Minutes of the 2010 470 Internationale General Assembly Meeting held on 10 July 2010 at the International Sailing Centre The Hague, The Netherlands



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MEMBERS WITH RIGHTS TO VOTE, ATTENDING OR REPRESENTED

Delegates in Attendance from start of GAM

470 NCA representatives

AUS, BUL, CAN, DEN, FRA, GBR, GER, GRE, ISR, JPN, NED**, NZL, QAT, RUS, UKR, USA 16 members present

470 NCAs appointing proxies

ROU (to BUL) CYP* (to GRE)

2 members present

Individual Members present

None

Individual Members appointing proxies

None

Total number of votes present or represented at start of GAM = 399

470 NCA delegates arriving after start of meeting

ARG - ARG joined the meeting from Agenda Item 4(b) onwards, so the vote tally increased to 419 from that point

- * Proxy from CYP was validated by the GA (see Minute 2)
- ** NED had to leave the GAM and appointed AUS as its proxy for the decisions under items 8(a) (iii), 8(a)(iv), 8(c)(iv), 8(c)(v).

Other attendees without rights to vote

Management Committee members:

Elected: Stanislav Kassarov (President), Nino Shmueli (First Vice-President), Alain Corcuff (Secretary General), Dimitris Dimou, Fernanda Sesto

Class Manager: Luissa Smith

Invited representatives of the venues bidding to host future 470 Championships.

Apologies

Martin Steiger (Treasurer)
Iulia Negoescu Fulicea (MC Member)
Marta Weores (resigning MC Member)
Erico Hoffmann

The checking of attendance and examination of proxies was performed by the Ad-Hoc Committee (Nino Shmueli and Luissa Smith).

The meeting was declared open at 1535 hours by the President Stanislav Kassarov who confirmed that the quorum (16 members present for 14 required) had been reached.

1. WELCOME AND REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Stanislav Kassarov welcomed the appointed delegates and observers, introduced the Management Committee members and Class Manager.

2. REPORT OF THE AD-HOC COMMITTEE

The Class Manager reported that, as at the start of the meeting, 16 National Class Associations were present, with an additional 1 NCA represented by proxy, carrying a total of 379 votes.

The President advised that three of the NCA's had made bank transfers in respect of their 2010 NCA Annual Fees, but as yet these payments had not been received by 470 Internationale and invited the General Assembly to consider whether they could take a seat and vote at the GAM.

Decision

With no objections the GAM approved that Cyprus, Italy and Korea could take a seat and vote at the GAM.

As a result, CYP having given a proxy to GER, the number of votes became 399.

3. MINUTES OF THE 2009 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

(a) Minutes of the 2009 GAM

Decision

The minutes of the General Assembly meeting held on 21 August 2009, posted on the website, were approved.

Vote: 367 in favour, 0 against, 32 abstain = 399 votes

(b) 470 By-Laws Article 4.3 – Minute 7(a)

The Secretary General explained the situation regarding the approval of By-Law Article 4.3 at the 2009 GAM. The By-Law had been updated accordingly and then the MC discovered that the change proposal had not in fact acquired the simple majority required for approval.

The GA considered the paper proposing a new vote to current By-Laws (with the change included).

Decision

The current By-Laws, including the change to Article 4.3 were approved.

Vote: 300 in favour, 32 against, 67 abstain = 399 votes

4. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

(a) President's Report – Stanislav Kassarov

The meeting noted the report of the President which highlighted the activities undertaken in administration, the new website, sports issues and the significant focus on the class development programmes.

The GA noted the resignation of Marta Weores (HUN) due to family commitments and that Kevin Burnham (USA) had been co-opted to the Management Committee.

He highlighted the event allocation quotas for the 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition which were revised by ISAF after intervention by 470 Internationale at the 2009 ISAF November Conference. The importance of 470 Internationale representation at ISAF Meetings was noted.

The annual meetings with Sailors' and Coaches' had proved beneficial, with another meeting scheduled during the 2010 470 Worlds. A meeting was also scheduled with the Equipment Manufacturers.

Note: The delegate from Argentina joined the meeting from Agenda Item 4(b) forwards and the vote tally was then revised to 419.

(b) Technical Committee Chairman Report - Dimitris Dimou

Dimitris Dimou reported on the principle activities since the previous meeting, with particular focus on measurement issues, class drawings in digital format, the class technical archive, builder controls, new builders, class measurers and future class developments.

He reported on the positive meeting with ISAF in September 2009, during which the digital drawings, technical archive and builder control had been discussed. One of the outcomes of the meeting was that all builders had been requested to submit laminate samples.

