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2016 General Assembly Meeting

The General Assembly meeting of the 470 Internationale took place on Sunday 13 November 2016 at Hotel Fira Congress, Calle de José Agustín Goytisolo 9-11, 08908 L'Hospitalet de Llobregat, Barcelona, Spain.

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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 5(e) - Treasurer's Report

Item 9(d) - Submissions 01-16, 02-16, 03-16, 04-16, 05-16, 06-16, 07-16, 08-16, 09-16

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

Angola	Nuno Gomes	Italy	Vincenzo Losito
Argentina	Gonzalo Heredia	Japan	Ikuko Horikawa
Australia	Jo Aleh	Korea	Kicheol Park
Austria	Georg Fundak	Lithuania	Antanas Juodsukis
Bulgaria	Evgeniy Mavrodiev	Netherlands	Anneloes van Veen
China	Zhou Changcheng	New Zealand	Jo Aleh
Croatia	Edo Fantela	Poland	Agnieszka Skrzypulec
Cyprus	Totos Theodossiou	Romania	Iulia Fulicea
Estonia	Iulia Fulicea	Russia	Dimitris Dimou
Finland	Dimitris Dimou	Slovenia	Bojan Gale
France	Gildas Pouliquen	South Africa	Philip Baum
Germany	Max Pleger	Spain	David Mas Villellas
Great Britain	John Derbyshire	Switzerland	Hubert Kirrman
Greece	Dimitris Dimou	Turkey	Riccardo De Felice
Hungary	Andras Holczhauser	USA	Iulia Fulicea
Israel	Nino Shmueli		

31 members present (26 direct representation, 5 proxy representation)

470 NCAs appointing proxies: **Australia appointed New Zealand as their proxy**
 Estonia appointed Romania as their proxy
 Finland appointed Greece as their proxy
 Russia appointed Greece as their proxy
 USA appointed Romania as their proxy

Total number of votes present or represented at start of GAM = 664

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

Management Committee members: Stanislav Kassarov (President), *Alain Champy, *Nino Shmueli, *Dimitris Dimou, *Iulia Fulicea

Auditors: Robert Austin (FRA) and Rüdiger Schuchardt (GER)

Class Manager: Luissa Smith (GBR)

Apologies

Kevin Burnham (USA) - Management Committee Member

Andreas Kosmatopoulos (GRE) - Management Committee Member

Fernanda Sesto (ARG) - Management Committee Member

Tomoaki Tsutsumi (JPN) - Management Committee Member

Log of members transferring votes to another member, due to departure from the meeting:

Austria transferred votes to Hungary at 1605 hours

Great Britain transferred votes to Japan at 1627 hours

Cyprus transferred votes to Greece at 1825 hours

South Africa transferred votes to Israel at 1855 hours

Angola transferred votes to Argentina at 1935 hours

China transferred votes to Israel at 1939 hours

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1. WELCOME AND REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The President welcomed delegates and observers to the meeting, noting that he was retiring after an 8-year term and the meeting marked his last as President. He thanked all delegates, the Management Committee, NCAs, sailors and coaches for their support.

The President reported that at the World Sailing Annual General Meeting concluding a few hours earlier, it had been confirmed that the events for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics would be the same as for Rio 2016.

2. REPORT OF THE AD-HOC COMMITTEE

The Ad-Hoc Committee reported that for voting purposes, 26 National Class Associations were present in person and 5 National Class Association were represented by proxy, for a total of 664 votes.

3. MINUTES OF THE 2015 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Decision

The minutes of the General Assembly meeting held on 28 June 2015 were unanimously approved.

4. MINUTES OF THE 2016 EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Decision

The minutes of the General Assembly meeting held on 6 April 2016 were unanimously approved.

5. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

(a) President's Report

The President verbally presented his previously circulated report.

(b) Technical Committee Chairman Report

The Chairman of the Technical Committee presented his previously circulated report. Specific notes was made on the role the Equipment Manufacturers' Committee would take going forwards, with a representative invited to attend Management Committee meetings and be a member of the Technical Committee.

(c) Promotional and Development Report

Iulia Fulicea presented her previously circulated report, nothing the three areas of development focus as: equipment, coaches' training and sailors' training.

Discussion around the table emphasized that development is the most important element of the 470 Class strategy and work for the coming years.

Africa – noted that the African countries work collaboratively together, with new nations likely to include Mozambique, Seychelles and Tanzania. Angola reported that there biggest need was for provision of equipment. The plans to hold the 2017 470 African Championship were noted.

South America – the President reported on the plans to supply 470s in South America, through a partnership between an Argentinean builder and Mackay boats.

