

Minutes of the 2011 470 Internationale General Assembly Meeting held on 31 July 2011 at The Heights Hotel, Portland, Great Britain.

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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 4(d) - Report of the Secretary General and Class Manager

Item 4(e) - Accounts for 2010, the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2010, Profit and Loss Statement for the period 2009-2011, Revised Budget 2011

Item 4(f) - Auditor's Report

Item 6(a) - Provisional Budget 2012

Item 6(b) - Submissions 1 through 12

Item 6(c) - 2012-2016 Development Plan

Item 6(d) - Championship Organization Chart

Item 6(d) - Championship Bids from Israel – Haifa, Italy – Formia, Netherlands - The Hague, Italy - Milan, Denmark - Aarhus, Bulgaria – Bourgas

MEMBERS WITH RIGHTS TO VOTE, ATTENDING OR REPRESENTED

Delegates in Attendance from start of GAM

470 NCA representatives

ARG, AUS, BUL, DEN**, FRA, GRE, ISR, ITA, JPN, MAS**, NED, NZL, POL, ROU, RUS, ESP, SLO, TUR

18 members present

Note:

** MAS left the GAM and appointed JPN as its proxy for the decisions under item 6(b)(i) – Submissions 1 through 11

** DEN left the GAM and appointed POL as its proxy for the decisions under item 6(b)(i) – Submissions 3 through 11

470 NCAs appointing proxies

CYP (to GRE)

1 member present

Individual Members present

None

Individual Members appointing proxies

None

Total number of votes present or represented at start of GAM = 412

In noting the delegates, consideration was given to the representatives from Austria, Denmark and Slovenia who had not appointed delegates in accordance with the Bylaws.

Decision

It was unanimously agreed that:

- 1. Although notification was received after the deadline, the delegates from Denmark and Slovenia were authorized to attend and vote at the meeting.**
- 2. The representative from Austria had not been properly authorized by the National Class Association and was invited to attend the meeting, but not vote.**

As part of the discussion on the administration of the General Assembly, the President proposed that the Bylaws be amended to allow delegate forms to be submitted up to 3 days prior to the General Assembly meeting and that the timeframe for submissions be increased, from the current 15 days, in order to allow documentation to be circulated to NCAs further in advance of the meeting. The Management Committee will make a submission on this issue to the 2012 General Assembly.

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

Management Committee members:

Elected: *Stanislav Kassarov (President), *Nino Shmueli (First Vice-President), *Dimitris Dimou (Secretary General), *Iulia Negoescu Fulicea, *Fernanda Sesto, Martin Steiger

Class Manager: Luissa Smith

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

The checking of attendance and examination of proxies was performed by the Ad-Hoc Committee.

After a postponement to the scheduled start of the meeting to allow NCA representatives to join the meeting from the WPNSA, the meeting was declared open by the President Stanislav Kassarov who confirmed that the quorum (19 members present for 14 required) had been reached.

1. WELCOME BY THE PRESIDENT

The President welcomed delegates and observers to the meeting.

2. AD-HOC COMMITTEE

The Class Manager reported that, as at the start of the meeting, 18 National Class Associations were present in person, and 1 National Class Association represented by proxy, carrying a total of 412 votes.

3. MINUTES OF THE 2010 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Decision

The minutes of the General Assembly meeting held on 10 July 2010 were approved.

Vote: 392 in favour, 0 against, 20 abstain = 412 votes

4. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

(a) President's Report – Stanislav Kassarov

The President gave a verbal précis of his previously circulated written report highlighting issues on Administration, Sports, Development, Sailors, 2012 and 2016 Olympics. The success of Project 2016 in securing the selection of the 470 as the equipment for the two-person dinghy men and women events was noted and whilst most elements were now completed, some areas such as the technical side and format issues (as required by ISAF) would still be reviewed.

The appointment of Dimitris Dimou as Secretary General was noted.

(b) Technical Committee Chairman Report – Dimitris Dimou

The Technical Committee Chairman gave a verbal overview of his previously circulated written report highlighting updates on in-house certification, class drawings in digital form, class technical archive – builder controls, new builders, class measurers, the future and project 2016.

Special thanks were expressed to Roland Kleiter from Germany for his work in digitizing the drawings.