It was noted that there was no intention to make any technical changes prior to the 2012 Olympic Games. Any changes would be put forward to the GAM 2011, for implementation post-2012.

(c) Promotional and Development Report – Iulia Negoescu Fulicea and Fernando Sesto

The written report on promotional and development activities was noted. The increased focus on support programmes had been received well by sailors and NCAs, with a range of programmes accessible to all. The schedule of clinics would provide training immediately prior to Championships, and some independent clinics not linked with Championships would be planned in Africa and Asia.

The International Solidarity Programme (ISP) and Olympic Solidarity Programme (OSP) would be helping 24 teams from 18 nations in 2010.

The Andre Cornu Grant provides a financial award to the boys' and girls' winners of the two-person dinghy events at the 2009 ISAF Youth Sailing World Championships to support their participation at the 470 World Championships or 470 Junior World Championships. The Junior Support Programme will be awarded to the two youngest female crews and the youngest male crew participating at the 470 Class Junior World Championships. Qatar.

The newest support programme, the 420 Support Programme, which will provide free entry fees to the top 3 boys' teams and top 3 girls' teams competing at the 2010 420 World Championships to compete at either the 2011 470 Junior World Championships or 2011 470 Junior European Championships.

(d) Class Championships Organization - Alain Corcuff

The GA noted the Class Championship Organization chart, and Alain Corcuff reported on the 2009 Championships and the status of the 2010, 2011 and 2012 Championships.

As a result of the Regatta Format Questionnaire, the sailors have requested to remain with the regatta format as currently for 470 Championships, and this request has also been passed onto ISAF for ISAF and World Cup Events.

The GA noted some of the key changes made by the Management committee to the Championship Manual, including increasing the number of race officials in order to have a minimum of one jury boat and one course representative in each race area. The introduction of a registration fee for coaches, team leaders and team representatives and the increase in entry fees for Junior events from EUR120 to EUR200 was noted.

Alain Corcuff concluded his report by advising the GAM that he has informed the Management Committee that he intends to resign as Secretary General, which will happen in the coming weeks in order to give the Management Committee time to

organize work and transfer duties. Alain advised that he intended to remain in the Management committee and continue his elected term which ended in 2012.

On a proposal by Rick van Wijngaarden (NED), the delegates gave applause of thanks to Alain Corcuff for the many years given to 470 Internationale as Secretary General and the strong platform on which the class is built.

(e) Class Administration - Alain Corcuff and Luissa Smith

The Class Manager reported on the administrative activity to date, noting the status of NCAs and Individual Members, communications with NCAs, sailors and coaches, the launch of the new website and Championship status.

It was anticipated that by the end of 2010, after all Championships have been held there will be 50 NCA or Individual Members. There remain around 60 countries recorded as having 470 sailors.

Discussing the website, the Class Manager thanked all for their patience as new systems have been and will be introduced, which ultimately make the class administration easier and more effective for all. NCAs were asked to submit news, photos, event dates and actively encourage their members to access the 470 website – www.470.org. It was noted that for the period 3 March – 30 June the website has achieved 20,000 unique visitors.

(f) Treasurer's Report – Martin Steiger

The President presented the Treasurer's Report on the Accounts for the period 1 January – 31 December 2009, the statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2009 and the profit and loss statement for the period 2008-2010.

The President highlighted the increased costs associated with attending ISAF Meetings, which is a core strategy for the class, and the one-off costs related to the interview process with the candidates for the role of Class Manager.

(g) Auditor's Report - Erico Hoffmann

The GA noted the written report from Erico Hoffman confirming that the accounts for the period 1 January to 31 December 2009 are in order and recommending GAM approval.

(h) 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 2009 General Assembly meeting.

Decision

The GA unanimously approved the management of the 470 Internationale done by the Management Committee since the 2009 GAM.

(i) Approval of Accounts - 1 January to 31 December 2009

The GAM was invited to approve the accounts.

Decision

The accounts for the period 1 January to 31 December 2009 were unanimously approved.

5. ELECTION

The President reported that Marta Weores had resigned from the Management Committee in August 2009 for personal reasons and that the Management Committee had co-opted Kevin

Burnham as a member of the Management Committee at their meeting on 26-28 March 2010, which now required ratification by the GAM.

Decision

Kevin Burnham (USA) was elected as a member of the 470 Internationale Management Committee for the next two years.

Vote: 397 in favour, 0 against, 22 abstain = 419 votes

6. APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITORS

Decision

In accordance with Article 10.1 of the Constitution, Rüdiger Schuchardt and Erico Hoffmann were appointed as the 470 Internationale principal Auditor and substitute, respectively, for the next two years.

