



Minutes 2022 General Assembly Meeting

The General Assembly Meeting of the 470 Internationale took place on Saturday 20 August 2022 at Tihany, Hungary.

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

Argentina	Gonzalo Heredia	Hungary	Gabor Csernussi
Australia	Amelia Catt (Zoom)	Italy	Umberto Zocca
Austria	Florian Reichstaedter	Lithuania	Proxy to Bulgaria
Bulgaria	Stanislav Kassarov (Zoom)	Poland	Jakub Antoniak
Cyprus	Proxy to Greece	Romania	Proxy to Greece
France	Philippe Boudgourd	Turkey	Tayfun Erey (Zoom)
Germany	Marek Chocian	USA	David Hughes (Zoom)
Greece	Andreas Kosmatopoulos		

470 NCAs appointing proxies: **Cyprus appointed Greece as their proxy**
 Lithuania appointed Bulgaria as their proxy
 Romania appointed Greece as their proxy

Other NCA delegates without rights to vote:

Management Committee members: Pinar Coşkuner Genç (TUR) (Zoom)

Class Executive Director: Dimitris Dimou (GRE)

Bjorn Glawe (GER), Pawel Nowakowski (POL)

1. Welcome by the President

The President, Andreas Kosmatopoulos (AK), welcomed delegates and observers to the meeting.

2. Vote count

The Executive Director (DD) made a roll call of the members present and announced the number of votes. At 18:10 there was a total of 15 members present with 152 votes, for a simple majority of 77 votes and increased majority of 102 votes.

3. Vote for approval of the minutes of the 2021 Extraordinary General Assembly

The minutes of the 2021 Extraordinary General Assembly meeting held online on 19 December 2021 were noted and unanimously approved.

4. Management of the 470 Internationale undertaken by the Management Committee since the 2021 General Assembly meeting of 5-6 March 2021:

(a) Report of the President.

AK presented the current Management Committee of the class with the roles of the members, the Media Manager and the Executive Director. He spoke about the various development actions in 2021-2022, the Tokyo Olympics and the new era of Mixed 470 in Paris and Los Angeles, the global recognition of 470 sailors such as the 2021 Rolex World Sailor of the Year Award winners H. Mills & E. McIntyre, and the new 470 legends Trophies introduced for the 2022 events. The full report is to be circulated to NCAs.

(b) Report of the Technical Committee Chairman.

Haluk Suntay did not submit a report. DD spoke as member of the Technical Committee and explained that the class will lose one of the International Measurers, Andy Halcon, which will retire this year. In addition, a new mould from Persson Marine Japan has been approved.

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

The Executive Director noted that there are currently 41 NCAs and 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. It was also noted that many NCAs need a number of reminders, which is not an effective way of running the class affairs. Reports must be submitted by the end of the year and fees paid by the end of February.

- (d) Report of the Treasurer on the accounts of 2021.

The financial situation of the class was presented by DD, including:

- Assets and Liabilities for 2021 – noting that at the end of the year 2021 funds on credit totalled approx. EUR 256,000.
- Profit and Loss for 2021 – noting that the Class suffered losses of about 9.000 EUR mainly because of the unexpected drop in hull plaque and sail sticker sales, plus the smaller number of entries at the class events.
- Revenue and Expenses for 2021 – noting that the future budgets need to be re-considered, when the hull plaque and sail sticker sales and the number of entries at the class events have stabilized again. Only then a reliable figure for sustainable expenditure for clinics and development can be given.

- (e) Report of the Auditor on the accounts of 2021 and vote for approval.

The report of the primary Auditor, Evgeniy Mavrodiev, was presented, certifying that the 2021 Annual Accounts of the International 470 Class Association are a true and accurate reflection of the accounts and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year.

Decision

The 470 Internationale accounts for 2021 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.

5. Granting of Honorary Membership

No proposals for granting Honorary Membership were considered.

6. Plans for Coming Years

- (a) Proposal for the 2022 budget and vote for approval.