The meeting noted ISAF's authorization to allow the Class to undertake builder controls on ISAF's behalf, a process which started in May 2011 and will continue during the year so that all major builders will have been inspected before the end of 2011. In addition, at its Mid-Year Meeting, the ISAF Equipment Committee agreed in principle to the Class proposal that no changes in building specifications or moulds will be approved by the ISAF after February 2012, to ensure that no special boats, unavailable to all interested teams, may be produced by any of our builders for the 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition.

Whilst the elements of Project 2016 evaluating the modification of equipment are not now appropriate as the decision on the equipment for the 2016 Olympics has been made, they don't necessarily need to be forgotten and should continue to be evaluated as the Class looks ahead to the 2020 Olympics.

Dimitris encouraged the NCA's present to support the development of measurers particularly in South America, Asia and Oceania.

NCA's were also put on notice that at the 2012 Olympics, measurement inspection would include an inspection of the front tanks in order to check the construction and laminates.

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

Iulia Negoescu Fulicea and Fernando Sesto flagged up the key elements of the previously circulated reports, particularly noting the success of the 470 Clinics held immediately prior to 470 Championships and the combined 420/470 Clinics in Angola and Argentina.

The two main development programmes supported by the 470 Class were noted as the International Solidarity Programme (ISP) and Olympic Programme (OP). The ISP supported the younger teams with the provision of sails and reduced entry fees, with the OP focusing on those on their Olympic campaigns.

In addition financial support is offered through the André Cornu Grant, 470 Junior Support Programme and 420 Junior Support Programme.

The charter boat programme for the Perth 2011 ISAF Sailing World Championships for which the class was providing eight brand new Mackay 470s for the men's and women's events was noted.

(d) Class Administration – Dimitris Dimou and Luissa Smith

From the Class Administration report, Luissa Smith highlighted the need for NCAs to ensure they have updated NCA contact details on the online Membership Administration System to ensure emails are filtered to the correct NCA contacts.

The growth in traffic on the website and increase in followers on the 470 social media channels was also noted.

(e) Treasurer's Report – Martin Steiger

The Treasurer presented the Treasurer's Report on the Accounts for the period 1 January – 31 December 2010, the statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2010 and the profit and loss statement for the period 2009-2011, the revised budget for 2011 and proposed budget for 2012.

Martin also reported on the accounts for 2011 as at the beginning of July 2011 and noted that the anticipated EUR100,00 deficit for 2011 is now EUR40,000.

In respect of the 2012 budget originally proposed to the General Assembly in 2010, the deficit was now reduced to EUR45,950.

Whilst a budget is required to continue to develop the class, the expected expenditure as part of the Project 2016 has not all been required.

The capital expenditure on sail buttons was highlighted, which was a bulk purchase to last around 2.5 years. The Treasurer noted that 70% of the development programme budget is financed by the sail button income.

(f) Auditor's Report – Rüdiger Schuchardt

The General Assembly noted the written report from Rüdiger Schuchardt confirming that the accounts for the period 1 January to 31 December 2010 are in order and recommending General Assembly approval.

(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 2010 General Assembly meeting.

Decision

The GA unanimously approved the management of the 470 Internationale done by the Management Committee since the 2010 GAM.

(h) Approval of Accounts – 1 January to 31 December 2010

Decision

The accounts for the period 1 January to 31 December 2010 were unanimously approved.

(i) **Approval of the 2011 Revised Budget**

Decision

The revised 2011 Budget was unanimously approved.

5. PROJECT 2016

The status of Project 2016 was covered by the President's report and supporting documents under item 4(a) and the project itself could be formally closed, although noting that some elements such as technical issues and format were still under review.

Decision

The General Assembly unanimously agreed to close Project 2016.

6. PLANS FOR COMING YEARS

(a) Financial Issues

The Treasurer introduced the provisional 2012 Budget.

Decision

The provisional 2012 Budget was unanimously approved.

(b) Technical Issues

(i) Proposals for 470 Class Rules changes

The General Assembly considered the following submissions proposing class rule changes:

Submission 1 - Technical Committee – Class Rule D.1.1(b)

Dimitris Dimou explained the submission was to prohibit modifications to a builder's building specification in the 6 months prior to the Olympics.

Decision

The General Assembly approved Submission 1.

Vote: 390 in favour, 0 against, 22 abstain = 412 votes

Submission 2 - Technical Committee – Class Rule D.1.5(c) and (d)

Dimitris Dimou explained the submission was to prohibit the licensing of a new 470 builder in the 6 months prior to the Olympics.

