii) World Sailing sport and competition issues

Dimitris reported that the 2019 Test Event and 470 Worlds dates are still to be decided, although there is thought to host the Worlds before the Test Event. A similar situation happened in Rizhao, China in 2006 prior to the Test Event in Qingdao.

(iii) Tokyo 2020

Dimitris reminded delegates that the quota numbers for the 470 Men have been reduced by World Sailing to 19 men’s teams, down from 26 compared to the 2016 Olympic Games. In the 470 Women, an additional 1 place has been awarded, for a total of 21 places. As a consequence, the 470 Class has lost 6 potential MNAs.

(iv) 2024 Olympics

This discussion was quick and tabled since most of the informal athlete and coach meetings at the 2018 Europeans focused on this topic.

(v) Status of the 2019 Championships:

- **2019 470 World Championships, Enoshima, Japan – August-September 2019 (dates TBC)**

No update was available, although noted that dates are still to be determined based on the Olympic Test Event.

- **2019 470 European Championships, San Remo, Italy - May 2019 (dates TBC)**
No update was available. However, Nino reported on the addition of the World Cup Series event in Genoa, ITA and how it overlaps with Hyeres Week.
- **2019 470 Junior World Championships, Portoroz, Slovenia – July 2019 (dates TBC)**
No update was available. However, it was mentioned that this will be the first time since 2001 that a 470 Championship has been hosted in SLO.
- **2019 470 Junior European Championships – Cadiz, Spain, July 2019 (dates TBC)**
No update was available.
- **2019 Masters' Cup – Centro Vela Alto, Lario, Italy (dates TBC)**
No update was available.

(vi) **Bids Received:**

The GA considered the following bids for future Championships:

- **2019 North American Championship (to be decided in discussion with the NCAs in North America)**
David Hughes spoke about the Coconut Grove Sailing Club and said it would like to “host the North Americans in 2019 and until the end of time!”
- **2019 South American Championship (to be decided in discussion with the NCAs in South America)**
Noted this event could be in Rio de Janeiro, BRA. More details TBD.
- **2019 African Championship (to be decided in discussion with the NCAs in Africa)**
Noted this will be an Olympic Qualification Event.
- **2019 Asian Championship (to be decided in discussion with the NCAs in Asia)**
Noted this event might take place in December 2018.
- **2019 Oceania Championship (to be decided in discussion with the NCAs in Oceania)**
No information at this stage.
- **2020 North American Championship (to be decided in discussion with the NCAs in North America)**
No information at this stage.
- **2020 South American Championship (to be decided in discussion with the NCAs in South America)**
No information at this stage.
- **2020 African Championship (to be decided in discussion with the NCAs in Africa)**
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No information at this stage.
- **2020 Oceania Championship (to be decided in discussion with the NCAs in Oceania)**
No information at this stage.
- **2020 470 Junior World Championships**
No information at this stage.
- **2020 Masters' Cup**
No information at this stage.
- **2021 470 World Championships**
No information at this stage.
- **2021 470 Junior World Championships**
No information at this stage.
- **2021 470 European Championships**
No information at this stage.
- **2021 470 Junior European Championships**
No information at this stage.
- **2021 Masters' Cup**
No information at this stage.

In discussion, it was suggested by the SUI coach that more events could be combined between the 420 and 470. Nino advised that "it becomes too many boats and we cannot force a club to host both events. Most clubs just want to bid on a single regatta."

Decision

It was unanimously approved that the Management Committee has the power to decide on upcoming Junior events through 2021.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) In general discussion, it was suggested to perhaps move the bank of the 470 class from FRA to SUI. The 420 Class has done this, therefore the process is known. We would need to establish a not-for-profit company in SUI and then close the FRA association. This will need an extraordinary GAM to approve. Nino and Dimitris led the discussion. No other comments were made.

There being no further business the meeting closed at approximately 2130 hours.

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President