Sailors in attendance advised they can pass their used equipment to sailors from emerging 470 nations and would be happy to act as mentors to support and inspire younger sailors.

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(d) Class Administration Report

The Class Manager Luissa Smith gave an overview report on the status of NCA membership, class websites and statistics, social media statistics, and input required from NCAs on a regular basis. The promotional video and flyer were also presented.

Note was made of the election of Jo Aleh to the World Sailing Athletes' Commission, and thanks expressed to sailors in attendance in Barcelona and supporting the 470 Class. The need to immediately commence the project for selection to the Olympics 2024 was also highlighted.

It was noted that there are currently 44 NCAs, 2 nations with individual members 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

Martin Steiger presented the Treasurer's Report, including:

- Assets and Liabilities for 2014 and 2015 – noting that as at the end of September 2016 funds on credit totalled EUR250,000.
- Profit and Lost for 2014 and 2015
- Revenue and Expenses for 2014 and 2015

Discussion around the table gave input on the need to invest funds on development, finding a global sponsor and working towards selection for 2024 Olympics.

Martin Steiger acknowledged the delay in preparing the financial documents and confirmed that all finances were in order.

(f) Auditor's Report

Rüdiger Schuchardt gave a report on behalf of the Auditors who had been appointed to audit the accounts for 2014 and 2015. He raised concerns regarding elements of the financial management processes over the past two years and that some documentation was awaited regarding payments and income.

The President advised that the past two years had been difficult, partly due to the location of the Treasurer and subsequent administration of paperwork, and recognized that a more advanced financial accounting and management system should be introduced for the future.

As principal auditor, Robert Austin confirmed there was nothing major wrong with the accounts.

Decision

- 1. On a proposal by Switzerland, the 470 Internationale accounts for 2014 and 2015 were approved (552 in favour, 42 against, 70 abstain).**
- 2. It was approved to set up a finance group within the Management Committee to deal with the improvement of financial management methods for the future.**

(g) Approval of Management Committee Activities

The President invited 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 Management Committee activities were unanimously approved.

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6. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Decision

Martin Steiger (SUI) was approved as an Honorary Member of 470 Internationale.

7. AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Submission 01-16 to amend the 470 Internationale Constitution and By-Laws was considered.

Decision

- 1. It was agreed to change clause 7.3 of the Constitution to “.... At least 21 (twenty-one) days before the date of the meeting” (604 In favour, 0 against, 60 abstain).**
- 2. With the change to 7.3, Submission 01-16 was approved (644 in favour, 0 against, 20 abstain).**

8. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

In accordance with Article 10.1 of the Constitution the Auditors for the next two years - 2017 and 2018 were considered.

Decision

Robert Austin (FRA) was appointed as the First Auditor and Evgeniy Mavrodiev (BUL) as the 2nd Auditor (641 in favour, 0 against, 23 abstain).

9. PLANS FOR COMING YEARS

(a) Financial Issues

There were no financial issues for consideration not covered elsewhere on the Agenda.

(b) 2017 Budget

Decision

- 1. The 2017 Budget was approved, with the Management Committee chartered to revised the 2017 budget within the coming three months (unanimous in favour).**
- 2. The development budget for 2017 was approved to be increased to EUR30,00 (516 in favour, 108 against, 40 abstain).**

(c) Technical Issues

There were no technical issues for consideration not covered elsewhere on the Agenda.

(d) Proposals/Submissions

To the following submissions were considered, noting that a change to the Class Rules required a two-thirds majority (*ie 442 votes in favour to pass*):

02-16 – Class Rules, Carbon Mast

In presenting the proposed rule change, Dimitris Dimou noted that the concept of introducing a carbon mast had been on the table for many years, with the 470 Class and other classes too. He advised that the proposal is about introducing an improved product. Implementation would be to use aluminium mast in 2017, with earliest dates carbon masts would be used being SWC Miami in 2018. Use of carbon masts would be determined through an event Notice of Race. It was noted that implementation would be first to the senior fleets, followed by junior. There would be no requirement for the

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Masters' Cup fleets to use the carbon mast. The presentations from Superspars and Selden were noted.

Simon Bevan of Superspars and John Clinton from Mackay Boats were introduced and joined the debate.

Decision

Submission 02-16 was not approved in accordance with the two-thirds majority requirement for a change to the class rules (313 in favour, 291 against, 60 abstain).

It was noted that the comments raised by delegates would be compiled into a questions and answers document for circulation to NCAs and online. In the meantime, further testing and investigation would be undertaken, in order for a subsequent presentation to be made at either an Extraordinary General Assembly meeting in Spring 2017, or General Assembly meeting.

03-16 – Class Rules, Jib Tack & Clew

Decision

Submission 03-16 was unanimously approved.