Decision

The General Assembly approved Submission 2.

Vote: 390 in favour, 0 against, 22 abstain = 412 votes

Submission 3 - Technical Committee – Official Plans dates

Dimitris Dimou introduced the submission explaining that with the 470 Class lines, templates and emblem drawings now available in electronic format they should be referenced in the Class Rules and made available to builders, and new template sets cut using the new CNC-ready files for uniformity and increased accuracy.

In response to discussion at the meeting, Dimitris explained that the digital plans were produced based on a scan of the original drawings. It was noted that as long as builders had complied with the original drawings there would be not impact on any existing builders. Compliance with the digital drawings would not change the way in which the boat is measured, but help.

Decision

The General Assembly approved Submission 3.

Vote: 390 in favour, 0 against, 22 abstain = 412 votes

Submission 4 - Technical Committee – Class Rules D.3.2, D.4.1, D.4.3

Dimitris advised that as the electronic drawings give the possibility to have templates for all sections, so the controls can be performed every 500mm instead of the current 1000mm for the middle part of the hull. To keep certification control simple and the measurement costs as they are, the additional section controls will be performed only on prototypes and in cases of doubt.

Existing hulls will be controlled with the present rules, but hulls from existing moulds and built after January 1st 2013 may be controlled on all sections. In case an existing mould needs modifications to pass the controls on the additional sections, no action needs to be taken before the end of December 2012.

New builders, which will be licensed after the rule change approval, and new moulds of existing builders, shall follow the new rules including the use of the new CNC-cut templates.

In response to questions around the table, the President concluded that the General Assembly meeting vote on the rule changes now, but with the proviso that if there is any major issue the situation be reviewed and if necessary an EGA could be held at the 2012 470 World Championships to review the decision.

Decision

The General Assembly unanimously approved Submission 4.

Submission 5 - Technical Committee – Class Rules G.3.4, G.4.3

Dimitris Dimou introduced the submission which defined the window and noted that ISAF may approve a slight different wording, but the intention will be the same.

Decision

The General Assembly unanimously approved Submission 5 and authorized Dimitris Dimou to agree the final wording with ISAF.

Submission 6 – President – Class Rules consistency with ISAF RRS86.1(c)

The President introduced the submission and noted that it was to achieve consistency with the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and that all ISAF Classes are being asked to amend their class rules to clearly state that which RRS any class rules change.

Decision

The General Assembly unanimously approved Submission 6.

Submission 7 - Australia – Class Rule C1.1.1(a) (1) – Conditions for Racing

Malcolm Page introduced the submission explaining that the intention is that the Oscar flag comes into effect from the preparatory signal, rather than from the current policy of the starting signal.

Decision

The General Assembly approved Submission 7.

(234 in favour, 52 against, 126 abstain)

Submission 8 – Australia – Country Flags and Competitor Names on Sails

Victor Kovalenko introduced the submission which aims to promote and identify sailors on the race course.

The President noted that Submission 9 (which had the same objective) was supported by the sailors and had received over 80 signatures of support, so the objective is clearly something the sailors want. However, he advised that further consideration needs to be given to size, location and technical application.

The French delegate, Robert Austin, expressed concern that this rule change would incur extra costs for national events and that it must be made clear in the class rules that the requirement is only for the elite/world class level events.

Decision

The General Assembly unanimously agreed to defer the submission until the next meeting in 2012, in order that further evaluation could be undertaken on the optimum size, location, technical application and cost. The class rule change will clarify that the requirement is for elite/world class sailors. Sailors and coaches are invited to approach Dimitris Dimou with their input.

Submission 9 – USA – Class Rules A.10.1 and G.5.2

The two elements of the submission, sail numbers and sailor identification on sails, were discussed separately.

It was agreed to defer the sailor identification and combine with the discussion on Submission 8.

The issuing of sail numbers based on past performance and personal sail numbers raised considerable discussion and it was felt would create unforeseen problems.

Decision

Class Rule A.10.1 – The General Assembly did not approve A.10.1 of Submission 9. (151 in favour, 178 against, 83 abstain)

Class Rule G.5.2 - The General Assembly unanimously agreed to defer the submission until the next meeting in 2012, in order that further evaluation could be undertaken on the optimum size, location, technical application and cost. The class rule change will clarify that the requirement is for elite/world class sailors. Sailors and coaches are invited to work with the Technical Committee to find the optimum solution. Graham Biehl and Malcolm Page were invited to join the working group.