Vote: 387 in favour, 0 against, 32 abstain (GER) = 419 votes

7. PROJECT 2016

The President gave a verbal report on the status of Project 2016 which was now being directly co-ordinated by the Management Committee and focusing on technical, regatta format and media.

As presented earlier by Alain Corcuff, under Item 4(d), it was noted no major changes were proposed to the regatta format, following the test of a new course type at the 2009 Spring Cup, which had not been satisfactory to the sailors, and the answers to the questionnaire, which had confirmed that our current regatta format had reached a large consensus.

Dimitris Dimou gave a report on the work and testing being undertaken from a technical perspective, which would be fully analysed before any proposal to change would be made. The President emphasized that the technical testing did not mean that changes would be made, and that it is imperative the 470 Internationale undertakes this testing, so the 470 Internationale would be able to demonstrate it has fully reviewed the available options.

The Class Manager presented the media plans and the desire to review the sports presentation of 470 Championships, including prize givings, social events, Opening/Closing Ceremonies, engaging spectators etc. Some of the changes discussed at previous Project 2016 meetings had now been implemented at the 2010 Worlds, including sail stickers with nation flags and sailor surnames and bow numbers relating to the crew's ISAF ranking.

Representing the 470 men on the ISAF Athletes' Commission, Malcolm Page noted the discussion amongst the Athletes' Commission on the work of the ISAF Olympic Commission. He expressed the view that the 470 Class has a really good balance between technical and tactical sailing, and the costs of the boat and campaigning are good when divided by the two crew.

The President advised that the ISAF Olympic Commission report was available on the ISAF website and the link would be sent to all NCAs.

8. PLANS FOR COMING YEARS

(a) Financial Issues

(i) 2010 Budget

The President presented the proposed revised 2010 Budget and proposed 2011 Budget. It showed that 2010 and 2011 would be years of increased expenditure, resulting in a deficit, as focus was put on development programmes to encourage and support participation and Project 2016 activities. He reported on the objective to

have the 470 included in the All Africa Games and support 470s in Africa, and that GA approval was sought to include this African project within the reserve budget approval given by the GA in 2009.

Whilst expenditure was high, increased income was anticipated from sale of sail buttons, website advertising, merchandising and promotional items.

The Secretary General expressed strong concerns about the proposed budgets, which showed that 75%-80% of the reserves would be spent within 2.5 years. He advised the GA to vote a much lower limit for the deficit in 2010 and 2011. The French delegate asked the Management Committee to explain the return expected on such high investment proposed.

Discussion took place on the need for a project plan and a clear proposal on the likely return on investment the development projects and other initiatives would achieve. The President advised that the Management Committee was seeking approval for the budgets in order that they can start to work and full reports on activity will be submitted to the 2011 GAM.

Decision

The GA approved the revised 2010 Budget.

(Vote: 323 in favour, 96 against, 0 abstain = 419 votes)

(ii) 2011 Budget

Decision

The GA approved the 2011 Budget.

(Vote: 323 in favour, 96 against, 0 abstain = 419 votes)

(iii) Annual Fees

The President presented the proposal from the Management Committee to increase the Annual Fees with effect from 2011, noting that a decision was deferred in 2008 and in 2009 no change was proposed.

Decision

The GAM approved the following change to the Annual Fees based on members registered by each NCA in 2011 (to be effective from January 2012):

NCAs:

EUR9 the rate per member EUR250 the minimum NCA fees EUR2700 - the maximum NCA fees

Individual Members: EUR50 per member

(Vote: 387 in favour, 32 against, 0 abstain = 419 votes)

(iv) Sail Buttons/Sail Stickers

The President presented the proposal from the Management Committee to introduce a staggered increase to the price of sail stickers over the years EUR12 - 2010, EUR13 - 2011, EUR12 – 2012, EUR15 2013 and to restrict the price charged to sailors to these figures which sailmakers would be required to record separately on the invoices for sails.

In discussion, delegates from Germany and Russia proposed that there just be a fixed fee of EUR15 introduced from 2011.

Decision

The GA unanimously approved that sail buttons be charged at a fixed fee of EUR15.

The President advised the intention of the Management Committee that sailmakers will be able to buy the sail buttons at a cost of EUR15 either from the NCA or from 470 Internationale and requested feedback from the GAM. The GAM supported this approach. It was noted that the Management Committee had decided to offer a discount to NCAs of 15% on the fixed fee of EUR15.

(v) Submissions from BUL, ROU, GRE

The Submissions from Bulgaria, Romania and Greece were withdrawn by the submitters in view of the decision taken under Item 8(a)(iv) above.