04-16 – Class Rules, Sail Reinforcement

Decision

Submission 04-16 was unanimously approved.

05-16 – Class Rules, Sail Ply Colour

Decision

Submission 05-16 was approved (504 in favour, 119 against, 41 abstain).

06-16 - Class Rules, Jib Tack Adjustment

Decision

Submission 06-16 was approved (644 in favour, 20 against, 0 abstain).

07-16 - Class Rules, Personal Equipment Heart Rate Monitor

Decision

Submission 07-16 was approved (621 in favour, 20 against, 23 abstain).

08-16 - Class Rules, Personal Equipment Electronics

Decision

Submission 08-16 was unanimously approved.

09-16 – Class Rules, Housekeeping

Decision

Submission 09-16 was unanimously approved.

(e) Development Issues

Noting the Development Report and future plans were approved under minute 5(c), this item was deferred to the next meeting.

(f) Sport Issues

An overview was given on the following subjects:

(i) General Update

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- (ii) World Sailing
- (iii) Tokyo 2020 - noted that immediate areas of attention subsequent to decision on Tokyo 2020 events, included competition format, athlete quotas and continental qualification.
- (iv) 2017 and 2018 Championship updates were received on:
 - 2017 470 World Championships, Thessaloniki, Greece – 1-9 July 2017 * *note dates were subsequently changed to 7-15 July 2017*
 - 2017 470 European Championships, Monaco – 6-13 May
 - 2017 470 Junior World Championships, Enoshima, Japan – 26 August-2 September
 - 2017 470 Junior European Championships, Riva del Garda, Italy – 6-13 August
 - 2017 Masters' Cup, Alexandroupolis, Greece – dates to be confirmed
 - 2018 470 Junior European Championships, Sesimbra, Portugal – dates to be confirmed

- (v) 2018 European Championship Bids

Bid presentations to host the 2018 470 European Championship were received from:

Yacht Club Port Bourgas - Bourgas, Bulgaria

Spartacus Sailing Club - Lake Balaton, Hungary

Decision

Yacht Club Port Bourgas - Bourgas, Bulgaria was selected as the venue for the 2018 470 European Championship (458 in favour of Bulgaria, 181 in favour of Hungary, 25 invalid votes).

- (vi) 2018 470 Junior World Championship

A Bid presentation to host the 2018 470 Junior World Championship were received from Planet Sail Bracciano - Rome, Italy.

Decision

Planet Sail Bracciano - Rome, Italy was unanimously selected as the venue for the 2018 470 Junior World Championship.

- (vii) 2018 470 Masters' Cup

The bid from Planet Sail Bracciano - Rome, Italy to host the 2018 470 Masters' Cup was noted. It was also noted that Spartacus has previously submitted a bid to host the event as well.

Decision

It was agreed that the Management Committee shall be responsible to decide the venue for the 2018 Masters' Cup after consultation with the Masters' Committee.

10. ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Prior to commencing this item on the Agenda, the following persons were appointed as the Election Committee, responsible to oversee the election, count and validate votes:

Robert Austin (FRA)

Bojan Gale (SLO)

Afrodite Zegers (NED)

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- (a) Election of President

Decision

Dimitris Dimou (GRE) was unanimously elected as President for the four-year period starting from 13 November 2016.

The incoming President, Dimitris Dimou, thanked Stanislav Kassarov for his tireless contributions to the 470 Class over the past 8 years.

- (b) Number of members of Management Committee

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 Management Committee

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

Iulia Fulicea (ROU)
Gonzalo Heredia (ARG)
David Hughes (USA)
Hubert Kirrman (SUI)
Andreas Kosmatopoulos (GRE)
Vincenzo Losito (ITA)
Rüdiger Schuchardt (GER)*
Fernanda Sesto (ARG)
Nino Shmueli (ISR)
Agnieszka Skrzypulec (POL)
Haluk Suntay (TUR)

**The GAM noted that the nomination for Rüdiger Schuchardt had been notified in an email before the nomination deadline, although the official form had been received after the nomination deadline, and agreed to accept the nomination as valid.*

Decision

The following persons were elected to the Management Committee for the four-year period starting from 13 November 2016: Iulia Fulicea (ROU), Gonzalo Heredia (ARG), David Hughes (USA), Andreas Kosmatopoulos (GRE), Vincenzo Losito (ITA), Fernanda Sesto (ARG), Nino Shmueli (ISR), Agnieszka Skrzypulec (POL), Haluk Suntay (TUR).

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business the meeting closed at approximately 2200 hours.

**Iulia FULICEA
Secretary General**

**Dimitris DIMOU
President**