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## 2015 General Assembly Meeting

The General Assembly meeting of the 470 Internationale took place on 28 June 2015 at Aarhus Sailing Club, Aarhus, Denmark.

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### **Supporting Papers**

*All papers are available to NCAs on request:*

*Item 5(a) - Report of the President*

*Item 5(b) - Report of the Technical Committee Chairman*

*Item 5(c) - Report of Promotion and Development*

*Item 6(d) – Submissions 1, 2 - Masters Cup Organization*

*Item 6(e) – Development Plan 2015-2020*



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### 5. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

#### (a) Report of the President – Stanislav Kassarov

The President verbally presented his previously circulated report. He also noted that no financial reports would be presented at this General Assembly meeting, but would be deferred to a future meeting

#### (b) Report of the Technical Committee Chairman – Dimitris Dimou

**Class Rules** – change to agree in principle to give part of the jib area to class sponsorship. We would like a discussion to agree in principle and get feedback and then proceed with a class rule change.

Change to Part 2 of the rules to give the chance to modify when class rules become applicable. Right now only apply class rules when racing, whereas want to apply from time boat arrives at measurement tent. Intention is that if anyone caught cheating will be sent to jury.

**Equipment, Class Builders/Sailmakers** – discussion centred around the future, and possible changing equipment for the 2020 Olympics and beyond. Thoughts were on sail materials, centreboard shape, and evolution of spars. A list of changes and ideas that could be made to improve the boat and make it better looking would be prepared. Intention will be to provide an update at the next meeting. In respect of timeframe, the idea would be to apply changes after 2017 in time for 2020 Olympics.

It was noted that current builders can't change moulds just before the 2016 Olympics, only until six months before. No new builders will be approved inside this six month period.

This winter, plan is to visit some/all builders and have a final check that moulds are still in order.

**Class Measurers** – noted that the best two IMs of the Class will be at the 2016 Rio Olympics. Plan is to send the same measurers to the 2016 470 European Championship so they can prepare.

Noted that additional measurers are being added to the 470 Class pool, to ensure high level measurement around the world. Countries wishing to develop national measurers are invited to contact the 470 Class Association and join the measurement team at class events.

**Flags on Sails** – noted that the new system of manufacturer supplied flags on sails has been in place since the end of July 2014, with a range of suppliers meaning better prices.

#### (c) Development Report – Iulia Fulicea and Andreas Kosmatopoulos

**Partnership** - Iulia Fulicea advised that the 470 Class is changing its strategy for future development, from running many clinics in the past, to more of an approach to best understand what the National Class Associations (NCAs) need and where the 470 Class can help. All NCAs were invited to email with their input to: [development@470.org](mailto:development@470.org)

**Clinic** – Andreas Kosmatopoulos presented the pre-Junior European Championship Clinic, scheduled for three days from 5-7 August 2015. Andreas noted that the aim is to give teams knowledge, not just hours on the water. He is trying to conceive new training techniques to keep teams excited. The 470 Class will work on providing more information to accelerate the knowledge acquisition of sailing a 470. We want to educate our athletes too. Over past years, the 470 has been one of the only Olympic Classes really supporting its junior teams.

**Junior Support Programme and André Cornu grant** – were noted as presented in the Development Report.

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**Continental Focus** – it was noted that in 2015 and 2016, the focus would be on Africa and supporting the new continental qualification system for the 2016 Olympic Games.

### (d) Administration Report

The Class Manager Luissa Smith gave a brief overview on the role, which ranges from general class administration, to representation at ISAF, Olympic Class liaison, event management, website/media, social media, general enquiries, development issues, supporting countries with advice etc. The role is contracted on a self-employed and part-time basis.

It was noted that there are currently 34 NCAs paid up and in good standing. NCAs were reminded to submit their annual activity reports to the International 470 Class Association as required by Byelaw 8.1 and ensure the NCA contact details as published on the website are up to date.

### (e) Treasurer's Report – Alain Champy

In accordance with minute 5(a), this item was deferred to a future meeting.

### (f) Auditor's Report - Rüdiger Schuchardt

In accordance with minute 5(a), this item was deferred to a future meeting.

### (g) Approval of Management Committee Activities

The President invited the delegates to approve the management of the 470 Internationale undertaken by the Management Committee since the 2014 General Assembly meeting, with the exception of any financial matters.