(b) Technical Issues

(i) Technical issues with ISAF

Dimitris Dimou advised that this item was partly covered in the Technical Report given under item 4(b), but work was ongoing to verify that all existing moulds comply with the Class Rules and the digitization of the lines plans.

(ii) Submissions from Greece

Introducing the proposed changes to the 470 Class Rules, Dimitris Dimou noted that whilst the GA may approve changes to be proposed to ISAF, there was a subsequent process of approval with ISAF. Any changes would be introduced with due lead time to all stakeholders.

1. Class Rule Change – G.3.3(e) and G.4.2(e) Mainsail and Jib Windows
The proposed change would allow more than one window on the mainsail, a
rule which currently has a negative impact on radial cut sails which due to their
construction limit the area available for large enough windows. The rule change
would also give the opportunity for a small window at the spreader for jib leech
observation.

Decision

The class rules changes to G.3.3(e) and G.4.2(e) Mainsail and Jib Windows were unanimously approved.

2. Class Rule Change G.3.1(a) Mainsail Identification

The proposed changed would allow the Olympic gold medallists to carry a gold 470 emblem and the 470 World Championship gold medallists to carry a silver 470 emblem on the mainsail. This right would be granted to any of the crew members - helm and/or crew.

The delegate from Canada proposed that there should be no differentiation and both Olympic and World Champion gold medallists should be entitled to carry a gold 470 emblem. In addition, it was proposed that the Olympic rings should be used for the Olympic gold medallists.

Decision

It was unanimously approved to introduce use a gold 470 emblem on the mainsail for Olympic and World Champion gold medallists. In addition, the Olympic medallists may use the Olympic rings, in a position on the mainsail to be determined by the Technical Committee.

3. Class Rule Change C.12.6(a) Fore-after mast control at deck level

Dimitris Dimou advised that mast sail controls are optional, can be simple or complicated and sailors can win with either type. However, the existing mast bend controls are not easy to adjust whilst sailing and the change will increase the functionality of the system whilst still keeping the control local and the system restricted on the mast partner structure.

Decision

The class rule change to C.12.6(a) Fore-after mast control at deck level was unanimously approved.

4. Class Rule Change D.3.1(b)-7 Jib sheeting system

Dimitris Dimou advised that the intention of the change was to give freedom to the sailors to change the boat controls, and the jib sheeting arrangement is the only system in the boat, together with the mast puller, which is restricted by the rules.

In discussion, there was concern that changing the jib sheeting arrangement would force sailors to change their configuration as a boat which could sheet further outboard would have an advantage. The President proposed that further discussion should take place within the Technical Committee and the submission to be deferred to the 2011 GAM.

Decision

It was unanimously approved to defer the Submission which would be included on the 2011 GAM Agenda.

(c) Sport issues

(i) 470 Championship Organization Manual – Part 1

Alain Corcuff presented the proposed changes to Part 1 of the Championship Manual noting that the only major changes were regarding the introduction of a new grand-grand masters category and reference to "crew member" rather than "helms person" for the 470 Masters' Cup categories.

Decision

The changes to the 470 Championship Organization Manual Part 1 were unanimously approved.

(ii) Status of the 2011 Championships

Alain Corcuff reported on the status of the following Championships:

- 2011 470 World Championships, Perth, Australia 3-18 December 2011
- 2011 470 European Championships, Helsinki, Finland 6-15 July 2011
- 2011 470 Junior World Championships, Medemblik, The Netherlands 20-28 July 2011 – noted that the contract would be signed officially on Sunday 11 July 2010
- 2011 Junior European Championships, Nieuwpoort, Belgium 7-15 August 2011

(iii) Confirmation of the venues of the 2012 Championships (already selected) Alain Corcuff reported on the status of the following Championships:

• 2012 470 World Championships, Barcelona, Spain – dates to be confirmed. Discussing the options on dates, some delegates expressed their wish to have the Worlds at the later date to give a better gap between Semaine Olympique

Francaise and the World Championships. It was noted that the Management Committee will determine the final dates.

- 2012 470 European Championships, Largs, Great Britain 25 June–4 July 2012
- 2012 470 Junior World Championships, Auckland, New Zealand dates end of January 2012
 Dave Mackay reported on the efforts being made by the Organizing Committee

to reduce boat shipping costs and arrangements were in place for a flat rate of EUR500 to ship a boat one way from Europe, with 2-3 ports as departure points. All logistics on arrival in Auckland would also be included in this price. Boats coming down to Auckland from Perth, after the Perth 2011 Worlds will be charged a one way rate of EUR400. Arrangements will be put in place to coordinate the shipping for teams. Mackay Boats will provide 8 boats for charter which will also be available for the Perth 2011 Worlds.