Submission 10 – Austria – 470 Championship Format

The Submission was not discussed as it was not a valid submission.

Submission 11 – Bulgaria – Class Rule G.5.2

The President introduced the submission which proposed that the spinnaker should be of at least three colours.

Decision

The General Assembly unanimously agreed to defer the submission until the next meeting in 2012

In respect of the Class Rule Change Submissions, the Chairman of the Technical Committee noted that the approved changes to the 470 Class Rules would be submitted to ISAF for final approval.

Submission 12 – France – 50th Anniversary Celebrations

The General Assembly noted the submission of France regarding the 50th Anniversary Celebrations and Bob Austin made a brief verbal presentation specifically asking NCAs to provide input to the 50th Anniversary Book and to note the email address for input on any elements of the 50th Anniversary Celebrations: 50years@470.org

However, due to the lateness of the meeting there was insufficient time to fully discuss the proposals for the 50th Anniversary Celebrations.

(ii) Technical Issues with ISAF

This item was not specifically discussed, but was raised under item 4(b).

(c) Development Issues

The President introduced the overview document of the 470 Development Plan for the period 2012–2016. The plan continued some of the elements of Project 2016 - Technical Evolution of the 470 Boat, New Regatta Format and Course Types and Media Relationships and Media Attractiveness of the 470 Class – along with additional focus areas which will be an ongoing project reviewed annually and presented to the General Assembly meeting each year.

The Netherlands' delegate, Rick van Wijngaarden, emphasised the need to continue to focus on media issues, to which the President responded that media was still a focus area in the plan.

Decision

The General Assembly unanimously approved in principle the 2012-2016 Development Plan as an ongoing project.

(d) Sport Issues

(i) Championship Manual

It was noted there were no proposals to change the Championship Manual.

(ii) Status of the 2012 Championships

The item regarding the status of the following 2012 470 Championships was not discussed due to the lateness of the meeting:

- 2012 470 World Championships – Barcelona, Spain
- 2012 470 European Championships – Largs, Great Britain
- 2012 470 Junior World Championships – Auckland, New Zealand

(iii) Confirmation of the venues for the 2013 470 Championships

The General Assembly reviewed the progress on the arrangements and venues for the 2013 470 Championships.

Decision

The General Assembly unanimously approved the following 2013 Championships:

- **2013 470 World Championships – La Rochelle, France**
- **2013 470 Junior Worlds Championships – La Rochelle, France**
- **2013 470 Masters' Cup - La Rochelle, France**
- **2013 470 Junior Europeans – Pwllheli, Great Britain**

(iv) Future 470 Championships

Bids were received and presentations made by representatives from:

- 2013 470 Europeans
Israel – Haifa, Italy – Formia, Netherlands - The Hague
- 2014 470 Junior Worlds
Italy - Milan
- 2015 470 Worlds
Israel - Haifa
- 2015 470 Europeans
Denmark – Aarhus, Netherlands - The Hague
- 2015 470 Junior Europeans
Bulgaria – Bourgas

There was concern that only one bid had been received for some Championships and more nations should be encouraged to make bids in future. The Australian

delegate, Malcolm Page, noted that efforts should be made to specifically target regions and nations to host future Championships.

The Spanish delegate, Jorge Angulo Batista, noted that the commitments presented in 470 Championship bid documents and made in verbal presentations to the General Assembly must be fulfilled by the Organizing Committees of selected venues.

Decision

The GA approved the following Championships, subject to satisfactory site visits and final ratification at the 2012 General Assembly meeting:

2013 470 Europeans: Italy – Formia
Vote: 324 in favour of Italy, 88 in favour of The Netherlands

2014 470 Junior Worlds: Italy – Milan
Vote: 384 in favour of Italy, 28 abstain (Italy)

2015 470 Worlds: Israel - Haifa
Vote: 391 in favour of Israel, 21 abstain (Israel)

2015 470 Europeans: Denmark – Aarhus
Vote: 234 votes in favour of Denmark, 178 votes in favour of The Netherlands

2015 470 Junior Europeans: Bulgaria – Bourgas
Vote: 392 in favour of Israel, 20 abstain (Bulgaria)

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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

Dimitris Dimou
Secretary General

Stanislav KASSAROV
President