#### Decision

**The GA unanimously approved the management of 470 International.**

## 6. PLANS FOR COMING YEARS

### (a) Financial Issues

In accordance with minute 5(a), this item was deferred to a future meeting.

### (b) 2016 Budget

In accordance with minute 5(a), this item was deferred to a future meeting.

### (c) Technical Issues

There were no issues not otherwise covered under item 5(b).

### (d) Proposals/Submissions

#### 1. **Submission 001-15 – regarding organization of the Masters – from AS 470 France and the German 470 National Class Association**

In presenting the submission on behalf of AS 470 France and the German 470 National Class Association, Max Pleger advised that the intention is for the Masters to decide what they want to achieve, with presentation to Management Committee.

The President noted that the 470 Management Committee is working to develop the Masters' Championship and Masters' Committee. The 470 Management Committee would like to give independence to the Masters, but the final decision must be made by the Masters' Committee.

#### Decision

**The GA approved that the 470 Management Committee will continue to work on changing the Championship Manual in respect of the Masters' and developing the Masters' Committee (France and Germany abstain).**

#### 2. **Submission 002-15 – regarding organization of the Masters – from the German 470 National Class Association**

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The decision as per Submission 001-15 was noted in respect of Submission 002-15.

### (e) Development Report

Iulia Fulicea presented the draft Development Plan as prepared by the Development Committee for the period 2015-2020. The plan has the overriding vision to establish the 470 sailing as a lifestyle sport fashion for young people and develop the 470 class throughout the world on Olympic, continental, regional and national level.

Aims include:

- To develop the class in the "Target Areas" and countries.
- To bring more young sailors to the 470 class.
- To improve the media relationships and exposure of the 470 class.
- To find a class sponsors.
- To research the opportunities for technical evolution of the 470 boat aimed at improving its media attractiveness.
- To introduce and develop new regatta formats and new sailing course types.
- To develop efficient administrative structure for management of the class.
- To strengthen the network of 470 sailors, masters, ex-sailors and race officials.

The following comments/questions were received from the floor:

- 470 Sailor Profile – noted that it takes several years of experience to master the 470, so the teams securing the top results tend to be more mature.
- Technical – input on introducing a one-design carbon mast.
- Sports Presentation – the Class Manager gave a presentation on sports presentation and the ways in which we can specifically present and profile the 470 Class.
- Juniors – suggested having more competitions for junior sailors.
- Price – must continue to make sure the class is affordable, and look at whether there are possibilities to cap the price.
- Visual – look at the visual presentation of the boat, to make more attractive, such as the hull.

### Decision

**The GA unanimously approved the 470 Class Development Plan, which the 470 Management Committee will action.**

### (f) Sports Issues

(i) **General Update** – Nino Shmueli noted that the future Championship format for a qualification/final series will be 5 qualification races, which will continue throughout 2015 and 2016.

(ii) **ISAF** - the President gave a general overview on plans by ISAF to review the World Rankings and crew carrying ranking points, the evolution of the Sailing World Cup and Rio 2016 Olympics.

#### (iii) Status of the 2016 470 Championships

- **2016 470 World Championship, San Isidro, Argentina – 20-27 February**  
Juan de la Fuente gave an update on the 2016 470 Worlds. Noted Consuelo Monsegur will be responsible to organize accommodation, rib rentals, insurance and containers. In respect of visas, it was recommended teams apply for a tourist visa. Noted the 470 South American Championships are scheduled from 10-13 February. Approximate timeframe for a container from Europe is 45 days. Also noted that the 49er Worlds are taking place in November 2015, so there will be the opportunity to share their knowledge about the venue.
- **2016 European Championship, Arenal, Mallorca – 5-12 April**

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Noted that the Championship will be back to back with Trofeo Princesa Sofia, with a 3-4 day gap, and at the same venue, so there is no need to move boats.

- **2016 470 Junior World Championship – Baku, Azerbaijan**  
Noted that plans are progressing with the dates to be confirmed.
- **2016 470 Junior European Championship**  
Noted that the venue will be decided by the International 420 Class Association.
- **2016 Masters' Cup - Bracciano, Italy**  
Noted that the final dates are to be confirmed

### Decision

**The GA unanimously approved the arrangements for the 2016 470 Championships.**

### (iv) Championship Bids

The GA considered the following bids for future Championships:

- **2017 470 World Championship** – bids and presentations were received from:  
Nautical Club of Thessaloniki - Thessaloniki, GREECE  
Yacht Club Gaeta EVS - Gaeta, ITALY

### Decision

**The GA approved Thessaloniki as the venue for the 2017 470 World Championship, subject to a site visit and confirmation of the dates which are proposed as either during the timeframes of 15-23 July or 5-20 August 2017.**

- **2017 470 Junior World Championship** - a bid and presentation was received from: 2020 Olympic Sailing venue – JAPAN

It was noted the proposed venue is that used for the 1964 Olympics, which will be the venue for the 2020 Olympics, located approximately 2 hours from Tokyo. Plan is to build up experience for future and 2020. Proposed dates were noted as 16-31 August.