Decision

The GA unanimously approved the following 2012 Championships:

- 1. 2012 470 World Championships, Barcelona, Spain
- 2. 2012 470 European Championships, Largs, Great Britain
- 3. 2012 470 Junior World Championships, Auckland, New Zealand
- (iv) 2013 470 World Championships and 50th Anniversary of the 470 Class Alain Corcuff reported that at the 2009 GAM, France had been approved as the host country of the 2013 470 World Championships and that the French 470 Class Association had been requested to select the venue among the five proposed at the 2009 GAM, to be presented at the 2010 GAM.

The French National 470 Class Association was now pleased to present La Rochelle as the host venue for the 2013 470 World Championships and would also like to combine the 2013 Junior World Championships and 2013 Masters' Cup immediately prior to the 2013 470 World Championships, with the 50th Anniversary celebrations in between. Didier Bernard made a presentation on behalf of the Société des Régates Rochelaises, the hosting Club. It was planned that combining the events would reduce costs for a lot of teams and increase the participation levels.

The proposed schedule would run the 2013 Junior World Championships and 2013 Masters' Cup in parallel during the last week of July, with a celebration day on 1 August, prior to the World Championships commencing. The racing days at the Junior Worlds would need to be decreased from 7 to 5.

The French National 470 Class Association presented the proposed activities linked with the 50th Anniversary of the Class, which would include a permanent exhibition during the Championships, an anniversary book and a celebration day on 1 August including racing and a reception.

The French National 470 Class Association presented the financing for the celebrations, with contributions being sought from the Organzing committee and 470 Internationale. It was felt that further discussions should take place at the Management Committee meeting in October 2010 and possibly AS France should be present at the meeting. The President noted that if it is necessary for the 470 Internationale to participate financially in the project prior to the 2011 GAM, then part of the media/PR budget could be used.

Decision

- 1. The GA unanimously approved La Rochelle, France as the venue for the 2013 470 World Championships.
- 2. The GA unanimously approved that the 2013 470 Junior World Championships and 2013 470 Masters' Cup be held in La Rochelle, France prior to the 2013 470 World Championships, with the number of racing days decreased from 7 to 5 for the Junior Worlds.
- 3. The GA unanimously approved to participate in the activities for the 50th Anniversary of the Class. The GA agreed to participate in a project of drafting and editing the 50th Anniversary Book.
- 4. The GA deferred the discussion on the financing of the 50th Anniversary celebrations to the 470 Management Committee meeting in October 2010. The Management Committee will consequently make a proposal to the 2011 GAM.

(v) Bids to host future 470 Championships

Bids were received from:

- 2012 470 Junior European Championships Athens (GRE), Bourgas (BUL), Riva del Garda (ITA)
- 2012 470 Junior World Championships
- 2013 470 Junior European Championships Pwllheli (GBR)
- 2014 470 European Championships Athens (GRE), Pwllheli (GBR)
- 2014 470 Junior World Championships Pwllheli (GBR)

The GAM discussed the possibility to hold the 2013 470 European Championship in Scandinavia and an observer from Sweden and representative of the Swedish National 470 Class Association reported he would follow up the opportunity to host the Championship.

Decision

The GA unanimously approved:

- 1. The bids for the 2012 470 Junior European Championships of Athens (GRE), Bourgas (BUL) and Riva del Garda (ITA). The decision on the venue for the 2012 470 Junior European Championships be deferred to the Management Committee after the International 420 Class has made its decision in line with existing policy of having a joint event of the 420 class and 470 class.
- 2. That the 470 Management Committee be authorised to decide the venue for the 2012 470 Masters' Cup.
- 3. The following Championships, subject to site visit and ratification at the 2011 GAM:

2013	470 World Championships	La Rochelle, France
	470 European Championships	To be decided at the 2011 GAM
	470 Junior World Championships	La Rochelle, France
	470 Junior European Championships	Pwllheli, Great Britain
	470 Masters' Cup	La Rochelle, France
2014	470 World Championships	To be decided at the 2011 GAM
	470 European Championships	Athens, Greece (or move to 2013)
	470 Junior World Championships	To be decided at the 2011 GAM
	470 Junior European Championships	To be decided at the 2011 GAM
	470 Masters' Cup	To be decided at the 2011 GAM

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Circulation of GAM Papers

The delegate from Germany requested to receive the GAM papers further in advance in order to have time for discussion within the National Class Associations.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2030 hours.

Alain CORCUFF Secretary General Stanislav KASSAROV President