Decision

The 2022 Budget was presented with a note that it is based on an accurate prediction of the class event fees and other income, since we are already two thirds into the year and was unanimously approved. For the future the budgets have to be presented and approved as much as possible in the beginning of a year.

- (b) Proposals/Submissions

The following submission received by the 470 Internationale Management Committee and National Class Associations was 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 102 votes in favour to pass):

- i. Submission 1-22 from GRE - "quick release harness".

Submission 1-22 was unanimously approved, with the note that the final text may be different and based on a standard wording approved by WS.

(c) Development Issues

AK described the 470 Development Plan for the period 2022 – 2024. It was noted that sailors benefiting from clinics and other development actions must actively participate at class championships, and the value and effectiveness of the current actions must be evaluated before the programme continues and evolves further.

(d) Sport Issues

- (i) World Sailing –update on sport and competition issues

DD and David Hughes described the current plans for the Continental Olympic Qualifiers for 2024.

- (ii) Status of the 2022 Championships:

- 2022 470 European and World Championships.

It was explained that the entries for the Worlds are still low and many teams which are going to the Europeans don't appear to be going to the Worlds. Teams should be advised to enter as soon as possible, so that the organizers can make their planning in a better way.

- (iii) Status of the 2023 Championships:

- 2023 470 European (Mixed) Championship: It was explained that the Test Event dates are in conflict with the proposed dates by the organizers in Warnemunde. A solution is being sought, to move the championship to another venue –Hyerès is under consideration and discussions are in progress with two clubs there- and to give the 2025 Europeans to Warnemunde in return. Warnemunde will keep the 2023 Master's Cup and the Open fleet Europeans. The proposal was approved and the MC is authorized to negotiate with clubs at Hyerès.
- 2023 470 Junior European Championship: given the current situation in Ukraine and the ban of Russian athletes, officials and the impossibility of doing events in Russia, the possible solution of Gdynia was presented and approved. The event will be run between 3 - 10 July 2023.
- 2023 Junior World Championship. The event will be run in Nida, Lithuania. Concerns were expressed by some coaches about the accessibility to the venue. Ferry connections are possible from Germany to Klaipėda nearby.
- 2023 World Championship: this will be managed by WS, members were reminded about the need to fill the allocated quota places as much as possible. This requires good communication and planning together with the MNAs.

- (iv) Bids Received:

The GAM considered bids received for the following 470 Championships:

- 2024 World Championship
- 2024 European Championship
- 2024 Junior World Championship

The 2024 Junior European Championship venue was already decided by the 420 Class in their 6th August General Assembly, to be in Thessaloniki, Greece, in late July 2024.

Bids from Italy (Sanremo), Portugal (Porto) and Spain (Arenal) were received for the Worlds and Europeans. It was explained that the only possibilities are for one of the two events to happen at the end of February and before the 3rd of March 2024, and this will be the European Olympic Continental Qualifier for 2024, and the other to happen in early May 2024 with some probability to be recognized by World Sailing as the Last Chance Qualifier for 2024. The second event should be the World Championship only if it is also the Last Chance Qualifier, otherwise the first event will be the World Championship. With this provision the delegates agreed to vote for the venue for the first (February) and second (May) event, and allocate the World or European title to each one after World Sailing announces the Last Chance Qualifier venue.

There was only one bid for the Junior Worlds, from Izmit, Turkey.

Decision

Arenal, Spain was unanimously selected as the venue for the first event (February 2024) and Sanremo (Italy) as the venue for the second event (in May 2024). Izmit (Turkey) was unanimously selected as the venue for the 2024 Junior World Championship

Note: Since the GAM on 20 August 2022, World Sailing has announced that the Last Chance Qualifier will be in Hyeres, France. Therefore Arenal will organize the 2024 World Championship and Sanremo will organize the 2024 European Championship.

7. Any Other Business

There being no further business the meeting closed at approximately 20:30 hours.

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Secretary General

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President