### Decision

**The GA approved Japan as the venue for the 2017 470 Junior World Championship, subject to a site visit and confirmation of the dates which are proposed as 16-31 August 2017.**

- **2017 470 European Championship** – bids and presentations were received from:  
Sailing Club Primosten - Primosten, CROATIA  
Yachting Club Pointe Rouge - Marseille, FRANCE

Prior to discussing this Championship, the bid from Yacht Club Port Bourgas - Bourgas, Bulgaria was withdrawn.

### Decision

**The GA approved Marseille as the venue for the 2017 470 European Championship, subject to a site visit and confirmation of the dates which are proposed as either Spring or Autumn.**

- **2017 470 Junior European Championship** – a bid and presentation was received from: Fraglia Vela Riva - Lake Garda, ITALY

Prior to discussing this Championship, the bid from Yachting Club Pointe Rouge - Marseille, France was withdrawn.

### Decision

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The GA approved Fraglia Vela Riva as the venue for the 2017 470 Junior European Championship, subject to a site visit and confirmation of the dates which are proposed as the last two weeks in July 2017.

- **2017 470 Masters' Cup** – a bid from the Friends of the Sea Club of Alexandroupolis, Greece was noted.

### Decision

The GA noted the bid from Alexandroupolis for the 2017 470 Masters' Cup. The final decision will be taken by the Masters' Committee. Proposed dates were noted as between 1 July to 31 August.

- **2018 470 Junior World Championship**

The late bid from Turkey was noted. With no other bids received a decision was deferred to the 2016 470 General Assembly meeting.

- **2018 470 European Championship** – a bid and presentation was received from: Yacht Club Port Bourgas - Bourgas, BULGARIA

Dimitris Dimou expressed the view that in order to consider a 470 Championship venue, there should be a least two bidders in order to have a choice. As the event is in three years' time, he recommended that as a matter of principle a decision be deferred until 2016.

So as to avoid any conflict of interest whilst discussion was held, the President left the room and Nino Shmueli took the Chair.

### Decision

The GA decided to defer a decision on the venue for the 2018 470 European Championship until the 2016 General Assembly meeting.

Dimitris Dimou proposed that for the future a policy be introduced that when considering Championship bids, if there is only one bid and the event is three years out, then a decision should automatically be deferred until the following year, unless the GAM decides otherwise.

- **2018 470 Junior European Championship** – it was noted that the decision on the venue will be taken by the International 420 Class Association.
- **2018 Masters' Cup**

### Decision

The GA deferred a decision on the venue for the 2018 Masters' Cup to the Masters' Committee.

## 7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### (a) Extraordinary General Assembly

It was noted that an Extraordinary General Assembly meeting is likely to be held in Haifa, Israel to approve the finances. Further information will be sent to National Class Associations.

### (b) Class Rule Changes

Dimitris Dimou noted that the Class Rule changes regarding sponsors would be deferred until November.

### (c) Class Rule Change Part 2

Dimitris Dimou highlighted the proposed wording that will be used at the Rio 2015 Test Event and at the 2016 Olympics. The objective is to be able to catch any teams evidently trying to cheat, and the change is required as at the moment if someone has tried to cheat and they are caught, there is not the possibility to take this issue to the Jury.

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*"The crew and the boat shall comply with the rules in Part II when racing. The Notice of Race may specify that compliance shall be in effect from the moment equipment is presented for inspection. Measurement to check conformity with rules of Section C is not part of equipment certification measurement. Measurement shall be carried out in accordance with the current version of ERS except where varied in this Part."*

**Decision**

**The matter will be discussed further at the Extraordinary General Assembly meeting.**

Steve Lovegrove gave a vote of thanks to the 470 Management Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting closed.

**Iulia FULICEA**  
**Secretary General**

**Stanislav KASSAROV**  
**President**